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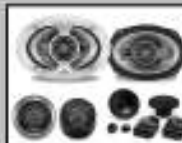
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Lori Saldaña

the paper ranks as number two among top gift recipients, with total freebies valued at \$4811. Saldaña, who chairs the Assembly's Select Committee on Bioethics, Medicine, and Technology, reportedly got \$346 in concert tickets from La Jolla's Amylin Pharmaceuticals and a \$200 ticket to a holiday event from Biocom, a La Jolla-based biotech industry group. Number-one recipient is speaker **Fabian Núñez**, at \$6018.

On the GOP side of the aisle, Assemblyman **George Plescia**, his wife, and ten staffers lived it up at Petco Park's Rolling Stones concert, with Ameriquest, a mortgage company, covering the cost of almost \$4000. Plescia's partying hasn't been limited to the mainland. Last November he and wife **Melissa** dined at Longhi's and Spago, both in Maui, Hawaii, courtesy of Diageo, the big booze maker.



George Plescia

Closer to home, disclosure records show, the Viejas Indians hosted a raft of elected officials and their staffs in a restaurant at the tribe's Alpine casino. In January, **Claudia Carrillo**, staffer to GOP assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**, ate a meal worth \$19.90 at the casino's Grove Steakhouse; county supervisor **Greg Cox** got a meal worth \$20.86; then-75th Assembly District candidate **Nathan Fletcher** had lunch worth \$30; and district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** and state senator **George Runner** each ran up a \$66 tab.



Bonnie Dumanis

Up in Sacramento, Viejas shelled out \$50.33 for Assemblyman **Kevin McCarthy** to have dinner at the swanky Esquire Grill on the K Street Mall. In February, Assemblyman George Plescia was treated to a \$68.96 meal at Arco Arena. In March, **Jimmy Blackman**, staffer to Los Angeles mayor **Antonio Villaraigosa**, enjoyed a \$93.25 meal at L.A.'s Westin Bonaventure, and Assemblywoman Saldaña dined at La Mesa's Brigantine for \$25.

Other special interests greasing the legislative wheels included AT&T, the telecommunications giant that hopes to get a bill passed that would allow it to compete with cable TV companies without having to first obtain time-consuming and expensive franchises from local municipalities. Assemblywoman Saldaña got dinner worth \$126.49 at the Monterey Bay Aquarium as part of the company's sponsorship of the Assembly Democratic Retreat there. (She also had a \$52 meal at the Hyatt Regency Monterey courtesy of PricewaterhouseCoopers, the accounting giant.) In addition, AT&T put up \$84.67 for Saldaña's dis-

trict director, **Alejandra Sotelo-Solis**, to sit in a Petco Park skybox during the World Baseball Classic; her husband **Arturo** got comped the same amount. Last October, **Edgar Zazueta**, legislative aide to Democratic senator **Denise Moreno Ducheny**, got a \$78.84 ticket to see the System of a Down concert at Sacramento's Arco Arena. **Christine Moore**, Ducheny's deputy district director, and daughter **Celine** each got \$48 tickets to the Holiday Bowl.

Oil company BP America owns a 26-seat luxury suite at Arco Arena — home of the Sacramento Kings basketball team — by virtue of purchasing Atlantic Richfield six years ago. The firm is a favorite among legislators and their staffs. It actually maintains a telephone hotline for them to book free tickets for games and other events. Since the beginning of the year, an array of local pols and their worker bees have taken advantage, including **Phyllis Chow**, legislative assistant to Senator Ducheny (\$318); Assemblyman Plescia (\$160); **Shaun Flanigan**, capitol director for Plescia (\$150); and **Beth Hummel**, legislative assistant to Assemblyman **Jay LaSuer** (\$160).

Political costs San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** has filed a disclosure statement covering the income and expenses of the Inaugural and Transition Fund, set up in late January by a group of wealthy donors. It was ostensibly established to



Jim Sutton

"promote the 'social welfare' of the City of San Diego by organizing receptions in connection with the inauguration of the new Mayor and other activities related to the transition between Mayoral administrations, and by relieving the City of the cost of conducting these activities," according to a letter from Ethics Commission director **Stacey Fulhorst** to Sanders's lawyer **Jim Sutton**. But much of the cash, according to the April 17 document, was eaten up by fund-raising fees and payments to Sutton's law firm.

The filing, which covers the period between February 8 and March 31, reports a total of \$72,150 raised and itemizes \$37,906 in expenditures (under Fulhorst's ruling, expenses under \$5000 didn't have to be reported). Of that, \$16,000 went to the Freelove Consulting Group for "fundraising"; \$5000 was paid to Scott & Cronin, a political accountant; and \$16,903 went to San Francisco's Sutton Law Firm for "legal services."

Contributions came from a wide variety of people with business at city hall. Most gave \$300, some as little as \$100. Among the \$300 donors were developers **James** and **Alfred Baldwin**; builder **Forrest Brehm**; real estate mogul **Malin Burnham**; Mission Bay hotel owners **David Cherashore**, wife **Grace**, and her mother **Anne Evans**; developer **Aaron Feldman**; airport PR consultant **Tom Gable**; developer **Mike Madigan**; lobbyist **Paul Robinson**; architect **Mark Steele**; Pacific Beach developer **Mike Tuck** and wife **Karen**; and lobbyist **Chris Wahl**.

— Matt Potter

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Anti-Aguirre Plans Hatched Over Breakfast

By Don Bauder

'We are losing the war," lamented Kris Michell, an aide to Mayor Sanders, Saturday morning, April 22, at Ortega's restaurant in Ocean Beach. That's according to my source — to be identified in

tor of community and legislative services, was huddling that morning with Mayor

granted in 1996 and 2002.

"I interpreted the meeting as the mayor's camp versus Mike Aguirre," says Pat. "It seemed like a planning session," as the group "tried to figure out" how to neutralize and besmirch Aguirre.

Sanders took a telephone call, then left early. Pat couldn't definitively catch what the mayor said. "Les Girard did most of the talking, and the others were agreeing," says Pat. After a lengthy anti-Aguirre colloquy, Girard was next to leave; Michell and Sainz stayed



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From left to right: Fred Sainz, Les Girard, Jerry Sanders, Kris Michell; Mike Aguirre on platter

this column by the unisex appellation "Pat" — who was sitting in the next booth, overhearing what appeared to be a Sanders administration strategy session. Understandably, the source does not want to be identified.

Michell, Sanders's direc-

Sanders, former assistant city attorney Les Girard, and Fred Sainz, another mayoral aide. The enemy Michell was attacking was city attorney Mike Aguirre, who by most reports is indeed winning the public opinion war in his efforts to roll back pension benefits

on to lay some more plans.

A few days later, Sainz told one publication that the

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Reservoir Keepers Get Sweet Deals

By Joe Deegan

In houses only minutes from their jobs, reservoir keepers remain on call 24 hours a day. Who would begrudge them the low rents they pay the city? I ask keeper Diane Dine what it's like to be stuck day and night at Sutherland Reservoir, northeast of Ramona. She has a day-time office at the reservoir's public-access docks, and her city-owned house sits on Sutherland Dam Road, west of the lake and several hundred yards above the dam. "I wouldn't say I'm stuck," says Dine, who has worked at the lake for nine years. "I like it out here."

After another keeper, Joe Hughes, vacated the Lake Hodges city-owned house in early summer 2004, San Diego Water Department acting director Charles Yackly received a recommendation to almost double its rent. In a June 22, 2005, e-mail to Yackly, the Real Estate Assets Department's Diana Drake wrote: "If the new reservoir keeper wants to rent it, or if the water department has another employee for that property, please let me know, so that I can start preparing the lease. I haven't seen

the house yet, but the current rent is \$255 and if we rent it to another reservoir keeper, we should increase the rent to at least \$495 per month.... This is still substantially below market."

Yackly returned Drake's e-mail after two days, referring to an existing Water Department plan to charge the reser-



Brett Maxfield

voir keepers 50 percent of market value for their rents. He asked, "Does the \$495 per month reflect 50 percent of the market?" The department soon realized, however, that

all its reservoir houses were priced well below 50 percent of market value. Apparently to correct the situation, the department several months later, on October 5, produced a proposal to raise rents at seven of the houses. It recommended raising two Barrett Lake houses from \$204 and \$210 to \$425, two Sutherland Dam houses from \$208 and \$300 to \$450 and \$550 respectively, and the Lakeside Pump Station house from \$344 to \$450. It also proposed pricing the San Vicente Dam house at \$450 and the Lake Hodges house at \$500. No one occupied the latter two houses at the time.

In December of last year the Water Department sought to put reservoir keeper Conway Bowman into the Lake Hodges house. Craig Gibson, supervising property agent at the Real Estate Assets Department, assigned employee Brett Maxfield to write up a lease for Bowman. Maxfield is an attorney and licensed real estate broker. The Real Estate Assets Department would fire Maxfield three months later.

E-mails and Water Department documents reveal that as property agent Maxfield began his assignment, he immediately clashed with his boss, Craig Gibson. The Water Department, despite its own internal recommendation, had yet to raise the house's rent to \$500.



Lake Hodges home

But to Maxfield there were more serious problems. In an early morning message on December 22 to acting real estate assets director Jack Farris, Maxfield wrote: "I spoke to Craig about this assignment yesterday after reviewing what is being asked of me. I brought up the issue that though this lease may have merit as compensation for exchange of services, the lease...on its face has an appearance of being a gift of public funds. The market rent on this house as of 2003...states that rent should be between \$900 and \$1,100, but I am asked to make it \$255, about one fourth of market rent. This was the rate given in 1992.

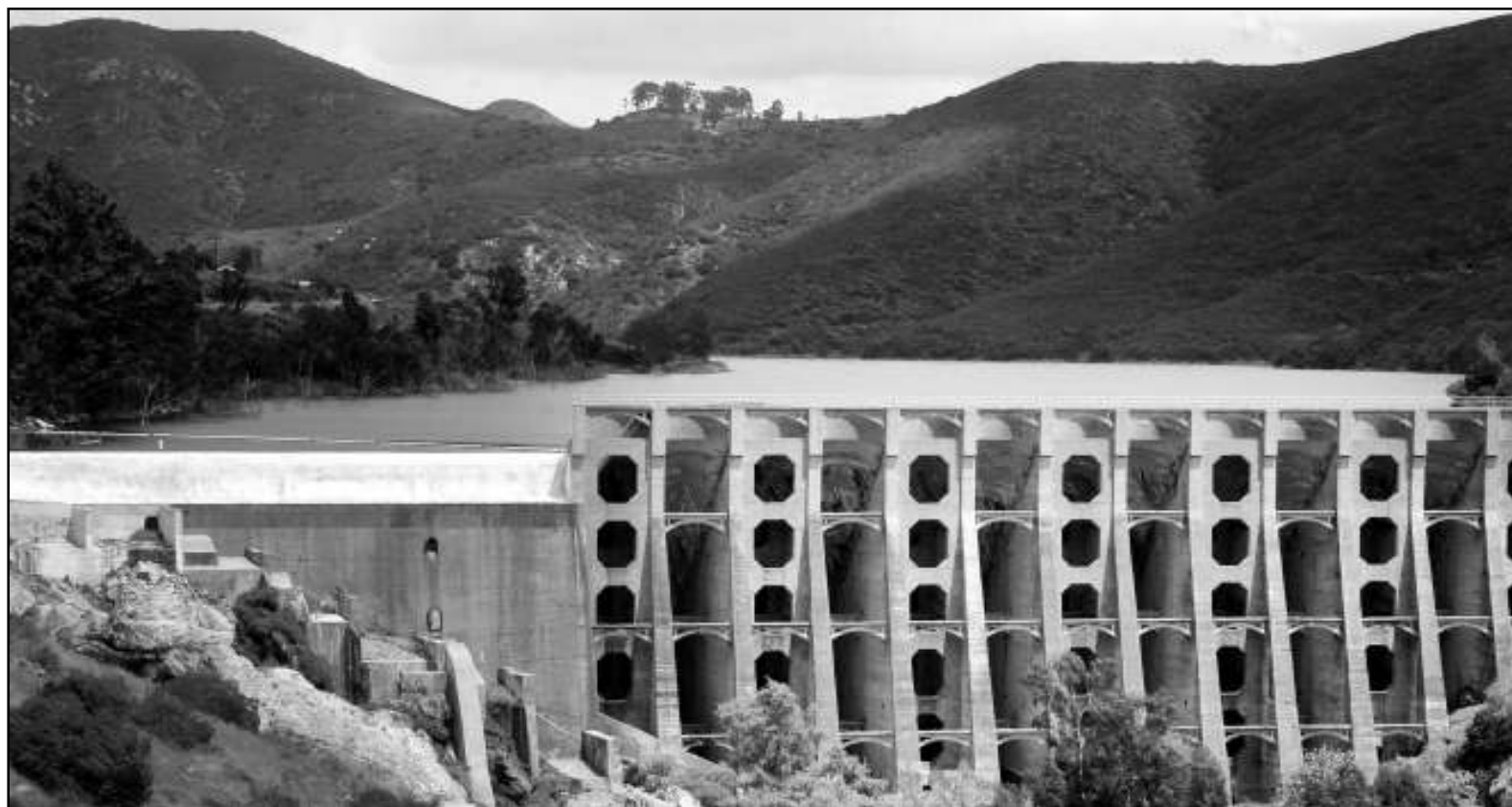
Nothing in the lease makes reference to this lease being in compensation for services of being a dam keeper and, according to Craig, this is done on purpose and that is why it is a month to month lease. I am not saying the substance of this transaction is wrong or illegal but it is not being done in a proper form in my opinion and I am not comfortable proceeding as I have been directed. I brought this up to Craig. He got mad and told me it is not my policy call and just do it, so I bring it to your attention and ask for direction as to how to proceed."

In the meantime, Maxfield sought an outside perspective. "Haven't seen you in some

time," he wrote to Greg Levin in the city auditor's office. "Are you free for lunch today? I have something I would like to ask you about."

In the afternoon, the two exchanged e-mails discussing the previous Lake Hodges house lease of \$255 between 1992 and 2004. Maxfield added that Jack Farris "spoke to me after lunch and told me to write up the lease so that it accounts for the rent being discounted in exchange for services rendered. I will assign a value to the difference. However, it is the water department that will have to sign the lease and make sure that the reduced rent is accounted for as to the employee's payroll. I will make sure that those in Water are made aware of this change...."

The following day, December 23, Maxfield sent a message to Craig Gibson and Jack Farris in his own department, to Water Department acting director Charles Yackly, and to several others. "Gentlemen," it began, "I have been asked to write up a lease for Conway Bowman for the house at Lake Hodges. It is my understanding that he will be a reservoir keeper and that the house will be part of his salary for exchange of services and that he will pay the other half of the rent from an automatic deduction from his paycheck.... I will include language in the lease which reflects this in the new lease agreement. The old lease agreement did not make any mention of this. I trust that Water will make sure the proper accounting takes place



Lake Hodges Dam

Anti-Aguirre breakfast

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mayor's office was unhappy with actions of the city attorney's office in one case. Around the same time, former mayor Dick Murphy and council president Scott Peters filed papers to disqualify Aguirre and his staff from appearing in a pension-related case. It appears the jihad is gaining momentum.

Initially, the only person Pat recognized was Sanders. "It was bizarre. What was he doing in Ocean Beach? What was so shocking was why would he sit and talk in public?" Pat recalls thinking. (Ortega's employees are still talking about Sanders's surprise visit.) Says Pat, "He probably didn't think he would be recognized." Or overheard. Then Pat was provided with photographs of others who might have been there and identified Michell, Sainz, and Girard.

They are corporate-welfare cheerleaders. Michell worked for former mayor Susan Golding from 1994 to

1998 and was a lobbyist for the Padres. Sainz, Sanders's communications director, was deputy chief of staff under Golding and worked on the ballot campaign for the Padres ballpark. Later, he handled public affairs for the Convention Center. When Sanders named Michell and Sainz to their posts, city hall reformers suspected that there would be no new breeze wafting through the City's fetid air. Establishment vassals were still in power.

Girard left his job as assistant city attorney in September of last year to join the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge. He had been appointed assistant city attorney in 1966. On his law firm profile sheet, he boasts that he oversaw projects such as the City's deals with the Padres and Chargers—hardly accomplishments to brag about, since in both cases San Diego got outlawyered, or more to the point, fleeced.

Girard has been called to testify in the pension investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the federal grand jury. The

City is paying his legal bills, although he is not a subject of the probes.

Ie-mailed Sanders, Michell, Sainz, and Girard and gave each a day and a half to respond to a list of questions. None replied. A Reader attorney asked Sanders's office for documents — e-mails, letters, etc. — about the breakfast session. Press assistant Kevin Klein quickly came back and said there were no documents related to the "alleged meeting."

The principals may be silent now, but there was a lot of talk on April 22 at Ortega's, according to Pat. "They wanted to have outside counsel to review Mike's decision on the budget problem," says Pat, referring to Aguirre's opinion that pension obligation bonds must go to the voters. "But they said the problem was that Mike would have to sign off on any such move." In both the public and private sectors, a honcho not liking a lawyer's opinion will go shopping for a lawyer who will say the reverse — for a price. In this sense, lawyers are like consultants: they give the clients an opinion they

want to hear.

"Then they moved on to Aguirre's litigation in private practice," says Pat. "They said, 'We should get what his record was — wins, losses.' They said he has not won cases as he said he did. But they asked, 'How do we do that? He has filed cases in all types of jurisdictions — New Jersey, etc.' " According to Pat, the plan was to see if Aguirre was claiming court victories in cases that were actually won by subordinates.

Then the conversation drifted to alleged low morale within the city attorney's office. The participants talked about the complaint filed last month by deputy city attorney Amy Lepine, who told the City's equal opportunity investigations office that Aguirre compliments women on their appearance and allegedly deems women inferior to men. She filed her complaint after Aguirre supposedly told her what to say in a pension hearing.

According to Pat, the breakfast group discussed whether Lepine had not been prepared for a hearing and Aguirre had

been forced to step in for her. Aguirre may have been "retaliating," Pat says one of the participants speculated. A spokesperson in the city attorney's office acknowledges that Aguirre stepped in for her at one point in the hearing but said that Lepine was never demoted and had resigned.

The breakfast strategists thought that Anita Noone, who had been temporarily in charge of hiring, had been demoted. She did not respond to my e-mail. A city attorney spokesperson said Noone is working on litigation as an assistant city attorney and has not been demoted.

The Ortega's huddlers speculated that Chris Morris, chief of the criminal division, had been demoted or was unhappy. Morris responded to my e-mail: It's "not true at all," he says. "I was appointed head of the criminal division after the individual heads of the criminal division specifically asked Mike to send me here. I am enjoying my time in the criminal division."

A breakfast clubber mentioned "getting Human

Resources records to see how many others have complained" about Aguirre, according to Pat. However, Pat didn't get the impression that the anti-Aguirre group planned to get personnel records illegally. "It was more like 'it would be great to have them,'" says Pat.

The McKenna Long & Aldridge profile says, "Les Girard focuses his practice primarily on assisting clients with government affairs issues." The obvious question: is he trying to get San Diego City business? (He would have a one-year waiting period from September 2005 before he could take on such a job.) But, of course, he did not respond to questions. A source in the city attorney's office says Girard has been trying to drum up business there. Aguirre would have to approve any such contract.

Mayor Sanders attended the breakfast session but apparently did not toss around anti-Aguirre invective. But there is a nagging question: why was he in attendance when the topic was how to slam Aguirre, whom the mayor is

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at least pretending to embrace publicly?

"I find it hard to believe Jerry Sanders would do such a thing," says Aguirre. "A smear campaign and dirty tricks — I don't think the mayor would participate in or condone such a thing." ■

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as to Bowman's salary since the property seems to be given him partly in exchange for services. I just want to make sure all parties understand. I don't want to be part of income tax fraud. Income tax fraud is a felony. I am going to ask Craig to authorize a request to get the property valued as to fair market rent by our assets acquisition people. The lease will be very clear as to what is being given to Bowman for his exchange of services."

Fewer than 15 minutes later Maxfield wrote to Farris separately, "About our short talk

yesterday afternoon, I was glad that you came by and told me not to do the transaction the way Craig wanted me to do it. However, when you asked me to destroy the e-mail I sent you, I don't think that was proper."

Later in the morning Maxfield got back to his confidant Levin. "Just wanted to let you know," he wrote, "that my last e-mail to all the parties caused quite a conversation. Jack is now aware of the fact that I had lunch with you yesterday and that I have sent you the e-mails. He wants to make sure the right thing is done."

"Brett, we are doing some fact finding on this," replied Levin 30 minutes later. "At this time it does not appear that [the Water Department employees] are being 1099'd or W2'd for these [housing] agreements. However, I haven't chatted with my payroll manager about it yet. The gift of public funds is another issue all together."

But Brett Maxfield tells me by phone that if the City refuses to do the proper tax reporting because it sees only the reservoir keepers' salaries as

a return for services, then "the discounts they receive in rent are gifts of public funds." (Levin does not return my voice mail message asking whether the payroll manager confirmed his suspicions concerning taxes.)

That afternoon, December 23, the Water Department's Yackly replied to Maxfield's message, copying the e-mail to Gibson and Farris. "All," he addresses them, "the intent here is to continue with the past practice as it relates to the rental of these dwellings by the reservoir keepers. We would like eventually to firm up the duties and expectations of the employees that come with living in these dwellings, but that I expect will take some time and would include the appropriate involvement of Labor Relations. In any event, past, present or future rental arrangements should reflect the proper handling of any tax implications."

On December 27 Maxfield confided further in the auditor's Greg Levin. He starts by inquiring "who I should talk to in Personnel about the events of last week. Although Jack told me

not to fear retribution from Craig, I don't believe it. This morning I got a memo from Craig taking me to task on my Verizon accounts. I am confident that my Verizon accounts are being handled correctly and that Craig has acted quickly to find something to point the finger at me for. Nevertheless, I told Jack that I should not have to work under Craig after having to go around him twice in matters involving moral turpitude. However, as of now, Craig is still my supervisor, and I believe he has it out for me. I was warned by another property agent who works under him to watch out Friday after the lively talk Craig, Jack, and I had in Jack's office in response to the e-mail I had sent.... I also recounted that Craig had told me about how many times he has compromised while working for the City because it was politically expedient and that I should follow in his steps. Any advice? Do I need to involve the City Attorney? I went down to Personnel, but it is closed all week."

The next day Maxfield contacted Conway Bowman, the

employee who wanted to rent the Lake Hodges house. "Please read the attached from Charles Yackly. Is it your understanding," wrote the property agent, "that the difference between fair market rent and the \$255 you are going to pay is not to be included as part of your salary? From our conversation just now, it seems like there has been an agreement made which makes the house a duty for you to live there. I agree it should not be included in your salary, but I need to work with auditors to make sure we account for things correctly."

Twenty minutes later Maxfield addressed Levin to explain what he had learned. "I have attached some pictures of the dwelling and the dam which it is near," he wrote. "According to Conway, the labor union negotiated a deal where he is only to pay \$255 to live there. I guess they expect the rest of the value is to be attributed to it being a public facility that it is his duty to be stationed at, just like my desk space on the seventeenth floor. I am getting an appraisal of the fair market value for rent of the

property. I am guessing \$255 is about 20 percent of this. I could write up the lease stating that 80 percent of his time at the house is considered a duty of his job as a dam keeper and thus not part of his salary, which is what seems to be his understanding of the arrangement. Thus, he only pays for the 20 percent of the time he spends there for personal use. Does this make sense? Is it a valid arrangement from your office's point of view?"

Then Bowman wanted to know about another detail. "I read the attached from Charles [Yackly]. Is he saying that the rents will stay the same, but I'll be responsible for the taxes?" Bowman also took the opportunity to make his case further. "Living on station is a part of my duties as a reservoir keeper," he wrote. "I'm responsible for the protection of the resource on a daily basis. I'm in essence on call 24 hours per day. Because of this responsibility, the keepers have always paid a greatly reduced rent on all the reservoir houses. Hence the \$255 per month at Lake Hodges. I believe this issue

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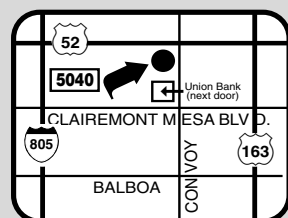


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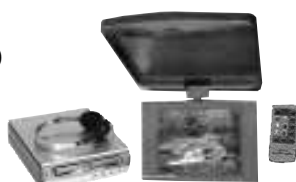
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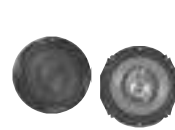
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was taken up with labor relations and it was determined that the rents were not going to be raised."

"I understand," Maxfield replied. "I just need to work with auditors to write up the lease in a way which reflects this arrangement correctly." That was December 28. On January 19 Bowman asked, "Any progress on the house lease at Lake Hodges?" Maxfield replied that he was waiting for the appraisal. He didn't get it until February 8, when he wrote Bowman, "The appraisal is \$1300. I will write up the lease to attribute \$250

to your personal use and the remainder to facility use. You mentioned that this is what was negotiated between labor relations and water management, correct? Is there any writing concerning this I can reference in the lease? If not, can you tell me when this agreement was reached and who the key decision makers were? I want to reference the agreement in the lease."

In response Bowman named lakes program manager Joe Weber, who right away sent Maxfield "Reservoir and Pump Station Tenant Expectations." Among the eight expectations are carrying and responding to a city pager and conducting one random patrol of the recreation and dam

areas on days off.

By February 24 Maxfield had written the Lake Hodges house lease. It stated \$255 as the rent amount, noting it as approximately 20 percent of \$1300. That was in anticipation, wrote Maxfield, "that Conway Bowman shall only be using this property for personal purposes for 20 percent of the time." Bowman would not have to pay the other 80 percent of fair market rental value due to his work responsibilities. Maxfield also included the following proviso: "This arrangement was negotiated by and agreed to by the Water Department, not by Real Estate Assets. Real Estate Assets leave the validity of the assignment of

value in proportion to services rendered and facility overhead to be evaluated and validated by the City Auditor."

When Joe Hughes (the tenant before Bowman) rented the property, Maxfield tells me later, the lease failed to mention not only exchange of services but also what the fair market value was. "It specified only \$255 for renting the house," he says. "So the City couldn't have been taking taxes out for the rest of its fair market value."

Still not comfortable with what he had done, Maxfield on March 7 sent an e-mail to the Water Department's Charles Yackly stating, "I want to make you aware of this arrangement. I think we

should meet with Auditors, the City Attorney, and get the wrinkles worked out."

When I ask Yackly later by phone whether the City is properly reporting the reservoir keepers' tax obligations, he tells me he is "not familiar with that aspect of the matter. I hope so."

In explaining his own firing by the Real Estate Assets Department later in the month, Brett Maxfield cites "rooting out too many skeletons in the City's closet," including cooperating with a Reader Public Records Act request in the recent Carlton Oaks Golf Course lease case. The City ended up not renewing the lease on its old terms largely due to Maxfield's insis-

tence that it gave the City a low return.

In a March 27 "Notice of Probationary Failure" to Maxfield, Real Estate Assets Department acting director Mike Boyle did not mention the skeletons in the City's closet. Instead, among other things, he cited Maxfield's "dubious charges of tax fraud and unilateral involvement of City Auditors, outside the chain of command."

Reached later by phone, Boyle and Craig Gibson decline to comment on details of the Maxfield case, both characterizing them as confidential personnel matters. Gibson resigned from the City in late March. It was his own decision, he says. ■

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Vivid And Continuous Dream

I enjoyed Suzanne Finnamore's honest and courageous article, "Missionary Man," in the May 4 Reader. Her coming to terms with an old flame captured my interest from the first line. She created a vivid and continuous dream in my mind, to use John Gardner's term. I could see in my mind her torment at love lost and rekindled. Kudos. The ending disappointed me, but I suppose Finnamore had to go under the editor's knife at the conclusion. What a shame. The resolution left me unsatisfied after such a

strong beginning and middle. I look forward to reading more of her work.

W.F. Twyman Jr.
via e-mail

Geek From New Hampshire

I am writing in response to the incredibly unintelligent and highly pedantic letter written by Farrell Drake ("Ollie As Poster Child," May 4) in response to an article by Ollie. That he would take the time to craft such a moronic reaction to what is intended to be funny can only be indicative of the facts that he is not only completely clueless but devoid of any ability to discern humor. Which are sure signs that the geek is from New Hampshire.

Sam Walmer
via e-mail

Getaway!

This is in response to Farrell Drake's letter last week, "Ollie As Poster Child" (May 4).

You take yourself (and apparently everything you read) way too seriously. Relax. Perhaps a getaway in Londonderry will do the trick.

Melissa Weiss
via e-mail

Cartoon Says It All

Neal Obermeyer's cartoon on the anti-Aguirre/anti-taxpayer faction is perfect (May 4).

Daily diatribes against Aguirre appear in standard propaganda publications like the *U-T* and *Voice of San Diego*, but there is no daily publication for the taxpayers to fight back with against city corruption.

Do you think the Reader could help us out, because the corruption continues with Sanders as the newest version of Murphy. Sanders is now dead in the water with his bogus budget shell game of paying off city bills with more credit cards.

San Diego taxpayers need a daily Web publication and/or forum to speak out against the anti-taxpayer faction that gets daily deranged rant coverage in the *U-T*.

Tony St. John
via e-mail

Rainbow's True Colors

Bravo, Barbarella ("Diary of a Diva," May 4). I bet Rainbow would be the type to have a bumper sticker encouraging tolerance! Hopefully she can learn now that you have ex-

posed her true colors.

Suzanne Young
via e-mail

Tragic Trend

First, let me say, I look forward to "Diary of a Diva" each week. Barbarella always has a humorous insight, a nice way of teaching without preaching. This week's column (May 4) was no different in that regard, but it did bring up some interesting ideas that have occupied my brain all day. Shortly after reading her article on tolerance, I witnessed much the same extreme behavior in North Park. While I initially thought the person created in her article was just an amalgam of different people, it occurred to me later that there could be such a stream of intolerance from someone who culturally would be perceived as a more accepting, tolerant person. Are we to be defined by the religion we practice or the stores we shop at or the clothes we wear? How tragic that it's come to this: anti-tolerance is trendy. Yikes!

Thanks for bringing some thought into the day, Barb! Keep up the good work!

Rita Abraham
via e-mail

Another Of Barb's Peeps

The "Diva" article on tolerance ("Diary of a Diva," May 4) beguiled me in that I live in Mission Hills/Hillcrest, am a quasi metrosexual (quasi because I don't spend lavish amounts of money on wardrobe or home accoutrements), who does cry upon Mimi's death and Rodolfo's lament (every time), who is a member of SDMA, who knows the lyrics to most classic Broadway show tunes, and who is quite heterosexual and quite Republican. I have many liberal, progressive, revolutionary, socialist, radical — whatever — friends whom I love dearly. I disagree with them on so many things, but I find that interesting and stimulating. I cherish their (what I consider bizarre) positions. I love their passion and conviction. However, many of these forward-looking, progressive-thinking, modern-day Bohemians are the most intolerant and unaccepting people on earth. I am not saying this in a derogatory or demeaning way; it just is what it is. I try to accept, tolerate, and respect differences (that which

is the spice of life) in everyone I meet. I do not believe that people who favor those who sit on the left side of the aisle do the same. Thanks for highlighting and reaffirming that in the article.

CC
via e-mail

Another Supporter Of Barb

This letter is in reference to Barbarella's article titled "Tolerance" ("Diary of a Diva," May 4). Most dictionaries define tolerance as "The willingness to recognize and respect the beliefs or practices of others." My favorite definition is "A disposition to allow freedom of choice and behavior."

If we shut ourselves off to other people solely because their religious beliefs are different from ours, we become closed-minded and entrenched in our own belief system, unwilling to listen to another's point of view even if it doesn't concern religion. I consider myself an agnostic, and I very much respect the religious beliefs of others. People are not the sum total of their religion. I have personally

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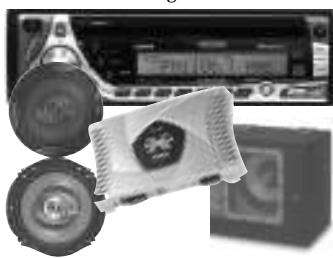
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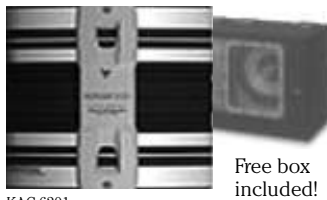
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Dear Matt:

When I opened my wallet this morning, I pulled out a dollar and noticed it had a little star printed on it, right after the serial number. None of my other dollars has a star. What does it mean? Another way to prevent counterfeiting? And if my dollar is unique, should I hang on to it in case it's valuable someday?

— LeeZee, in the Navy

Wow! Thinkin' maybe you've won the Federal Reserve's equivalent of the Super Lotto — five minutes running amok in Ft. Knox with a shopping cart? If you've taped that bill under the toilet tank for safekeeping, I'd suggest you rip it off and take it down to the 7-Eleven and invest in a Slurpee or something. All you have is what's called a star note. It just means that somebody at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing flubbed up. As you can imagine, quality control is a major concern when you're printing currency. And when you're printing currency, you give each bill its own serial number. When a substandard bill comes off the press, it's destroyed, then reprinted with the bad bill's serial number followed by a star to indicate that it's a replacement. Star notes are unusual; less than a half a percent of the annual government print run gets messed up and replaced. The bills are collected by some hobbyists, but don't count on your buck to finance the kids' college or a tank of gas. Sorry, Lee, but your life really is tedious and uneventful, just as you suspected all along.

Matthew:

First of all, what do Tropicana and Minute Maid and companies like that do with all the orange peels they generate? Is there a use for them? Second, why is orange juice in containers made from concentrate? Why is the water removed from the juice, then put back, then put in the container? Why not eliminate two steps and just squeeze the juice into the container?

— ELS, San Diego

Good Morning, Matt:

Why does my apple juice contain juice from the following countries: USA, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand?! Come on! Aren't there plenty of good apples right here at home?

— Sandy, downtown

I'm glad to see there are still a few starry-eyed folks who can look at a glass of juice and imagine rosy-cheeked, smiling farmers in Florida or Washington carefully picking only the sweetest oranges or apples from robust trees, carrying the baskets to Ma in her sunny country kitchen, where she gently presses out the juice, packs it, loads it into the family pickup, and delivers it to your breakfast table. Truth be known, fruit juice is a major element of big-time international agribusiness, which shuffles around the globe absolutely every type of edible, from squid parts to passion fruit. That morning eye-opener is likely better traveled than most of the people who drink it.

For the last 20 years, Americans have been obsessed with various juice drinks; it's a hot, competitive market. As a result, the U.S. industry is forced to be a net importer of fruit juice concentrates, particularly orange and apple. Depending on weather conditions in our major growing areas and some other factors, as much as 50 percent of the apple and orange juice you drink was squeezed from foreign fruit. U.S. orchards can't begin to satisfy the demand even though about 90 percent of U.S.-grown apples and oranges are ultimately converted to juice for one purpose or another. According to Tropicana, they can process 60 million oranges a day, a mind-numbing figure; but still they must import concentrate to meet demand. One-half to three-quarters of the world's supply of OJ concentrate ends up here.

To get the full picture, consider Brazil, the country that supplies us with most of our imported concentrate. They harvest and juice the fruit, then remove water to reduce the juice to a six- or seven-to-one concentrate. Why waste space and money schlepping water around the world? It's pumped into the holds of refrigerated ships and dispatched to tank farms in such places as Florida, Delaware, New Jersey, and Holland. (I had to ask, and the Tropicana spokesorange told me, there has never been a major orange juice spill at sea.) Some of the tank farms enhance the concentrate by adding orange flavoring extracted from the peels, then the juice goes by rail or truck to the processors, who blend the available domestic and imported concentrates to control for color and taste and to meet FDA standards, add water, then package it and ship it to stores.

Nutrition from the rinds of oranges comes back to us in the form of beef. The juiced fruit is dried, chopped, and mixed into cattle feed.

Apple juice is in less demand than orange, but because of seasonal variations, apple sources must be more numerous and widespread. Central Europe is our biggest supplier.

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Second Look

A year ago I wrote a column welcoming the Golden Baseball League (GBL) into the pitiless predatory jungle of sports capitalism. The GBL, an independent Class A baseball league headquartered in Pleasanton, California, opened for business with eight teams, one of them in San Diego, the Surf Dawgs.

I liked it that they put a team in San Diego. I liked the story of the GBL, mindful that it is a story, a product of writers and paid publicists, and could not possibly be true in that all the sweat and lies and fear and boredom have been stripped from the public version. Still, what was left had a good feel, how Dave Kaval, Stanford University graduate student and his bud, Amit Patel, both in their 20s, decided to put on a Broadway play, make that, decided to draw up a business plan for their class project. (They might have used a fancier term than "class project"). The pair went on to reel in investors, raised \$5 million, and boom, on May 26, 2005, the GBL began playing baseball.

So, a year has passed. How did they do?

First, we should keep in mind that corporate catacombs are rancid with the stink of failed professional sports leagues. In football, let us recall the passing of the Continental Football League (1965-'69), World Football League (1974-'75), USFL (1983-'85), XFL (2001), and in baseball, the Golden State League (one week in June, 1995), Continental League (folded in 1960 without playing a single game), Western Baseball League (1995-2002), not to overlook the American Basketball League, World Basketball League, World Hockey Association, International Hockey League, North American Soccer League, Major Indoor Soccer League, United Soccer League, National Lacrosse League, World Team Tennis, World Hockey Association, for openers.

All of the above-mentioned examples were failed attempts at major sports leagues. The body count for defunct minor sports leagues is an order of magnitude higher. The body count for individual teams within minor professional sports leagues is a number too large to count without using machines. If the Golden Baseball League makes it, they will be *my especial* buckaroos.

Okay, what do we have after one year? First, the GBL has high-end sponsors. Safeway signed on early, \$1 million over three years. This year's new sponsors include Spalding, Easton Sports, Farmland Foods, and *Wallstreet.com*. Respectable.

The Golden Baseball League decided on the league-owns-all-the-teams business model, which has been used, at one time or another, by Major League Soccer, XFL, WNBA, Women's United Soccer Association, American Basketball League, and the National Lacrosse League. Basically, this eliminates labor problems and owner problems. Makes folding or moving franchises as easy as telling an underling, "Make it so."

The league doesn't want to own real estate. They only went into cities that had existing stadiums, often on college campuses. In San Diego, that means Tony Gwynn Stadium on the campus of San Diego State. In Reno that means Peccole Park on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. In Fullerton that means Goodwin Field (Cal State Fullerton). A 2007 expansion franchise will be placed in St. George, Utah, and that means Dixie State College. (By the way, if you, like me, wondered how in the hell a thing named Dixie State College wound up in Southern Utah, Dixie is the name of the plain next to the Virgin River, which is reasonably close to St. George or so Dixie defenders claim.)

The GBL had their cost under control from Day 1. In fact, it's hard to see how they can cut costs any further. Except for a few stars (Rickey Henderson), the GBL paid it's players around \$1,100 a month. If you were working a 40-hour-a-week job, \$1,100 a month rounds out to about \$6.87 an hour. The minimum wage in California is \$6.75 an hour.

If the league is going to increase revenue, it won't come from squeezing payroll or rent. They'll have to sell more hot dogs and beer, that's where the money is. In order to do that, they'll have to entice more hot dog eaters and beer drinkers into their stadiums. Here's the money-making-life-giving question. How *do* you do that? What do you have to offer customers this year that you didn't have to offer last year?

The GBL says the 2005 count was 451,505 attendees, which sounds like a lot until you divide that number by eight teams (deduct the Samurai Bears, which was a traveling team), and factor in a 90-game season.

After the 2005 season the GBL folded two teams and moved the Mesa (Arizona) Miners to Reno. It's been reported that only one team made money last year, the Chico Outlaws. The league is playing an 80-game regular season this year as opposed to 90 last year. Play begins June 1 and runs until August 28.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Assembly of God
Address: 8809 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-3077
Founded locally: 1924
Senior pastor: Barry Sappington
Congregation size: 250-300
Staff size: about 6
Sunday school enrollment: 45 children, but many small groups for adults
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: yes, for adults over 40
Dress: casual to semi-formal, some dresses and skirts, lots of jeans
Diversity: majority Caucasian, some African-American and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Website: www.crosspointelife.org

"Holy Spirit, we invite you into this place," intoned the singer from the stage of the plush green Sanctuary. "Have your way. We love you." Then he broke into buoyant song, his driving acoustic guitar backed by bass, piano, two saxophones, another guitar, drum set, and gently pulsing bongo beat. The teenagers in the front pews poured into the space before the stage, clapping and swaying side to side. "You set my feet to dancing/You set my heart on fire."

Thirty minutes in, during a meditative guitar interlude, a weeping older woman in the audience let out a high wail that hung and shook in the air: "HaaaaAAAlelu-jah; thank you Jesus, Hal-lelu-jah; HaaAAAlelu-jah." Later, she cried out in an unintelligible stream of syllables.

"She's just loving God in her love language," explained Pastor Barry Sappington from the stage. "The New Testament teaches that there's a supernatural language that can be acquired when you come to know Jesus. God's loving her; she's loving God."

Sappington called a tall young man out of the congregation — he was bound for military service in the Middle East. "You're being deployed by the military, yes, but I want to say this by prophetic word: that you would be deployed by the Lord to be a light in the midst of a very dark region."

Sappington called the soldier's wife; he called his assistant pastors and their wives. They formed a huddle at the foot of the stage. Sappington placed his hand on the soldier's forehead. "Take a deep breath, the touch of God, right now. Take that now; believe it.... May he carry an Elijah anointing as he goes on foreign soil."

"Amen!" cried many in the congregation. Throughout, there were cries of affirmation, bursts of applause, and murmurs of responsive prayer.

After a woman testified about being spiritually healed, the pastor abandoned his planned talk on *The DaVinci Code*. A woman stepped for-

ward and said she had received a vision "of an African-American person...and then I saw some boxing gloves, which to me represent that you're contending for something. Then I saw a picture of fragmented pieces. I feel that...we need to pray for you, that God's going to put all those pieces back in place." And with that, a black woman in the congregation rose, approached the altar, and entered into prayer with the woman who had called her forth.

"Jesus...Jesus...Jesus..." repeated Sappington. "Those who need healing this morning, I want you to come quickly.... There's faith in this house right now." About half the congregation gathered in front of the stage.

At first, it was a mass of bodies praying and being prayed over, hands on shoulders, hands on foreheads, hands gripping forearms and other hands. Again, the murmur filled the church. After a while, it became clear that some were there in a (literal) support capacity. Now and then, a person receiving prayer collapsed — some-

times seeming unconscious, sometimes wriggling — lips moving, eyes closed. Someone caught the body as it fell, lowered it gently to the ground, and covered it with a white cloth.

Sappington participated in at least one such event — his hand on the forehead of a round, balding man who shook back and forth, his arms waving before he went down — but most of the time, he stayed on stage, continuing to speak. The guitar lilted beneath him. "I don't care what your need is...if you need Jesus Christ as your Lord, as your friend, come. We'll introduce you to him. The Lord told me a moment ago that there's someone here — and this is very delicate — but there is a condition you're dealing with that's because of your promiscuity in the past. God wants to heal you of that today. Come, and we'll pray for you."

The music and the

prayer swelled and subsided and swelled again. Sappington continued, "Passion — hunger — is something that we always pray for in this house. We say, 'I just want more...I want something that will drive me, compel me to be more about the Father's business, Jesus' business, than my own.... I pray in Jesus' name: more, more. Let's ask the Father for more right now, just say: more, more, more. Prophetically declare: 'I will love you, Lord Jesus, more.' I just feel affirmation of the Lord to speak over you this morning: He's pleased with your passion. The impression that I get is that He's saying, 'Keep coming toward Me; keep coming after Me; don't stop.' Because the closer we get to His presence, to the person of Jesus, the more He releases His glory."

What happens when we die?

"If people are believers in Jesus Christ and have accepted Him as Lord in their hearts," says Sappington, "they go to heaven."

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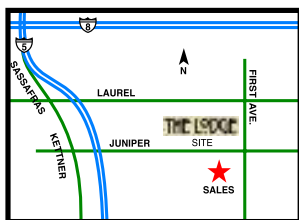


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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

I thought I was going to get off easy. This year's family reunion is slated for mid-June. There should be about 150 of us, but unlike years past, which have seen me cooking up a storm and throwing open my doors, this year we'll be renting a venue. I'm in charge of nonalcoholic drinks.

I thought it would be a cinch. Then, sister Cathy called up. "Of course, you can have all the standard stuff, but it can't be only that. We need something more exciting, something jazzy to entice Uncle Carl away from the beer. Nobody wants to see him loopy at four in the afternoon, wearing half a pineapple on his head and showing off those Polynesian dances he learned in the war." I couldn't argue. "Oh," she concluded, "and don't forget dessert-type drinks."

Mike Simms, owner of the beverage service Barworks (858-566-6077), suggested an Italian syrup bar. "We call them 'mocktails.' It's just shots of different syrups mixed with tonic water, club soda, juice, or milk. There are lots of possibilities." Simms suggested buying Torani brand syrups (\$4.15 for 750ml) from Café Moto downtown (619-239-6686) or the Torani website (www.torani.com). "You can search their drink menu by flavor; it'll give you great recipes. They have fruit flavors, mint, biscotti, chocolate, and vanilla. For the fruit-flavored syrups, you mix them with club soda — a shot of syrup over ice and fill with club soda, just like you were pouring alcohol." He offered a couple of ideas: "For an orange creamsicle, use a shot of orange syrup and a shot of vanilla syrup." Put them in a shaker, top off with milk, shake, and pour. For a piña colada, use coconut syrup, a splash of pineapple juice, and club soda. It makes a light, refreshing, nonalcoholic drink."

Next I called Sari Sari Catering Company (619-243-3608; www.sarisaricatering.com), owned by San Diego Culinary Institute grads Mae Villena and Gene Case. "'Sari Sari' means 'a little bit of everything' in Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines," said Villena. "I'm Filipino, and I thought, 'What a great way to bring my heritage into something.' My love of food comes from growing up in such a huge family; every time there was a party, the aunts and grandmothers would all be in the kitchen, cooking up a storm." From her family reunions to mine. Recipe number one (all recipes make eight servings):

Lojito (Virgin Lychee Mojito)

6-1/2 limes, quartered
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 cup chopped peppermint (or mint) leaves
1 can lychees with juice
4 cups club soda
Additional lime quarters and mint leaves for garnish

1. Puree lychees with juice in blender until smooth.
2. Mash limes with honey and mint until combined
3. Pour pureed lychees with juice into mashed lime/honey/mint mixture. Strain to remove pulp.
4. Combine with club soda. Serve over ice with two lime quarters and a mint leaf per glass.

"Lychees are prominent in a lot of Asian cuisine," said Villena. "It's a sweet, off-white fruit. It can be found at Albertsons for about \$.49 in the ethnic foods/Asian aisle. I think the Lojito is perfect for a summer day." Recipe number two:

Sun-Drenched Cooler

4 cups tangerine juice (about 16 tangerines)
2 cups pomegranate juice
2 cups club soda

*"A shot of syrup over ice
and fill with club soda, just
like you were pouring alcohol."*

Mint for garnish

1. If using fresh tangerines, juice and strain to remove pulp and seeds. Combine tangerine juice with pomegranate juice in a pitcher and chill.
2. When ready to serve, add club soda to juice. Serve over ice if desired.

"I would set up a beverage station," said Villena. "Make an elaborate display, with all the fruits that are used in the drinks. You might use a punch bowl or a punch fountain for the Cooler," or for the Sari:

Sari Nonalcoholic Sangria:

2 cups passion fruit juice
2 cups orange juice
2 cups pomegranate juice
1 cup sparkling water
Bottom half of a pineapple, diced
1 ripe mango, diced
1 D'Anjou pear, diced

Combine all ingredients in pitcher or bowl. Stir. Let sit for one hour in refrigerator. Serve over ice garnished with diced fruit.



"I suggest Mexican traditional drinks such as horchata or jamaica," said Izylit Sanchez of Porkyland Mexican Catering (619-952-7468). Horchata is a cold drink made from rice, almonds, cinnamon, lime zest, and sugar. Jamaica is a tart drink made from hibiscus flowers. Porkyland sells horchata and jamaica for \$10 a gallon.

Or, if you want to make your own horchata:

Horchata (serves six or seven)

6 tablespoons of uncooked rice
6 oz. blanched almonds
1 inch of cinnamon stick
Zest of 3 two-inch pieces of lime rind
1 cup sugar

1. Pulverize rice in your blender, grinding as smooth as possible.
2. Combine rice with almonds, cinnamon, and lime zest. Let sit overnight (six-hour minimum).
3. Place mixture in blender, blend three to five minutes until smooth and no longer has gritty texture. Add two cups of water and blend again for a few seconds.
4. Place large sieve over mixing bowl, line sieve with three layers of cheesecloth. Pour in rice mixture, a little at a time, and keep stirring to help mixture go through sieve. Gather cheesecloth together at the top, and squeeze out any additional liquid. Add two more cups of water and stir in sugar to taste. If mixture is too thick, add more water. Cover and refrigerate. Serve in a tall glass over ice.



Finally, I put in a call to Sammy Sussman, catering manager at Elijah's in La Jolla (858-455-1461). Sussman gave me an idea for a dessert drink. "We're a New York-style deli, so I'd suggest you serve a chocolate egg cream, or chocolate phosphate."

Chocolate Egg Cream

1/3 cup milk
1/4 cup chocolate syrup in a tall, frozen glass with ice. Add soda water and stir vigorously. It'll get foamy at the top — it fluffs up like beaten eggs.

Chocolate Phosphate

Mix 1/3 chocolate syrup and 2/3 soda water and stir.

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COWBOY CAVIAR

by Josh Board

I hit two parties in one day. The first was an afternoon affair in PB. A guy named Bruce wanted to get rid of a bunch of Rocky Mountain oysters, or as he called them, "bulls' balls."

Bruce and his friends were raising money for the VFW, which is where the party took place. I watched as the guys deep-fried the testicles. A cook asked me if I'd have any of the "Montana tender groin." I said, "No way. This is a party, not an episode of *Fear Factor*."

I met a German guy who everyone said was a great cook. He made tongue at the last party they had. I told him, "I won't eat anything that's already been in another mouth."

A few people talked about the weird foods they tried. Abalone, snail, and frogs' legs were at the top of the lists.

Bruce felt guilty that I wasn't going to be eating the "cowboy caviar," so as I sipped my drink, he went in the back and made me the best corned beef sandwich I'd ever had. The guy who cooked the corned beef said that he uses a pressure cooker, which makes it tender, and that he adds a lot of garlic.

Bruce explained that he got the Rocky Mountain oysters from a butcher in town. "Usu-



ally they use calves instead of the bull, because those are the size of walnuts. These are huge."

I overheard a few guys who were drinking talk about being "functioning alcoholics." One said, "Bode Miller, that Olympic skier, he's an alcoholic. Not a functioning one, though. Idiot didn't win a single medal. What a waste!"

I watched as chips and sandwich meat were put out on



Top: Bruce Dahl, second from left, between the two ARC employees; Bottom left: A cook frying up a batch of Rocky Mountain Oysters; Bottom right: People grabbing "regular" food while it lasts

One woman sipped a gin and tonic. I asked if that drink went well with the bull meat. She said, "Oh, no, I'm not touching those." Bruce came over and convinced her to try one. She said, "It's good." I

I asked two women who showed up together where they worked. They told me that they care for mentally retarded patients at ARC. They called it "assisted living." I asked how accurate people with that disability are portrayed in movies. "Juliette Lewis was high-functioning, but the guy she was with in that movie, he was low-functioning. Those two would never have been together. That doesn't work."

They told me some heart-breaking stories, such as the patients who don't have family who visit, but the stories made the job sound rewarding.

"Wow, those non-organ meats seem to go fast."

a table. Bruce saw how many people were going to that table and said, "Wow, those non-organ meats seem to go fast."

A vegetarian woman said, "I don't even eat the normal parts of an animal."

asked why she made a weird face as she chewed it. Her friend was laughing and had one in her hand, but chickened out. (Speaking of chicken, a few people said the oysters tasted like chicken strips.)

One guy was cracking "bull ball jokes." He rattled off ten different names for them and told a guy at the bar he's had "more balls on his chin than a seal at SeaWorld."

I talked to a guy named Jack, a Pearl Harbor survivor, who told me this story: "I was a kid. I lived near Battleship Row, where the *Arizona* was. The windows got knocked out of our house. My sister got hit, but not bad. She was eight years old. Everything was full of shrapnel. We were there for two months, and then they shipped us all to San Francisco."

I asked him how scared he was when this was happening, and he said, "I was so young, and it's hard to explain war to a kid. I just heard a lot of explosions. I was interviewed for a TV show about it, though."

As I headed off to go to the next party, I glanced over and saw that there were still several untouched oysters.

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One of the guys I had met at the corn dog party the week prior invited me to a party near UCSD in La Jolla.

When I arrived, I met an interesting character who called himself Duff Norway. He explained that that was his

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"Michael Vick name." Vick is an NFL player who went to Mexico and gave a woman herpes. Vick told the woman that his name was Ron Mexico. So, this guy sometimes goes by the name Duff Norway. Norway told me he likes to go to protests and hold up signs that don't make sense. When the UCSD campus had meetings about the pornography that was shown on the TV station, he held a sign that read, "Porn is murder." People didn't know which side of the protest he was on. Norway said, "It's funnier when people come up and say, 'Right on! I totally support you.'"

He told me another story about his brother buying Olympic jackets. Three of them went into a bar in Idaho wearing the jackets, and everyone there assumed they were on the Olympic team. The bartender was bringing them pitchers of beer for free. "Women who would never have paid attention to us started flirt-

ing. One asked me what advice I could give her daughter. I said, 'Uh...be all that you can be.' Someone said, "That's a military cliché, not a sports cliché." Norway laughed and continued, "Another woman was in tears, saying it was her dream to make the Olympics and asked who she could talk to. They wanted pictures of us for the wall, even though we said we were just hockey coaches."

I heard another guy approach a woman and say, "Let's talk literature, shall we?" It sounded geeky, but these were UCSD students. That's probably a good opening line.

A guy named Jeremy who had become an ordained minister on-line introduced me to a friend whose wedding he had performed. I asked Jeremy what he wore. "I initially wanted a pope hat or to wear all black. I ended up going with just a suit."

He told me anyone in California can become a minister, because the state

can't debate what is a "real religion." He said, "It's the Universal Life Church. They had two creeds and I agreed with both. Had it said something crazy like they believe in animal sacrifice, I probably wouldn't have done it."

I told him about the party I had just come from.

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by Barbarella

Faces of God

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude. — G.K. Chesterton

"Spare no expense when it comes to my girls," Dad said with a satisfied smile. I lifted my slice of pepperoni pizza as though it was a glass of champagne, toasted my father's sarcastic sentiment, and filled my mouth with melted cheese and soft, hot dough. He mimicked my actions and, after wiping a bead of tomato sauce from his graying whiskers with a handful of white napkins, Dad posed the same question he always asks when I join him for lunch at

Costco: "Where else can you get two huge slices of pizza and two sodas, with unlimited free refills, for less than six bucks?"

The outside dining area at Costco in Mission Valley is forever plagued with breezes that whisk away your napkin the moment you let down your guard. I used my soda to anchor my plate (I had already chased after it once) and continued to enjoy the tasty calorie bomb in my hand. "It's a pretty good deal," I said.

"It's a great deal," Dad corrected.

Though he enjoys a busy schedule, my father prefers a simple life with plenty of routine. His Saturday regimen for the past several years has been working up a sweat in an aerobics class at his local gym, then (after a social soak in the gym's Jacuzzi) going to Costco for lunch and any necessary shopping, and, finally, bustling about town to attend any events he finds listed in the paper that promise to be both interesting and free of charge.

We finished our slices and headed inside for what Dad likes to call "dessert" — on Saturday, nearly every aisle in Costco begins and ends with a small table, behind which stands a person in a white coat and a hair net, serving up samples of edible products, free for anyone who pays

the annual membership fee (or in my case, anyone who knows someone who pays the annual membership fee).

As we approached one such table, Dad quickly jerked the cart to the left and made a U-turn in the middle of the aisle. "Buffalo wings, no good," he said. "Those are too messy; they take too much work. We need something simpler."

"Gotcha," I responded, and followed him back to the other end, where he waited patiently for a hot chunk of boneless, skinless chicken breast doused in KC Barbecue sauce. With the little paper cup containing his chicken in hand, Dad led me to the office supply aisle. There we stood, looking for a printer that would suit his needs.

My father's frugality is no secret and, at least in our family, the butt of many a joke. Dad seems both proud and ashamed of his reputation when it comes to money — proud because it takes a clever man to find a good deal and ashamed because people often equate frugality with being stingy; he shudders at the idea of being thought of as an ignoble miser. He is selectively generous, and vocal about those whom he feels are deserving (and undeserving) of his generosity, regardless of whether it is his time or money he is donating.

"Did I tell you what happened with Chubs the other day?" Dad asked me.

Still scanning the side of a box for the low-down on a printer's system requirements, I said, "Nuh-uh. What happened? He still keeping the

streets clean for you?"

Dad walks five miles every morning before sunrise from his home in Mission Hills to Balboa Park and back. When Dad first told me about Chubs, the homeless man he encounters near the Starbucks on Robinson Street during his early morning walks, he described him as "about 35 years old, maybe five-foot-nine, and really dirty. He's not a bad-looking guy, but one of his eyes is really messed up."

Upon seeing the "poor unfortunate," Dad will approach him and say, "Chubs, how ya doin'?" Chubs never seems to remember my father, even though their frequent meetings have followed the same script for two years.

"Oh, hi, sir," Chubs will respond. "I'm cleanin' up the street, pickin' up the place. I was downtown, helpin' 'em out down there, and now I'm here. Do you have any spare change? A couple of quarters maybe so I can get a cup of coffee?"

My father, a man who doesn't believe in handouts, used to give Chubs a dollar, but, realizing the destitute man could hardly buy a cup of coffee with that amount, Dad upped his offering to five bucks, or what he calls a "fin." Each morning, after tying his sneakers and donning his jacket, Dad puts a five-dollar bill in his pocket, specifically for Chubs. For years there have been few variations in his morning routine. But on this day, as Dad began to explain, something different happened. I stopped reading the box in front of me and gave my father my full attention.

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I remembered from previous stories that Chubs tends to spend the money on a large coffee and a sandwich from 7-11. “But then he looks at what he has in his hands,” Dad continued, “and he realizes what it is and, like always, his face lights up and he goes ‘OH! Thank you, sir! Thank you, sir! Have a great day!’ Whatever, he’s really nice, but this day was different, this day was interesting. Have you ever felt like you were in a scene from a movie? Because that’s how I felt after what happened.”

After Chubs had accepted the money, Dad turned around and continued on his walk. He had only made it about 15 feet when behind him he heard Chubs, in a sober, sincere tone of voice, say, “I love you.” “You know, not funny, not facetiously, not ‘I love you, man!’ like the sports morons, those jocks in the locker room, but like he really meant it,” Dad explained.

“When I turned around, I was expecting to see Robin Williams or George Burns

playing God or something, you know what I mean? But when I did, Chubs was just standing there, his head down, looking at the money. He said ‘I love you,’ he just said it. He wasn’t interested in me turning around to respond in any fashion, so I

turned back and kept walking, and as I’m walking down the street, I thought, eh, that’s a pretty neat moment, you know? I’m always trying to see the face of God in other people, which is really, really difficult, and I thought that was just a little, ‘Hey, you’re doin’

all right.’ It was just a really sweet moment.” Dad sniffed at the air and cleared his throat. His eyes glistened and he looked up, as though suddenly trying to read the sides of the boxes on the shelves that stretched to the high warehouse ceiling.

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do the trick,” I said, pointing to the box I’d been reading a few minutes earlier. “Let’s plop it in the cart and go see what they’re cooking up at the end of the frozen food aisle. Something smells tasty.” “Roger that,” Dad said, and we were on our way. ■



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HEN I INFORMED MY BEST FRIEND almost nine years ago that I was expecting a male child, she said, after a distinct pause, “I can’t even *imagine* you with boys.”

I couldn’t imagine it either, in spite of the fact that I’d been trying to get pregnant for four years and had just conceived with the help of a fertility stimulant. I knew that boys could be and frequently were the outcome of pregnancy. I was just assuming that, given my personality, a boy wouldn’t be the outcome in my case.

It’s not just that I am ignorant of baseball, basketball, football, and the subtleties of world wrestling. It’s not that my main hobbies are baking, knitting, reading, and watercolor painting. I do not camp. I do not ski. I do not surf. But for hundreds of years, women did none of these things and managed to raise boys.

So I think it was something else that my friend was contemplating during that distinct pause. I think we both knew the odds. There are certain children who are going to run screaming through the house with imitation guns and certain children who are going to sit and move the Fisher-Price people in and out of the toy barn, and we all know which genders are most likely to do which.

I am the sort of person who would do well with a child who wanted to move the Fisher-Price people in and out of the toy barn.

Still, month after month, the doctor studied the quivering black and white lines on the ultrasound and said it looked like a boy to him. I reminded myself that Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, my father, and my husband had once been boys. Boys could be pensive, bookish, and sweet, like Christopher Robin. As a child, my husband had collected baseball cards and listened

to entire Yankee games on his radio. My father had sat beside his mother’s stove at age three and pretended the rectangular bits of coal were train cars. Of course, when he got a little older, my father moved on to blowing up mailboxes and shooting hawks, rats, lizards, jackrabbits, beer bottles, tin cans, and cottontails.

I decided to concentrate instead on the act of giving birth. Giving birth was what women talked about the way veterans talked about war. Giving birth was so painful that it was routine to numb the whole lower half of the body or to cut open the mother as if she were a wolf in a fairy tale. Giving birth was what I began to prepare for: how to do it without numbing or cutting.

I tried to assure myself that I was a mammal, and a mammal does two things. It gives birth to live young, and it nurses them. These are the two seminal qualities. There is nothing else: not “mammals have two legs” or “mammals live on land” or “mammals like to sit quietly and color.” You’ll notice, in fact, that men don’t even qualify as mammals by this definition. It’s the women who certify the species for mammal status, and they are thus equipped, like whales and wild coyotes, to do these things without technical assistance.

This was the working principle of my doula. A doula is a birth assistant, a woman without the medical training of a midwife who takes the historical role of the mothers, aunts, and elderly females in the cave, who would, I gathered from my reading, help the birthing woman push the baby out while men were clubbing edible mammals. I was still planning to go to the hospital, just in case, but I knew the doctor

a woman who takes the historical role of the women in the cave.



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Hank and Sam

wouldn't be there until the last minute and the nurses would be busy with all the other birthing females. I also knew that if my husband said, during the 16th hour of labor, "You're doing fine! Keep pushing!" I would look at him and know he wasn't even a real mammal — how would he know?

My doula, on the other hand, had given birth herself. She had helped other women push out live young, and if she said I was doing fine, I would believe her.

What the doula said to me in the last month of pregnancy was this: You are just like a whale or a wild coyote. You can, if necessary, give birth all by yourself. If you go into labor on a dirt road somewhere, and you don't have a phone or a human being to help you, you can give birth *all by yourself*.

I found this extremely comforting. I was built to give birth! It was my destiny! I could do it all alone!

Obviously, it's not 100 percent true. I've read enough history to know women used to die giving birth to live young. Frequently. But I had also read *The Good Earth* in ninth grade, and the only thing I remembered about it was that the main character works in the fields for a while, goes in the house, gives birth, and goes right back into the fields, as if all she'd done was take a coffee break.

When the contractions began before dawn on April 28, 1998, I started out like a good Chinese peasant woman. I worked all day at my desk. I wrote most of a story about the revival of the Lindy Hop. Then the doula came over and we walked around in a field. By 9:00 p.m. the contractions hurt enough to make me say the word, "HOSPITAL," so my husband and the doula and I went to the hospital so that I could be a coyote/whale/Chinese peasant in a bed, wearing a gown.

For the next seven hours, the doula sat beside me and said, "You're doing fine." She did some acupuncture on my right hand. The nurse came now and then to measure and count. At 3:30 a.m., the doctor appeared, and at 4:00, I pushed like a coyote, or perhaps a whale. For a moment, it seemed that I was the coyote and Sam was the whale. But then he emerged. Our baby was alive, human, healthy, and fine. We admired him tearfully for one, maybe two triumphant minutes, and then it was time for Sam to do what nurses call "latching on."

I had just pushed live young through a narrow and sensitive orifice without painkillers or screams. I felt like one hell of a mammal, and I was not afraid of the Second Mammalian Imperative. My breasts would fulfill their destiny. The nurse helped me arrange myself. My tiny naked boy latched on.

This is the moment I began to question Nature

and my place within it. In the first place, a "latch" is a piece of metal or plastic that clamps down hard on an insensible object. I was not insensible. It was all I could do to keep myself from prying my tiny naked helpless baby off my nipple. Suckling was not the gentle process of milk passing from breast to mouth that I had observed in Old Master paintings! It was *latching on*.

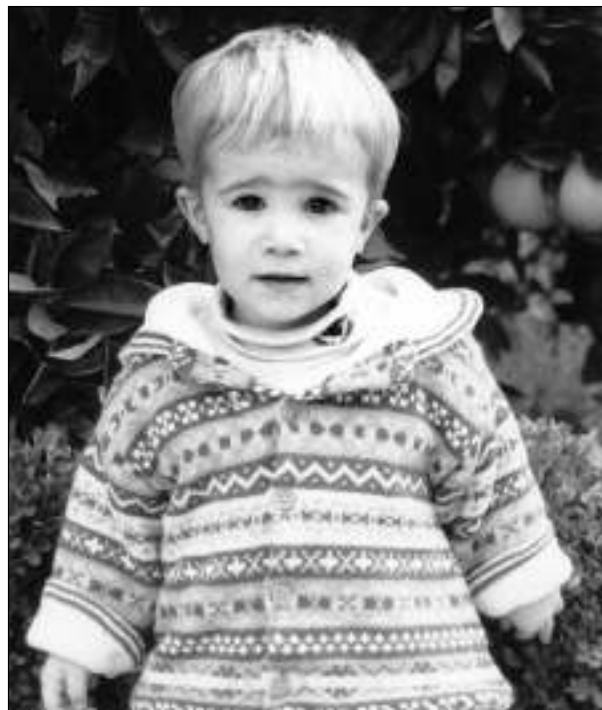
I was glad when the nurse said we could stop and test his vitals now.

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All the next day, in a kind of sleep-deprived ecstasy that was quickly turning into primal fear, I admired Sam in his capsule and tried, with

the help of various nurses, to become a food source. I had been warned by Lamaze classes and pregnancy books that the worst thing I could possibly do in the hospital would be to let my baby sleep outside my room with the nurses. If I did, they would feed him with bottles. The baby, spoiled and greedy, wouldn't bother to learn the more technically demanding art of breast-drinking and he'd be addicted to formula, then Kool-Aid, and no doubt heroin later on.

But the nurses studied my breasts with guarded skepticism. They would stand to the side and show me how to pinch my nipple and thrust it into Sam's



Sam, age one

mouth. "Does it hurt?" they would ask.

"Yes, it does," I would say.

"Then he's not latched on properly."

They would have me stick my finger into Sam's mouth, thereby breaking suction, and try again.

"Does it hurt?"

"Yes."

"Can you hear him swallowing?"

I listened. I could not.

"Is your milk letting down?"

How would I know?

Nothing had ever happened inside my breasts before. For thirty years, they had just sat there.

"I don't know," I said.

"Well, your milk may not have come in yet."

This was an alarming detail. For the last 40 weeks I had been preparing for this baby — signing up with a diaper service, buying a crib, pre-washing his layette in gentle laundry soap, ordering birth announcements — and what I should have done *first* was call the breast-

milkman and make sure I had plenty in there when the baby arrived. What kind of survival plan was this that the mammal's milk would arrive several days *after* the live young?

My doula reassured me by telephone that during the first hours or days after birth, the baby was drinking colostrum, a sort of maternal vitamin syrup. Colostrum was so concentrated that the baby couldn't really chug-a-lug it, so probably things were going just fine. We'd watch Sam's diaper and see. We'd watch for wetness and we'd watch for poo.

The situation made me consider my breasts with the eye of a used-car salesman. They were not large. They were not

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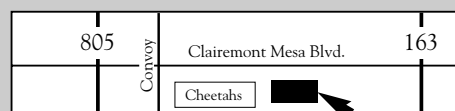
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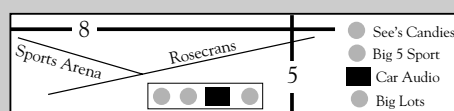
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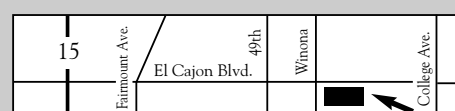
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medium. They were undeniably, disturbingly small. As a relative once cheerfully put it, I was built for speed. This might mean, I suddenly realized, that *I was not built for milking*. I reassured myself that the pregnancy books and my childbearing friends had said the size of one's breasts has absolutely nothing to do with how much milk they contain. They all said, in various ways, that it is not like comparing a gallon jug to a one-cup carton.

Still, as I lay in my hospital bed next to Samuel, waiting for him to produce solid proof that my hooters worked, I recalled an alarming conversation with my doula. When I was eight months pregnant, she

had casually asked if my breasts had grown. "Have you gone up a cup size or two?" she asked.

A cup size or two? No. Perhaps a demitasse.

"Sort of," I said. Having large bosoms had always been a secret dream of mine, and pregnancy was a guaranteed boob-inflater. I couldn't stand to admit that I was so flat-chested that not even pregnancy worked.

"I think so," I said. "Yes."

Recalling this possibly important lie, I tried not to worry too much. Sam slept in his capsule, his tiny head soft and round in the knit cap, his body tightly bound in flannel, the incarnation of sweetness and

need.

It was at this point that I turned on the wall-mounted TV and watched a sprightly educational show about the animal kingdom. The camera zoomed in on a koala bear that had just given birth. "She

It's hard to convey the distaste with which natural-birth people view formula.

simply isn't making enough milk!" the zookeeper said, and then the zookeeper described how they were going to give the koala's baby to a different mother. The next image showed the hapless koala, her nipples

exposed to the whole world, her baby gone.

I felt a slow, panicked recognition. *Le koala bear, c'est moi!* I needed to avoid zookeepers at all costs. In any case, Samuel was a very quiet little package. Why not just go

home? Everything would be absolutely, completely fine.

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I have a notebook on my shelf that contains phone numbers and interview notes. I was writing a weekly col-

umn when Sam was born, and the notes go right from questions about turtle gardens and the Lindy Hop to a fanatically detailed account of my time with Samuel from Thursday, May 7, to Wednesday, May 27.

Sam cried when he wasn't nursing, and he nursed nearly all the time. I nursed him until my nipple felt, with each compression of his mouth, as if it were being pierced by a sewing machine needle. I stared out the second-story window of our house at the pink climbing roses. The spring was wet and cloudy that year, and the roses trembled in the wind. A pair of bluebirds had nested in a bird house I could see from the sofa where

I sat hour after hour, nursing, and I watched the father bluebird carry insects to the chicks and then come out again with their droppings in his mouth. *Well, at least I don't have to do that*, I thought.

I took Sam to the pediatrician for his one-week checkup, and he was found to be losing, not gaining weight.

"The thing is," he said, "not all women can nurse. Babies can be fed in other ways. You're probably going to have to supplement."

Le koala bear, c'est moi! I held tightly to Samuel and considered the word "supplement." The doctor meant formula, and it's hard to convey the distaste with which natural-birth people view formula.

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For nine months I'd heard that formula is the junk food of the infant world and the loathsome tool of corporate greed, sold to Third World women who have no choice but to mix it with filthy water. Cans of Similac, like cigarette packages, contain a small government message: "Breast milk is recommended."

I had also read about the legions of sadly misinformed women who give up on nursing because of perfectly fixable problems like the failure to latch on properly. Maybe this was a perfectly fixable problem.

So like any sane, flat-chested koala bear, I asked the doctor if he knew a lactation consultant in town, and he made a phone call that probably went something like this: "Hi, Lottie. This is Dr. S. I'm sending over a new mother in a few minutes." I imagined him lowering his voice. "A little worked up, yes. Remember Glenn Close in *Fatal Attraction*?"

Lottie, whose name I have changed here, was also a children's dentist, and she did breastfeeding consultations in the back room of a building that smelled like mint and high-speed drills. She had a motherly air and, underneath her dentist's smock, breasts much larger than mine. (I suppose only Hugh Hefner is more focused on this part of the anatomy than I now was.)

Once Lottie had me seated in the lactation room, she smiled, admired Sam, and asked me how many times a day Sam soiled his diapers. I said that sometimes not even once a day. Again, I was quizzed: Did I feel my milk let down? Did Sam seem to be swallowing? Did I hear liquid going down his throat?

He did not. I did

not.

Lottie hesitated. She had become a lactation consultant because breastfeeding was wonderful for her and because she had been surprised to learn, after her own success, that

some women had trouble with it. She wanted to help those women. But in my case, the doctor was right. I had to supplement. It was like a priest telling a supplicant she was going to have to fornicate with

the devil.

I don't remember everything in the right order after that, due to excessive, non-Chinese-peasant-style weeping, but I know that I rented a breast pump. Lottie told me to nurse Samuel

and then to give him an ounce or two of formula from a tiny medicine dropper (not from a bottle, because he might learn to prefer the silicone nipple to my own) and then pump my breasts to stimulate fur-

ther milk production. If he didn't wake up every two hours at night, I needed to strip him, tickle his feet, apply a wet washcloth to his head and rouse him because he needed to keep eating. He needed

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12 feedings a day.

I put the breast pump in my car and drove Samuel to the obstetrician's office. There I was to be checked in the lower region, the region where all had gone well. I held in my arms tiny Samuel, who weighed less than six pounds. Seated in the waiting room was a woman I knew who had also given birth recently. As Hugh Hefner would have noticed, her breasts were large. Her baby was immense. Thank heavens there was not a zookeeper present, because the answer would have been clear. I waited my turn, clutched my baby, and then took him home to nurse, bottle-feed, pump, nurse, bottle-feed, pump, nurse, bottle-feed, pump.

Lottie had told me to keep a log of Sam's feedings and the contents of his diapers, so I wrote down, to the

minute, how long he nursed on each breast, how much formula he subsequently drank, and for how long afterward I used the breast pump. Then I wrote down how much milk was in the vial after I pumped. The log goes on for many pages, all of them filled with tiny black notations such as Van Gogh probably made right before he picked up the ear knife.

I was not a good dairy cow. I was too self-conscious, for one thing. If you have ever removed your bra, attached a suction cup, and flipped the "on" switch, you know what I mean. Dignified, it was not. It was also not encouraging. Milk didn't flow, pour, or spray from me as the air contracted inside the suction cup. It dripped like rain from an eave after the rain has stopped falling.

A few days later,

when Sam still wasn't producing the desired number of soiled diapers or gaining the desired weight, I rented an electric baby scale from Lottie so that I could measure the ounces Sam imbibed naturally. It worked like this: before I nursed Samuel, I weighed him,

A man came once a week in a Tidy Didy Babyland Diaper Service truck and picked up a sack of soiled diapers.

and after I nursed him, I weighed him again. Sometimes he weighed two ounces more after nursing. Two ounces is half of a newborn's baby bottle, half of what bottle-makers call a "serving." On one giddy occasion, I wrote: "lots of swallowing and some actual slurping."

The bluebirds flew in and out of the bird house with crushed crickets in their beaks. The Cecile Brunner roses turned their pink petals to the rain. Lottie called to tell me that she had found a case like mine in a textbook. I had, she said regretfully, "insufficient mammary

tissue."

I'd never heard of this as a biological diagnosis. That self-assessment had come to me many times in the dressing rooms of lingerie stores and swimsuit departments, but not while I was reading breastfeeding tracts.

I suddenly won-

dered if that was why I had needed fertility pills even to conceive a child. All by myself, without the makers of Clomiphene and Similac, I was incapable of rearing live young. I wasn't really a mammal after all.

I hung up the phone.

I held Sam in my arms and he latched on. It didn't hurt anymore, perhaps because of the lanolin. A chemist somewhere, or maybe a desperate shepherd, had discovered that pure lanolin — the oil found in wool — would heal a cracked nipple without harming the baby. I considered giving up the nursing as I nursed. Unfortunately, Sam was happy in only two situations: while nursing, or while in constant motion, as I carried him through streets, stores, fields, and parks. He didn't like pacifiers or bottles or anything

except the authentic article, and in this we were the same. When he nursed, I felt like a real mother, like the incarnation of the most sacred idea we have.

For the next three months of Sam's life, I bought formula and mixed it and heated it and offered it to him after the nursing sessions. Often, he cried when I tried to give him the bottle, perhaps because he was full, perhaps because he was sleepy. Once, I was so tired and frustrated, so afraid that he was still going to starve, that I threw the rejected bottle across the room. Bottles are made of plastic now, so not much happened. To give my husband his due, he did the bottle-feedings whenever he could.

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breasts-only. It was the trial of the mammary tissue.

I watched him day by day, hour by hour. He still wet his diapers about the same. He still fretted about the same, but not more. At Sam's checkup a nurse told me that it was okay that he only soiled his diapers once or twice a week (instead of ten times per day). "That's within the range of normal," she said. "The outer range, but still."

I wondered where she had been in the early weeks, when it seemed that if my baby didn't poop enough he was going to die. Anyway, we went bottle-free. I felt as if I had overcome an addiction to heroin. We were on the wagon, by God, and we were doing it the natural way.

Many people are probably wondering, as my own mother did, why I felt so strongly about this. Probably it was egotism: the unwillingness to believe that some part of me was insufficient. It was also an ingrained aversion to plastic. A man named Eliud came once a week in a Tidy Didy Babyland Diaper Service truck and picked up a sack of soiled diapers and dropped off a stack of snowy white clean ones, one hundred percent cotton. I felt better about those diapers, too.

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When I was expecting Sam, I had believed everything I was told about how much newborns slept and how easy it was to feed them. I did not believe this anymore. My husband and I had a name for babies who were Not Like Sam. Usually they were female, but sometimes they were male. They were Sitcom Babies, named after the ones who are held briefly by television characters and then set

down in playpens so that the characters can do other things. These babies do not cry when attention is turned away from them.

Sam prompted two diametrically opposed responses from people.

If I was out shopping for groceries or walking along the beach with Sam strapped to my chest, his face forward and his legs kicking manically against my hips, he invariably smiled so hugely at the

people we met that they said, "What a happy baby!"

If I were in a closed-in space, like my house or the doctor's office, Sam cried, and people — including child-care workers,

nurses, and parents of five or more children — would say, "What's wrong with him?"

I didn't know.

Other mothers seemed to live in harmony with their babies. Their babies slept, ate,

or observed the world on their mother's schedules, graceful appendages who needed a lot of time and care but who when given this time and care enjoyed their existence.

Sam did not enjoy

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his existence. If I nursed him at exactly the same times, if I fed him exactly the same ultra-smooth puréed foods, if I carried him or played with him nearly all the time, if I was moving from place to place and not stopping to peel potatoes or study the back of a box of cereal, he didn't cry much. I believed that I had made him this way. Nature or nurture, it was my fault. There was the lack of mammary tissue, which had made him work so hard in the beginning. Furthermore, I was stubborn, controlling, melancholy, and overly analytical. Of course I had produced a baby who could not enjoy a Pat Mat.

Still, we went on, as people do. We walked and we nursed and we tried to arrange our day so that more people said, "What a happy baby!" than said, "What's wrong with



Hank, age two; Sam, age 4

him?"

I was still nursing Sam when he turned 13 months old and I became pregnant. This time, it had been simple biology: no fertility

pills, no anxious tests. As before, the doctor did an ultrasound. As before, he saw the unmistakable shape of a little boy.

I was thrilled and I

was very, very afraid. I thought of that Sylvia Plath poem in which she says she's a riddle in nine syllables, that she's boarded the train you can't get off.

Plath, of course, lost her mind.

* * *

While I was trying to be more thrilled than afraid, we hit another snag with Sam. Always too small to be above the tenth percentile on the charts, always smaller than you would expect the child of a 5'10" woman and a 6'1" man to be, he was still adorably, alarmingly small. He still ate too little, even though he was now eating solid foods. The doctor called it "failure to thrive," a diagnosis more common for listless babies and toddlers.

The doctor, who had five grown children, two of them boys, watched Sam tear around the examining room, opening every cupboard, tugging at me and the rolling chair and the toys, and he shook his head. "It's strange," he said. "He

could take this place apart."

But everything else was worrisome. Why didn't he grow more? The doctor ordered tests.

First we eliminated cystic fibrosis. Then we did an X-ray of his hand to see if he had something called primordial dwarfism.

Fortunately, he was not a primordial dwarf. He was just little, and he was picky.

I grew rounder, and we waited for the baby, whom we called Hank. Sam began to say words. When people saw us out together, they invariably said, "You're going to have your hands full."

As the due date approached, the doctor told me, somewhat strongly, that I should really go ahead and wean Sam before the baby was born. I was only nursing Sam at bed and nap time, but I was so worried that Hank

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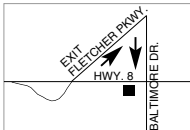
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would have Sam's feeding troubles that I was essentially calling the breastmilkman. I was not going to have empty mammarys when the next baby showed up.

Nervously, a month before the due date, I weaned Sam.

* * *

Hank was born on St. Patrick's Day, the holiday of green beer. It is also, for me, a privately religious holiday. It is the day of the Miracle of the Breast Milk, the day when I ceased to be a

defective mammal, the day the only person in the world who could have set Sam and me free arrived.

It was like that dream we all have of rewinding the tape and doing it over. I was in the same hospital room in the same season of the year. I was wearing a gown, and I had a newborn baby boy. But this time I knew what I was doing, what to listen for, and how to proceed. Milk was needed, and milk was there. When people weighed Baby

Hank, they did not look concerned and afraid. They looked nonchalant. He wet. He soiled. He nursed. He slept. We went home to watch the father bluebird carry poo out of the nest.

For the first two months, Hank showed signs of the kind of fussing that had once driven me to wish, while driving a speeding car on Highway 76, that I could drive straight into a pylon and hear no more crying, ever again. But either because I stopped eating ice cream, cheese,

milk, and yogurt or because of some mysterious process that will never be known, Hank stopped fussing and became content.

This was the saving of us all. I no longer believed that I was the cause of everything my children did or felt. Sam was a boy. Hank was a boy. We had made them from the same genetic material, I had nursed them both, and yet they were not alike. If we had produced a girl, we would have thought that was the

difference — that girls really were easier than boys. Had we produced only Hank, we would have consciously or unconsciously taken credit for his sunny, placid self. But I knew that I had not made Hank that way. So perhaps I had not made Sam so passionate either, so demanding, so pensive, so bookish and sweet, so completely unwilling, at the age of three, to move the Fisher-Price people in and out of the barn. Although the nurturing

could certainly be laid at my feet, his nature could not. His nature simply is. That he lived, and remained mine, is also a miracle. I think of that sometimes when I see him running through the house with an imitation gun, screaming, or hurling a baseball, or grinning at strangers, his legs as thin as Christopher Robin's. We escaped the Darwinian fate of the unfit and walk the earth as grateful mammals, no longer failing to thrive. ■

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"Do you at least want your curtains open?" I asked.
"No," he said. "They'll be able to get to me."

This was the response of a patient I once met at the hospital where I volunteer each week; I'd gone to his room to suggest taking him for a walk around the floor. I thought that he would be glad to get some fresh air. His response, however, shocked me.

It was my first encounter with a severely depressed person, and I had thought that I would be able to talk to him and make him comfortable enough to go for a walk. I left the room disappointed, but I realized the severity of his situation. I told him to let me know if he needed anything.

Several of my cousins suffer from both autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). When they visited several years ago, I went to Balboa Park with them and my aunt. We rode the trolley, and I held the kids' hands while they had outbursts that seemed to frustrate nearby passengers. When we got off, one of my cousins sat down in the middle of the street and refused to get up. I had to pull him toward the sidewalk while I struggled against his kicking, pushing, and harsh remarks. The outbursts were difficult to deal with, but there were also times when I felt as though I was really getting to know these members of my family that I rarely see.

My experiences with the mentally ill have been neither positive nor negative, but rather eye-opening. Some illnesses are based on physiological factors, whereas others may be caused by issues that surfaced during their upbringing. I try to live a healthy life, which is the most that I can do, considering the fact that my family does have some history of mental illness. The most important point regarding mental illness is understanding — whether it involves patience or recognizing that someone's thought process may not match yours.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

Not long ago, I worked as a courtesy clerk at my local grocery store. A day did not pass when a mentally ill person would come in and encounter demeaning looks from customers. Customers would get out of the checkout line they were in just to avoid the mentally ill. They would skip an aisle to avoid saying, "excuse me." Whenever I bagged a mentally ill person's groceries, they did act differently than "normal" people: they would always say "thank you" and offer compliments and try to start a friendly conversation. The "normal" customers were rude and judgmental.

The National Association on Mental Illnesses describes mental illnesses as "biologically based brain disorders." In the United States, up to 15 million people currently suffer from a mental illness. Anyone is susceptible, even you or me. If I become mentally ill, I wouldn't hope for an immediate cure; I'd hope that people would treat me with the respect I deserve because I would be different. I would be different, just like everybody else.

— Andres Perez,
Valhalla H.S.

I heard all about him during water-polo season. He was the funniest kid on the team, always upbeat and always smiling. According to his teammates and coaches, he provided the most motivation for his water-polo team, even though he struggled twice as hard as his teammates. Having Down Syndrome didn't faze him, but only seemed to make him work harder to keep up with the rest of his team.

After I volunteered to write an article about him for my school paper I found out how amazing he is. I learned through interviews how much he loved playing water polo and being a part of the team. He has more love for the sport than many of the top high school water-polo players. While most sports players dread hell week, he looked forward

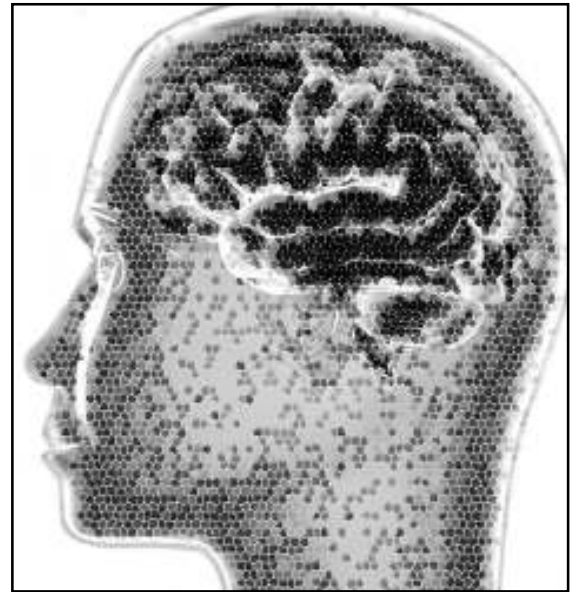
to it. The morning of the first hell-week practice, he came down early, already dressed and smiling. His mom grinned back and reminded him that his practice was still five hours away.

Every time I interviewed someone about him, talked to him, or watched his water-polo games, I was more inspired. I wasn't the only one; fans saw how hard he worked during the games. When the coach sub'd someone in for him, the crowd cheered and gave him a standing ovation.

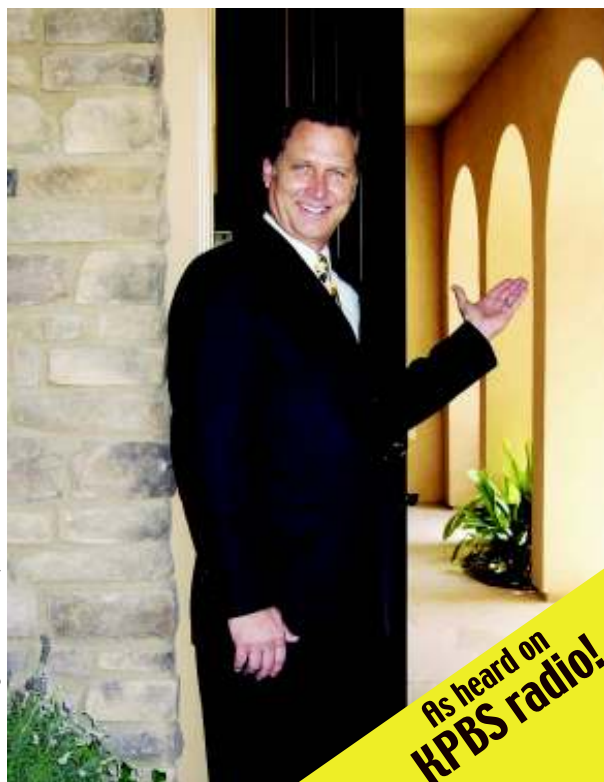
He has a likable personality one can learn from. His quiet optimism makes him someone people can't help but like. He plays from the heart and never gives up. Most of all, he is always himself. He doesn't care what other people think of him; with all the judging that high school students do, it is a relief to meet someone like him.

— Bryanna Schwartz,
Westview H.S.

My first experience with a mentally ill person occurred at the age of seven. My family and I were attending a wedding reception when we came across a man named Ross. He adored me and I adored him. My parents took a picture of me sitting on his lap, and his smile suggested



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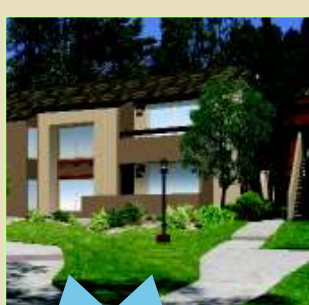


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pure joy. His love for anyone that would accept him taught me to try to attain that same kind of love.

Attending church has provided me with numerous opportunities to interact with mentally ill people. Every time I go to church, I walk up to a teenage girl in a wheelchair who flails

her open arms in hope for a hug. Julie suffers from a disorder that affects her physically and mentally. One day I visited her at her house and we decided to color. She consistently dropped the crayons, and when I attempted to help her retrieve them, she refused my help. She main-

tained her patience and worked hard to grab the thin crayons. She eventually picked them up and put them on the table. She smiled. She displayed more patience and persistence than I could ever imagine myself using.

I once dated a guy from church, Brant, who has a

mentally ill brother named Jake. The times I visited Brant at his house, I would always see Jake watching Disney movies and clapping his hands. I loved giving him a hug and talking to him about the movie. Brant mentioned to me that I was the only girl who would talk to his little

brother. This surprised me...he was a loving boy.

Mentally ill people have the capability to love, care, and teach in a manner that's different and sometimes more meaningful than the majority of people in this world.


— Alexis Sebring,
Carlsbad H.S.

I have encountered several people with mental illnesses in recent years. There is a student at my high school who is autistic. He would always say hi to me and knew me by name. For the longest time I felt like the biggest jerk because I could never remember his name. He always had something positive to say, a compliment or a question. He always cared about what I was up to or how this or that was going; he made an effort to be my friend. I have learned that he has amazing musical talent. He has perfect pitch identification and plays the piano well. It is strange and amazing that some are given great talents and some form of mental handicap.

Another autistic boy I know is one of the sweetest people I have ever met. He loves war history (current interest: World War II) and collects war-movie DVDs. I was privileged enough to spend a day with him, and we went to the park. He played on the equipment, laughing and even playing imaginary war. He is an innocent and free-spirited child, also with musical talent. According to his parents, he pulled out an electric piano from the closet and started to play "Joy to the World." His parents came to see what the noise was. When they asked him where he'd learned to play the piano, he said, "I taught myself."

— Derrick Sun,
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I've lived a long time in Southern California. The autumn Santa Ana still surprises me. I wake up. My sinuses ache. Sparks arc between my fingertips and the bathroom door-knob. Crows loiter in my neighbor's persimmon tree, inky silhouettes against the blue sky. Termites swarm and discard wings on my windowsills. My skin itches. My mouth is always dry. The basil in the garden goes to seed and withers.

"If you can run for 30 minutes, you can run for an hour. If you can run for an hour, you can run for 90 minutes." A friend gave me this advice the fall I returned to San Diego after my marriage ended. My friend had run marathons. I started to run at night because it gave me something to do. "Drink lots of water. Keep yourself hydrated. That's the important thing."

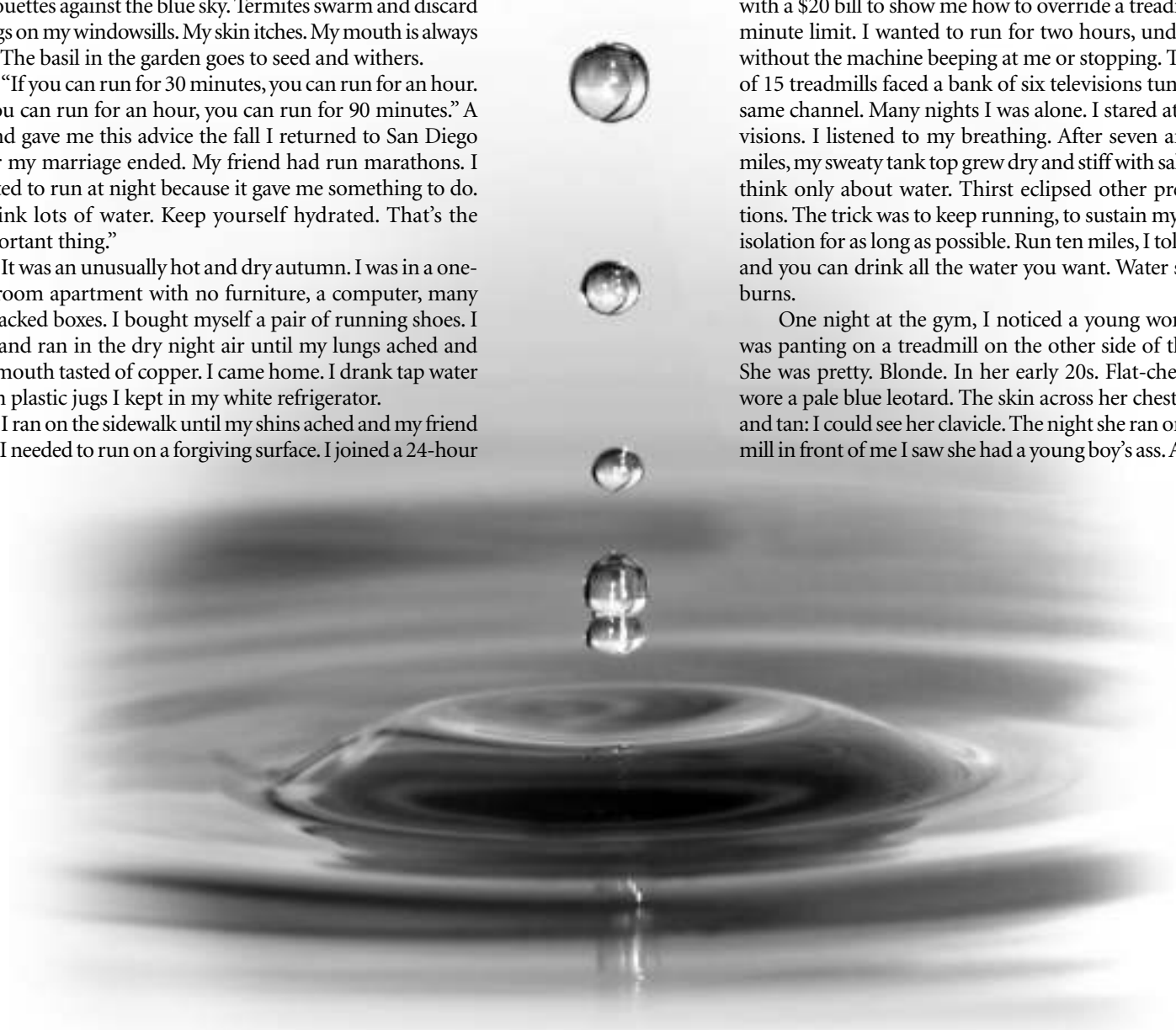
It was an unusually hot and dry autumn. I was in a one-bedroom apartment with no furniture, a computer, many unpacked boxes. I bought myself a pair of running shoes. I ran and ran in the dry night air until my lungs ached and my mouth tasted of copper. I came home. I drank tap water from plastic jugs I kept in my white refrigerator.

I ran on the sidewalk until my shins ached and my friend said I needed to run on a forgiving surface. I joined a 24-hour

gym. I started going late at night when I could occupy a treadmill for as long as I wanted. I lugged chilled water with me.

I'd go to the gym after midnight. I bribed an attendant with a \$20 bill to show me how to override a treadmill's 60-minute limit. I wanted to run for two hours, undisturbed, without the machine beeping at me or stopping. The room of 15 treadmills faced a bank of six televisions tuned to the same channel. Many nights I was alone. I stared at the televisions. I listened to my breathing. After seven and a half miles, my sweaty tank top grew dry and stiff with salt. I could think only about water. Thirst eclipsed other preoccupations. The trick was to keep running, to sustain my parched isolation for as long as possible. Run ten miles, I told myself, and you can drink all the water you want. Water so cold it burns.

One night at the gym, I noticed a young woman. She was panting on a treadmill on the other side of the room. She was pretty. Blonde. In her early 20s. Flat-chested. She wore a pale blue leotard. The skin across her chest was taut and tan: I could see her clavicle. The night she ran on a treadmill in front of me I saw she had a young boy's ass. And there



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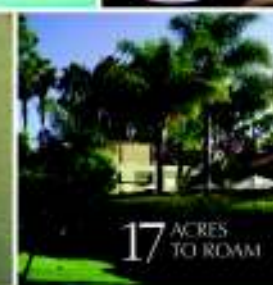
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was a gap at the top of her thighs. My arms were larger than her thighs. As she ran her damp leotard revealed her ribs. One night before

her run she knelt beside her treadmill and carefully spooned four tablespoons of Gatorade into a liter bottle of water. She saw me

watching. She smiled.

She ran fast, her legs a spidery blur. She'd sprint for ten minutes, hop off the treadmill, take a few sips of

Gatorade-spiked water, hop back on. This went on for an hour. I told the night attendant, "The skinny blonde's going to drop dead." He shrugged, snapped his chewing gum. "See it all the time. We can't order 'em

out of the gym until they faint from exhaustion."

The night she fell I was watching the televisions. A cartoon bear chased a cartoon rabbit. With a weak little cry, the blonde dropped. Instead of surrendering to the treadmill's momentum, let it slide her to the floor, she fought against it, scrambling on her hands and knees. Finally, she gave in. The treadmill pushed her to the floor where she lay, a damp heap. I went to her and knelt beside her, my hand on her shoulder. I could feel bone. I offered her water. "Don't touch me!" she howled. "Don't fucking touch me."

She got up, limped from the room. Our empty tread-

mills spun crazily. On the televisions, the bear chased the rabbit.

I tried to run a few more nights at the gym, but even my dry mouth, my longing for water, couldn't make me forget the blonde. In my mind I kept seeing her fall. I saw her self-starvation as a parody of my self-imposed drought. The treadmill's steady thrum no longer comforted me. I started to run just before sunset at the beach. I still do. There's a fair number of us, middle-aged, sweating, making our solitary way up and down the coast. To one side of us, acres of dry sand. To the other side, the endless, undrinkable sea. ■

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Fiction Engine

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The ranks of available garages have thinned — though the suburbs may still offer them. Booming urban real estate with condos, lofts, office space, and parking have fed the need for virtual or cyber bands rather than the real thing. Still, the lofted gentry, the same yuppie dot-com moguls who are pricing out the scruffy and scrabbling rockers and jazzbos, are the first to whine around the Gaslamp, *The music scene here sucks.*

If you're a kid from North Park, El Cajon, East San Diego, or Clairemont, you've got your bass player and drummer and you can all pool some change from your jobs at Dominos or Starbucks, you'll be dealing with either Senile Republican Realtors Inc. or Gucci-Frappacino Rentals for practice space. That's the way it is.

Here's the way it is in the heart of downtown San Diego (the center of the universe if you're from here) at a top, double-secret location beneath the very noses and feet, concrete, asphalt, cables, water pipes, and decrepit infrastructure of Our Town: down among the rats and the darkness, the frayed wiring and extension cords that feed the electric dreams of three-chord poets and the statistically doomed: still expensive.

A couple of reasons to be nonspecific about where, exactly, this place is: for one, there's a lot of expensive equipment down there. The kind of stuff that makes instruments real goddamned loud (loud enough to vibrate loaves of fresh-baked bread off of "the bakery center" above) and there is a brisk mug's trade in hot Marshalls, etc. Security is good, though. So good, potential thieves might as well just go audition for *World's Stupidest Criminals* before attempting a job. Of course, stupidity has never dissuaded any thieves I know. Another reason is that there is some question as to whether or not the landlord of this historical building has any idea of what's going on under the butts of the lawyers and corporate consultants to whom he is leasing his address. Entrepreneur and business manager of the rehearsal and recording studios Johnny ("just Johnny") says the owner is an older, wealthy gentleman and knows about it. Okay.

Exploring this underground terrain, I feel I should have a pith helmet and khaki shorts, a clipboard and tape measure. I will ask my assistant with the camera to capture moments with me and rock/roll renegades like Swan and the Fiction Engine. Get a shot of this: me like an anthropologist from the future, winding my way through Sheetrock corridors, avoiding rat traps, pointing to frayed, hanging cables, extension cords, and duct-taped leads from recording equipment to amplifiers to vintage guitars — mutants of 3/4-length necks, Gretsch monstrosities and hot lace Stratocaster pickups promising and delivering screams, inhuman moans, cat-in-heat-dream-growls, and punctuations to puberty-gone-wrong nightmares. I envision a photo taken of me in my pith helmet and shorts, grinning at the camera, with my tape measure around the skull of a San Diego rock musician.

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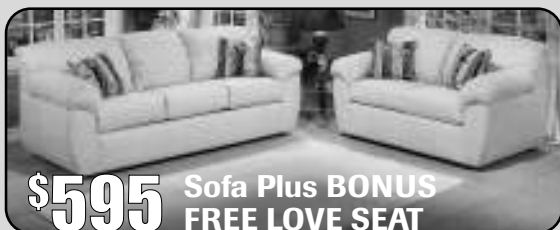
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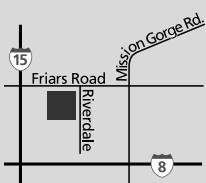


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roawl!" But after ten minutes of wandering the underground maze, completely lost, I can't find my way to anything except the CIA-locked, super-secret-coded elevator, like you have to have high security clearance to enter and perceive Rock Limbo. Give me a break.

Well, this shit costs money...okay?

Swan is the loudest rock and roll band I have ever heard. I have heard the Who live many times, Hendrix, Blue Cheer, and high on the list is Keith Richards, well into his 50s with the X-Pensive Winos, drowning out

openers and industry sperm Soul Asylum. Swan shuts 'em all down, no kidding, and it's not just garbage. The bassist has mastered the effect of his Fender at high volume in an arcane way: an artform John Entwistle, Roger Waters, the guy from Ten Years After, and in this century, Flea — though I hate to say it; I'd rather punch him than admit, as I've done, that he's good.

I was invited in to Swan's rehearsal space by (I guess) their manager/sometime drummer, Angel. Mostly their drummer is a cat named "the Matrix." The very act of opening the door is to be gut-punched with the sound

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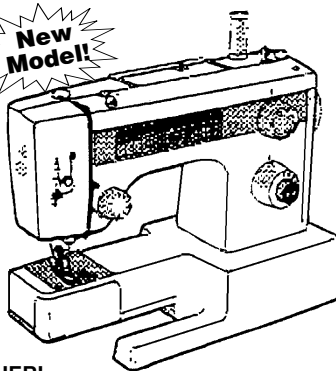
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of Ragnarok, Armageddon, the sounds of huge machinery manned by robots (like in *Terminator*) being randomly destroyed in an explosion of glass, metal, and men by sonic weaponry. Two of the members — a very heavily tattooed youth (you can't quite call him a singer, so he doesn't either) who introduces himself only as "Robert Kain, Dragon Stylist" and the above-mentioned bassist, even more thoroughly tattooed, though it hardly seems possible, and bald — have extended, stretched earlobes. The entire effect is bizarre. The bassist looks exactly like that guy in the original *Moby Dick*, only instead of a harpoon, he is wielding a huge Fender bass. All social graces fled, I just looked at him, shook his hand, and said, "Holy shit, man! You look like a fuckin' Maori harpoonist!"

He actually said, "Thanks, man," and smiled. A nice kid. His name is Jaya Maphava — don't ask me.

On keys is the "Preying Mantis," and on that day they were auditioning for guitarist. Tonight's contestant was a shy-looking, kind of punked-out young lady

who played the most amazing notes. With calm, decisive authority, on top of a rhythm section that sounded like a rabid rhino charging at trash cans full of household appliances (like blenders) and broken glass and bullets, she would find a sustaining discord from God-knows-where on any fretboard I've seen. And do it like Yehudi Menuin or Heifitz with no doubt of the aptness, the perfection of that particular choice. I don't think the auditionee made the cut, but it gave me pause for days as to what the criterion may have been.

After four songs in that room, I felt as deaf as the unholy offspring of Pete Townshend and Helen Keller. I stood, shook hands with "the Matrix" or "the Dragon Stylist," or it might have been Angel. I shouted, "You guys are pure, undiluted evil!" Smiles and thanks. "I have to go now. I'm scared," I said. This was answered with grins and bobbing heads. Great guys, really. Very understanding.

The other group I visited has a name I truly love: "the Fiction Engine." Their

names are Frankie Fiction, Albion Nathaniel, and "the Rig," and you can hear them at mp3.com/fictionengine. They have been together for over a year, or four years if you count the songwriting and incubation process. I was kept off-center, standing out in the street (a main drag downtown) while several members of TFE kept saying "cheers" to absolutely everything I would say. Back in my day, by crackies, that meant someone was buying you a drink — or at the very least offering congratulations. To these guys it expressed general agreement, a generic affirmative. These punks today picking up crap from Australians or Italians or wherever — it doesn't sound American, I'm here to tell you that!

"It's definitely an alternative style of dance rock," says Frankie (or is it Albion?) in describing their stuff. He invites me in through the swinging stone portals that will moan open when the correct brick is pressed (third on the upper left, just above the gargoyle knocker). "People say we have the elements of the Rolling Stones, the Smiths, and the Cure — and a lot of Brit rock." The band comes from as far as Chula Vista, Mission Hills, and Uni-

versity Heights. The songwriter/guitarist Frankie has wavy black hair and nearly jaw-length sideburns. This effect is romantic; less rock 'n' roll than Byronic.

Taking a torch through the dank stone corridors that lead to their chamber, being careful to step over the skeletal remains slumped at random angles, I mention the 19th-Century poet look. He seems pleased and tells me a huge influence on him is Keats.

"Well," I say chuckling, "how about that 'Ode on a Grecian Urn,' eh? I mean, ya got no complaints there."

He looked at me a little oddly but nodded, "Cheers. A literary man, eh?"

I chuckle again. "Aw, yeah. Hell, I could tell you stories."

At the end of a winding staircase, we come to the chamber. It is the Fiction Engine's work space and the home of Stingaree Records (619-234-5298).

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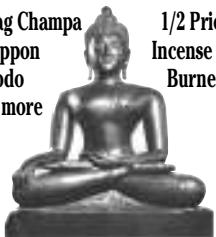
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recordings. What they've got is better than what was used on *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. Owner Beau Hart and partner take up only about a fourth of the area in the room. The rest is all the Fiction Engine's.

Now you don't invite yourself to someone's rehearsal and then review them — only a cretin would do that. But I like FE's music. Frankie has a neat sense of pop song construction that's less and less easy to find outside of Fastball or the Barenaked Ladies, and the bass player actually plays scales. Walking scales! Think Chas Chandler or Bill Wyman. And he knows what he's doing. You just don't hear rockers under 90 playing, at least not *electric*, this way and it's great stuff.

Listening to them, I was mentally rubbing my hands together thinking: *I should produce these guys! I could guarantee them huge industry success in a couple of weeks if they just do everything I say!*

Down the hall is Modesto. Four guys who are

not hard to listen to either. I could fix them in about ten minutes (fire the singer, get the Dragon Stylist, fire the guy on the Rickenbacker, and get that chick that was auditioning with Swan) — just kidding. They're a corn-liquor, fishing poles, and bare feet kind of REM. Or think Echo and the Bunnymen on mescal, sitting around a desert gas station picking on an old steel guitar. What I could hear of their lyrics was so interesting, I asked Tex or Sam (I know it wasn't Jack or TD) to send me some if they had ever written them down. They arrived on greasy fast-food wrappers from some BBQ house.

Leavin' Modesto
I forgot my dobro
It was sittin' with a six-pack by the door...
Santa Monica rises up
in my windshield
And the ocean, baby's,
so wide
It won't yield...to no
horizon line

They also sent me liner notes

(or "Modesto Manifesto") for their new CD, *The History of Driveways*. Here's part of it: "Tex and Sam had writ some great and simple songs in the sand and learnt 'em before the hot low winds could blow 'em away. They premiered as the duet, Thumbdaddy, with soulful abandon, a biggish voice, and an unwieldy Ric hollowbody, in a San Diego pee-hole called the Tiki House, to thanks and claps on their backs and smiles a mile wide. Shrugging, the accidents were happy ones...."

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WHEN MARK E. QUARK TAKES OVER THE TURNTABLES

at the Flame on Monday nights, the outside world gets lost between the beats. Quark, house DJ during a venue club called G-Force, steps into the booth around 10 p.m., carrying his only instruments: two crates of records. He'll work the discs between three turntables, blending and overlapping the sounds with a small mixer. Standing to Quark's left, a guy bounces up and down to the beat, flipping horizontally mounted light switches that toggle strobes and multicolored lights. Quark rarely bothers to look out of the DJ booth at the dancers, purposely avoiding contact — for fear they might break his focus on the electronic pulses he's laying down.

Quark has a hard time describing the music that he plays. The best description he can find is "somewhere between house music and disco."

"There are so many [styles] that I wouldn't be able to tell you what it is," Quark says. "For the moment, what I like in my music is a good beat, a really funky-ass beat. I like my beats to be funky and have a big, strong bass line. I once asked a friend what kind of music I played, and he said, 'You play house music, but it's got sprinkles on top.' It's really like drugged-out disco."

"When I go on I never try to hit people hard in the face with powerful music. Basically, I'll have a few songs in mind that I really want to play. I'll use all my other records to build up to those songs. So those will be different peaks in my set."

In addition to his weekly stint at the Flame, Quark also spins vinyl three or four times a month at underground parties; occasionally he is flown to other cities to deejay. Performing in the 2–6 a.m. slot, Quark has made a name for himself as a "sunrise DJ."

"I kind of got that through the first Narnia party, which I think was the summer of '92," he says. "I guess I played a really good set at dawn. From there, everybody wanted me to spin in the morning, which has been great, because for me, that's the best time to spin. At the same time, I always want to spin at peak hours, but there's not too much I can do about that. At that Narnia party, if I had played earlier in the morning, I would have played the same stuff. If I'm playing a lot earlier in the night, I

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tend to play more energetic stuff, whereas in the morning, it's a little bit more laid-back and mellow, a little bit trippy."

"[The moniker] 'sunrise DJ,' as much as I hate to admit it, can be a blessing or a curse. My music seems to be more appropriate for that time of day. Unfortunately, sometimes I can't stay awake long enough. I'll be tired, then someone will say, 'Okay, you're going on.'"

Away from his turntables, Quark becomes a modest 25-year-old. He seems more at ease in the back of the club than at the center of attention. He squirms at the mention of his name drawing people into clubs and feels uncomfortable being approached after performing.

"When people compliment me, it puts me in a weird position. Before I started doing this, I was pretty much the antisocial kid. I didn't go out very much. I was into my own

thing. My life totally turned around when I started deejaying. All of a sudden I have to talk to these people after I'm done playing. Everybody wants to talk to you; usually I want to go hide somewhere. I can't really go to clubs anymore and enjoy myself. I'll go occasionally, especially if there's talent from out of town. I'm always keen on seeing what they have to offer. Usually I'll go out for a drink somewhere if I go out. Or I'll hang out at a friend's house," he says.

"It's so funny, sometimes if you've done really well, people come up to you and say, 'That was so amazing.' They're so impressed that it's not justified — I didn't make the records. I would probably be able to accept more compliments if I had made the music I spin. I'd feel honest. I feel kind of guilty sometimes. In a way I'm doing what I want with the tracks that I'm playing, but at the same time, I wouldn't be anywhere with-

out the music."

Quark has been deejaying in clubs here since the late '80s, building up his name through the rise of San Diego's underground rave and dance-club scene. He started going to clubs for the music before he could drive, then learned the basics of his work by hanging around San Diego State's campus radio station, KCR.

"I used to have friends that worked at radio stations when I was in high school, through KSDT at UCSD and KCR at State," Quark said. "I was a little squirt back then, hanging out at the radio stations. There was a girl, Hollis [Queens, drummer for Jon Spencer's noisy NYC blues quartet Boss Hog]. I used to go to her show a lot. Pretty soon I started spinning records. Next thing I knew, I was doing substitute shows at KCR and I wasn't even schooling there. To me, radio wasn't very satisfying, especially at those stations; at the time they were very inaccessible. Cable radio and stuff. I had been going to clubs since I was 14. I was always pretty fascinated with the technique of mixing one record to another one, kind of like this mega-mix."

After getting his technique and style down, Quark mustered up the courage to ask to be house DJ at SOMA. This was in 1989, when the downtown dance club was in a warehouse on Union Street that occasionally featured bands playing in the basement.

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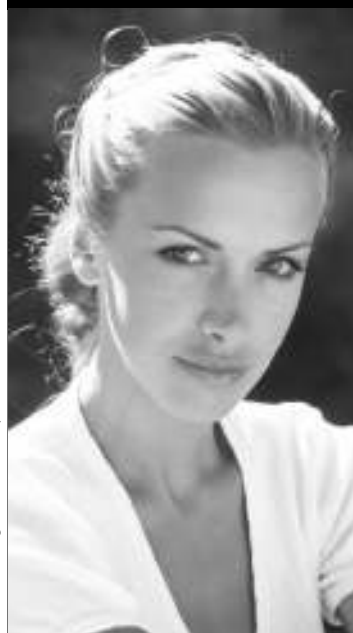


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"It was a night that didn't do too well, so I went up and asked the DJ. I had a pretty good-sized record collection, and I just wanted to play it to a bunch of people. He said, 'Sure, come on in.' The next thing I knew, I was the in-house DJ. At the time, I was spinning a mixture of styles between acid house, industrial, and disco.

"They ran clubs usually on Friday or Saturday. Through the two years I was there for one night or the other, bands were downstairs and I was upstairs. I was the only DJ, so I was deejaying five, six hours by myself, which I enjoyed."

After so long at his SOMA stint, Quark itched to do other things. He was living with friends in a warehouse on Tenth Avenue between G Street and Market. Looking for a way to cover their rent one month, they came up with the idea of throwing a party to raise the money. They dubbed the party, "Where's the House?" Quark would DJ and his roommates would

take care of sound, lighting, and decorating.

"For the party, I changed my name to Mr. E. Quark, because I didn't want Len [Paul, owner of SOMA] to know that was me. So that's where the Mr. E. came from. It was kind of a joke, and the Quark, that was for sev-

even the night before, but it could be a Wednesday night thing and he would say, 'If people are seeing you somewhere on a Wednesday night, we're gonna have less people come here to see you on a Saturday.' He's a businessman. I could understand his point of view, so

"Every cop is different. There have been cooperative police who come in and see what's going on, and they're, like, 'These kids are having fun, they're not bothering anybody.'"

eral reasons. Quark is a computer program on Macintosh. So I stuck with that." Quark started performing more frequently. "But Len found out.

"Len wanted his artists to be kind of exclusive, so to speak. I could understand it if I was doing something on the same night, or maybe

what I did was change my name. My name back then was Joy 23, which was kind of like a DJ hook that had stuck. I changed my name to Mr. E. Quark. This was at the time of the birth of the so-called rave scene, back in '90 or '91.

"It's probably one of the best things I've done.

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Insomnia Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

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Just because it was so fresh back then and so new. It was the first time I had seen 500 or 600 people, all in one room, just going nuts."

With his name change, Quark moved from SOMA, which was transforming into a live-music venue, to become an underground club DJ. The San Diego scene was exploding. Walk into any record store during this time, there would be stacks of cyber/psychedelic fliers announcing underground parties and clubs.

"I was already in there. There were other people starting to get inspired to throw parties, inspired by the rave scene over in England. A lot of people wanted to do the same thing. They'd see my name on a flyer, so it wasn't hard for me to get work," Quark says.

Of course, with the attention clubs and raves were receiving, it also wasn't hard for police to figure out where the supposedly secret events were taking place. With the success of the first "Where's the House?" Quark and his roommates decided

to have a second party. Looking back, Quark considers it one of his worst DJ experiences.

"The cops brought dogs and the whole deal. There were tons of cops and a lot of yellow jackets. It was pretty serious. We lived there. One of the cops came into the DJ booth, looked like a regular young kid. He flashed a badge. I was so freaked out I just walked right past him and out the door. There was alcohol being served. There was a full bar, and as far as I know that's against the law without any permits."

Cops didn't press the issue much further after closing the party down, but they were knocking on Quark's door a few days later to follow up their investigation.

Such shutdowns by police, harsh city permit laws, and explosive popularity created San Diego's current club scene.

"Like any scene," Quark says, "there's part of it that gets really commercial. You have people that don't want anything to do with that.

They want to stay underground. Like, when a band signs to a major label, they probably hear a lot of flack about selling out—it's pretty much the same thing. The idea of rave was to bring all types of cultures together, from all walks of life, to dance. It's been pretty interesting to see it evolve, because instead of bringing a lot of people together, it has segmented itself. There's a lot of little subcultures. You have your people who will go exclusively to hear house music or exclusively to hear techno music. It has really changed. I think that part of the scene died. It has more or less gone back underground. That has to do with licensing laws and permits. It has become way too difficult to throw something on a large scale. Usually if there's something, we're talking about a thousand people, they'll throw it on an Indian reservation.

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tried to work with them myself. I'm a DJ. That's about all I'll ever want to think about. From what I understand, you could have all the permits you want, they could still come in and shut you down if they wanted to — if they don't like your attitude and whatnot. It really depends on who you're dealing with. Every cop is different. There have been cooperative police who come in and see what's going on, and they're, like, "These kids are having fun, they're not bothering anybody, there's no one around. You can continue the party, but keep it down a little bit and make sure no one goes out." Other cops will just storm in and shut it down immediately."

Quark's ideal party, he says, would be at a "virgin" warehouse — one where no party has previously taken place — with 500 people. Excitement is built by the intimacy and uncertainty of a crowded, sweaty room where people are practically dancing on top of you. But when new locations can't be found, or permits haven't been issued, club fans hit their mainstays. The World-

beat Center, for example, has after-hours clubs on a regular basis. Romperoom goes off every Saturday from midnight to 6 a.m. To keep things fresh, promoters for regular events often change decorations and lighting, so a club isn't the way it was the week before.

The weekend of September 29 is a busy one for Quark. He is scheduled to perform at a party at midnight, then spin at a downtown warehouse from 4 to 6 a.m. Later that morning he is flying to Albuquerque to work.

Friday night is a bust. Quark arrives at the party, located at a private house



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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?


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in Encinitas, with two crates of records, each one weighing about 60 pounds. Maybe 200 people are hanging out in the back yard drinking, while a handful dance to a DJ in the rear garage. The party isn't the type where Quark would normally perform, he protests. "It wasn't anything that was related to the underground scene, other than the fact that there was a DJ in the garage," he says later. At 1 a.m., Quark is still waiting to go on. Four Encinitas sheriffs arrive to shut the party down, due to noise complaints from neighbors.

The warehouse location for the after-hours club is located somewhere between Kettner Boulevard and Pacific Highway, near the railroad tracks. Quark doesn't find out until after he arrives there that this party also has been shut down; the ware-



Mark E. Quark

house lacks proper emergency exits. The only thing happening downtown after-hours that night is at a bathhouse one block away on

Cedar Street that is pumping out disco tunes. Quark heads back home for three hours of sleep before his 10:30 a.m. flight to

Albuquerque.

We catch up after his return. "It was a pretty phenomenal experience. I spun at a club in downtown Albu-

querque with a pretty well-known DJ from New York. His name is 'Little' Louie Vega. I can honestly say he's the best DJ I've ever heard," Quark says.

The heavy schedule did take its toll. "I had a total of five hours' sleep over the weekend. It's not very fun. I got kind of moody. I didn't want to talk to anybody. I just wanted to go home. My crates [of records] are really heavy. If I'm staying in a hotel room, I gotta wake up, jump in the shower, haul my crates down, call a cab, and jump on a plane.

"I had a lot of bad experiences happen. [In Albuquerque] I and this other party were waiting for cabs. Since we were both going to the airport, we decided to split the fare. The cab driver said, 'No, you both got to pay separate fees.' I was already late and almost

missed my plane. I couldn't argue with him. When I got into San Diego and took a cab, the driver wouldn't help me with my stuff. He said, 'No, no, I might hurt my back.' Okay, fine. Then I told him I usually carry these things by myself. I had two crates. So he takes me home, drops me off, and he's touching my crate. I told him, 'If you want to help, you can.' He said, 'No,' then I told him that usually cab drivers help me out a little bit if they want a tip. He went into this whole thing about, 'It's not my job to help you with your bags. I'm just here to drive a cab, and I'm a minority and this is the only job I can get.' Look, I don't care. If you don't want to help me, I won't tip you. I don't want to hear about your life story.' He starts in, 'It's people like you...' Oh, God." ■

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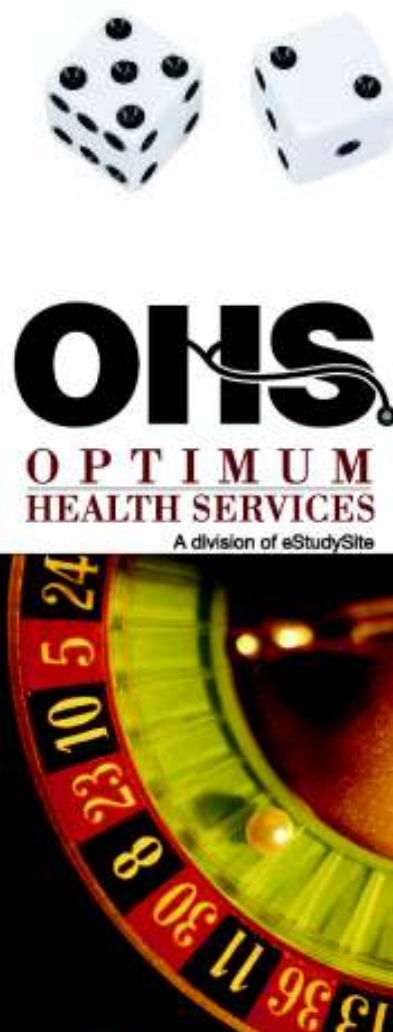
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I TOOK MY LAST DRINK OF ALCOHOL OVER FOUR YEARS AGO

Sometimes I forget just how long ago that was — the Challenger space shuttle explosion stands as an ominous marker in memory, a national tragedy illuminating the end of a personal catastrophe. Since putting down the bottle, I've been free to pursue a journey of the spirit — following a path of regeneration that would not have appeared had I not drunk self-destructively. I was spared through grace. The irony: I am grateful to be an alcoholic. Because in the past four and one-half years, I have finally discovered that which I've

always been longing for. In tenuous glimpses, in sudden moments of clarity, I've experienced that undeniable place in my heart where reason and belief intersect: the crucible of faith.

In her latest nonfiction book, *Practicalities* — an amalgam of candid reminiscence and imagination — the French novelist Marguerite Duras reflects on the subject of alcohol. She offers details about her fight to quit drinking; she speculates on the deadening power of the drug itself. Unashamedly, she declares: "I became an alcoholic as soon as I started to drink."

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Earlier this year, scientists claimed to have discovered the alcoholic gene. As Richard Wright explains in a

recent *New Republic* article, these scientists “looked at cells taken from 70 dead people, half alcoholics, and found that the alcoholics were markedly more likely to have the gene than nonalcoholics.” Wonderful. Science can warn of a predisposition to a life-threatening disease. The myth of willpower crumbles (“You just have a drinking problem; buck up and take a deep breath, and fight it!”). In recovery I have been relieved of the obsession to drink. This obsession was removed, quite honestly, by a power greater than me. Genetic restructuring or biological forewarning had nothing to do with it. I am convinced this most recent transformation in my life came about through

nothing short of grace.

When I was in the Army (led into service, no doubt, by an internal alcoholic compass), soldiers’ whining or even genuine calls for help were rebuffed with this chilling phrase: “Sounds like a personal problem.” The implied slap in the face was, plainly, “I don’t want to hear about it; keep it to yourself.” Alcoholism is certainly that — very personal — but the social conditions in this country that nurture any genetic warp for self-destruction seem to touch us all, alcoholic and nonalcoholic alike.

For instance, addicts are caught up with the need to control. For decades, I attempted to control every

aspect of my life — and I failed. Time and time again. Each failure drew me to the bottle for longer and deeper drafts. Question: Is this control problem also genetic? Is it possible to isolate the control gene? Or did my environment make a contribution? A further for instance: Quite rapidly, in very recent memory, American troops and aircraft and warships were deployed to the Persian Gulf, to Saudi Arabia, in response to Saddam Hussein’s Kuwaiti *anschluss*. Baghdad was out of control. Baghdad committed the despicable crime of replacing an unfavorable government with one more to its liking. Baghdad had to be controlled. Don’t mention a similar undertak-

ing in our own hemisphere some months ago; don’t recall American combat troops murdering Panamanian civilians; don’t remember the papal embassy in Panama City besieged by teenage warriors in camouflage, blasting David Bowie jams throughout the night in an attempt to wear down another out-of-control dictator, Manuel Noriega. This is not to suggest the butcher of Baghdad is not a despicable tyrant; it is to suggest that our options might have been broader and not limited to preparation for war.

What could all this be leading up to: alcoholism, militarism, addiction, and the spirit? Sounds like a personal problem. A backhanded

response: This country’s war on drugs is a joke. The question I wish I could answer: Why does America need such a massive quantity of drugs to begin with? A footnote closer to home: Why has San Diego County become the methamphetamine capital of the world? Apparently, our country has become a black hole of illicit need, sucking in cocaine through every orifice, by the unholy ton, bending and tweaking the laws of gravity, of supply and demand. Add plenty of other domestic drugs to keep things interesting, to maintain the buzz, to fuel the violence and the self-destruction. Something is rotten in River City. Intelligent answers seem unavailable or are

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unheeded. The genetics boys crack open more codes while we witness the Big Diversion: American troops in out-of-character desert camouflage standing tall along the Saudi-Iraqi border, while Dan Rather in dusted-off Afghanistan-vintage mufti cheers from the wings. Sadly, hopefully, I see no immediate solution to our massive personal problem. Outside of grace.

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The human heart never ceases to amaze me — all those intersections of motivation and confusion; emotion and logic; fear and domination. A novelist, if he does anything, serves as cartographer of this thorny region. In my capacity as map-maker, following my best instincts as novelist, I journeyed recently to a wild isle — an Assembly of God church on a balmy Sunday evening — to witness a crusading fundamentalist lecture on Satanism.

The house was fairly packed with all manner of good bedrock Christians. The church was new and clean; the stage, referred to as an altar, was functional — devoid of icons and art. A muted neon cross graced the back wall, in front of which stood a large choir and a small band of musicians (drums, piano, trumpet, tambourine). An enthusiastic young pastor led the congregation in an upbeat sing-along; the lyrics praised Jesus, while the music felt as cheery as the *Tonight Show* theme.

Between choruses this pastor paused to address the flock directly. Attired in a three-piece gray suit, all the while handling his microphone and long cord skillfully, the pastor told of bringing the evening's guest of honor to the church a few hours earlier. "I picked him up at the hotel," he said brightly, "and the desk clerk told me he couldn't wait to get off work so he could relax and top off his evening with a couple of beers." The implication was clear: the desk clerk was another lost soul. The pastor smiled broadly and shouted, "But we don't have to worry about that. After tonight, we won't go to bed with a hangover. Praise Jesus!"

Drinkers don't go to bed with a hangover. No matter.

Another implication presented itself, perhaps unbeknownst to both pastor and audience: that topping the evening off with alcohol, cer-

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tainly a negative and numbing indulgence, was undertaken in somewhat the same spirit as attending an evening worship—to receive a charge, a jolt, a rush: to escape from the cares and woes of another exhausting day in the world. This is how he couched the conceit, despite his obvious devotion and good intentions.

The songs continued: the tambourine jingled crisply; the pastor sustained the appropriate pitch of merriment and gratitude. From the balcony, a projectionist beamed lyrics onto a screen above the stage/altar. Another bearded pastor followed; the choir dispersed; the live music continued, and the microphone was passed deftly. The anti-

Satanist crusader would speak in a moment, but first his warm-up act would appear, a soloist—a gentle-looking young man, also in a three-piece suit, his skin pale and his hair combed in a modified pompadour. His uniform placed him from somewhere in the South—Mississippi, Texas, perhaps Louisiana—in marked contrast to the primarily casual dress of his audience. A prerecorded tape kicked in; slick upbeat music flowed through the loudspeakers; the soloist sang with feeling and skill—forcing close scrutiny, to determine if he was actually singing or merely mouthing the words.

The combination of song, movement, and projected

images was cleanly presented yet undeniably theatrical and not a little manipulative. However, there was nothing devious or condescending about the display; rather, the slickness of the staging seemed perfect, in context, like the opening moments of a televangelism program on cable TV, and something the flock would consider quite appropriate—tastefully contemporary yet rooted in the deep traditions of fundamentalist appeal.

The most compelling aspect, however, was the fact that this warm-up for the ensuing anti-Satanist passion play took place on a relatively barren stage; candles and podiums and ornate religious iconog-

raphy were replaced by a multimedia arrangement of songs, smiles, and succor, which in itself appeared as nothing short of ritual—the liturgy of the Hard Sell.

Everything I knew and felt about addiction and control—the dynamic of fear, followed by control, leading to inevitable failure, followed by more fear and further attempts at control—struck me at that moment with the same force that seemed to galvanize those around me into a flurry of excited hand-clapping and hosannas. I squirmed with discomfort.

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During my drinking days, I enjoyed extended trips to Mex-

ico—where liquor seemed to flow more naturally. Mexican bartenders didn't set their bar clocks ahead in order to hasten "Last call!" and closing time. Once I journeyed to the town of Tequila, in central Mexico not far from Guadalajara, and I thought I had found heaven—luscious green spikes of cactus serrated all the hills and valleys, each one pointing to any of hundreds of tiny, flashy liquor stores teeming wall-to-ceiling with white and yellow bottles. Or so it seemed.

I had built a barren altar to alcohol in my imagination, whether I wanted to admit it or not. And I lived out a bizarre multimedia performance piece, twisted by a fear of people, of love, of connection—while

simultaneously tormented by an unquenchable need to control the world around me, to force it to conform to my selfish wishes. Despite its miserableness, this is the small, circumscribed world of the alcoholic, the taut and restrictive realm wherein he enjoys his ironic comfort.

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Alcoholics love to run away. I ran into Mexico time and time again, searching for something truer and freer than the ossified life I knew in San Diego. I'll never forget — no matter how incomplete my memory from blackout gaps — one particular trip to San Felipe, on the shores of the Gulf of California and a day's

drive southeast from the Pacific Coast. Here, fear and control played themselves out once again, under the gracious eyes of a higher power no doubt, yet infinitely removed from squads of laboratory assistants reading the runes of human chromosomes and genetic ciphers.

Music flowed through the loudspeakers — this time from the in-dash stereo of my friend's pickup truck. Early in the morning, we stopped at a supermarket to load up on cases of beer. These supplies seemed more important than sleeping bags or food. As soon as we hit Interstate 8 east, with

the sun just over the horizon, we were on our second bottle each, and long before El Centro, a pool of empties lay at our feet.

At that period in my life, I was taking graduate English courses in the evening at SDSU while laboring as an alleged technical writer for a dental appliance manufacturer during the day. Majoring in English was always a fearful enterprise; one's future is never certain, and teaching seemed to be the ultimate goal, by default more than by design. And my day job was merely temporary — I was hired on to create some operating manuals required by the PDA (how the company operated without these manuals remains a mystery). Fear shivered through engineers and managers alike; the CEO was rumored to be an insatiable beer drinker; we staggered toward deadlines worrying about the eventual inspection by government agents. So the trip south to Mexico — through some of the most barren and forbidding landscapes I had ever seen — was not undertaken as a reward as much as it represented an opportunity to escape and avoid and elude.

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less ritual was acted out — punctuated by another tape in the stereo, another search through the cooler, another belch, another cigarette. The stage was set, the theater all too familiar. We were prisoners of traditions that extended much deeper than any lies we ever swapped about sexual prowess and appetite.

As reserved and shy as some alcoholics might seem, they nonetheless crave connection and affection more than anything. A quality of the self-destructive dynamic of this disease seems to be self-

flagellation before self-expression. In my case, a prison fear was created, within which I suffered in solitary confinement, despite any public face I might be hiding behind, despite any momentary excursions into braggadocio and boasting.

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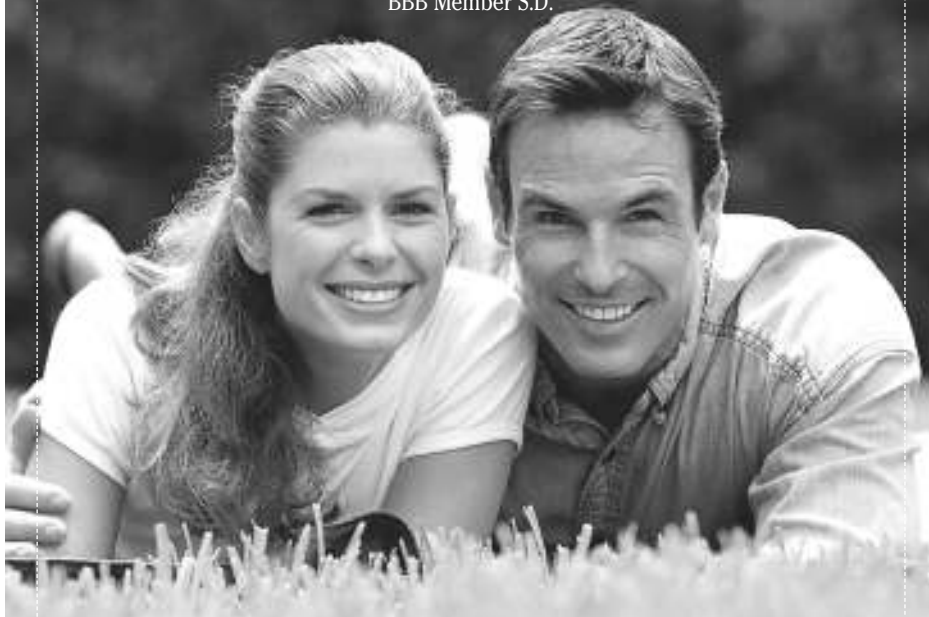
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and vulture talon. We pounded down beers like there was no tomorrow — or even a today. The road became a thin strip of asphalt, a tenuous thread traversing an eerie salt lake; we passed a tractor-trailer rig half-submerged in the briny muck, rusted and abandoned, the only sign of a human presence aside from the road itself. Each swallow of tepid alcohol tasted of metal and mud; each rasping sip brought the possibility of death that much closer. These thoughts could not be expressed. Instead, silence inside the cab of the truck was punctuated by the rhythmic opening of the cooler, the extraction of another brown bottle, the twist and zip of the cap wrenched free. No words. Trapped inside. Let's get out of here.

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A succession of about a dozen beachfront campgrounds lies outside San Felipe proper. Unseen from the highway, each camp — to include one called El Paraiso (Paradise); every place in Mexico catering to tourists seems to have an El Paraiso — is introduced

by huge billboards boasting of facilities and pleasures. We found ours and hastily set up a temporary home, which entailed nothing more than staking out a plot of sand surrounded by RVs and trucks by tossing down a pile of sleeping bags and rucksacks. This is ours; don't sleep here. Then we lurched into town to find a suitable bar. Not a restaurant, despite the fact that we hadn't eaten anything at all the entire day. But a bar. And I wouldn't see that camp or my friend again for over 24 hours.

What follows is blurred and sad, in memory. An alcoholic wages a fierce battle while confined in his self-made prison of fear. Each drink represents the possibility of extinguishing that continual terrified feeling that the alcoholic many times accepts as natural and necessary. He knows no other way to live. Yet something inside, some tentative glimmer of hope — the germ of faith and deliverance — fuels the battle. The irony is grotesque. While drinking, the alcoholic cannot win. He fights and thrashes and suffers ter-

ribly, crushed within a vise driven by a deadly force: that which was once a will to live — in the absent freshness of his youth — now is transformed, following years of relentless drinking, into a bruising, imploded violence. He is overwhelmed by corrupted emotions, compounded by a crushing need for release. Yet at this stage, his attempts toward freedom are nothing less than devastating. Liquor is seen as a liberating agent; in reality, it hastens his demise.

In the bar — a crowded disco at the end of San Felipe's main drag, not far from a fleet of grounded fishing boats awaiting repairs or the next high tide — we elbowed our way inside, ordered more drinks, and began our search. Cross-purposes confounded our efforts. On the one hand, we were men on the hunt, in competition; on the other, the hunt masked a more genuine need for love. Plain and simple.

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As drunk as I was that evening, I was still standing, despite having consumed beer at a near-nonstop pace since sunup. My twisted alcoholic thinking, fed by pernicious cultural myths, accepted this unlimited capacity for booze — the hollow-leg syndrome — as a badge of manhood. Now,

today, in light of having made the decision to get sober, I find this former condition of mine quite absurd and somewhat comic — but only because I survived. And the fact that I survived — the reality of having lived through dozens of San Felipes and Tijuanas and Mazatlans and Ensenadas — allows me to say with conviction, especially when I pass a slumbering drunk on the street or read about a hit-and-run murder or watch friends still suffering, “There but for grace go I.” Which genetic marker determined that I would drink furiously for 13 years yet be spared from an early death, an asylum, a prison term?

My cells spasming from alcohol overload, I lost my friend in the disco. Stumbling (I assume), I slipped outside, intent on finding a more suitable drinking establishment — something quieter, cozier, more Mexican. Ah, yes. In my wayward quest, guided (I know) by a yearning for society, for intimacy, I waddled from saloon to saloon, swilling my way (what a man!) to a tiny deserted dive — El Perro Negro (The Black Dog). The hound

of heaven. Surprisingly, memory at this point is quite clear: a Mexican couple huddled in a booth in the back; the center of the joint was a bare concrete slab; the bar was ringed by empty stools. I sauntered up and ordered yet another beer. End of recollection, Black-out. What happened after that is anybody's guess.

The following day, I woke up flat on my belly, hugging a pile of dirt at three in the afternoon. Never in my life had I felt that sick; raising my head was impossible; the throbbing was murderous. Paralyzed, I peeked from side to side and discovered myself lying in a dumping ground just off the business district. Amazingly, my wallet was still inside my back pocket. I was encircled by little mounds of dirt; wisps of white toilet paper fluttered in the stale breeze atop each one. The rusted husk of an old refrigerator lay close by, under a crooked tree. Across an empty field rose small hills, near the road into town, topped by a ramshackle crucifix. More than anything, I wanted to be dead.

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onto the road north. Past remote homes, I trooped along, rehearsing possible excuses for my friend. Scrawny guard dogs (more hounds!) raced to meet me, yapping in chorus from a safe distance; the bravest ones nipped at my boots, pursuing me tenaciously until I had drifted far enough away.

At the campground, my friend had already settled himself in and was drinking beers and telling jokes around a community bonfire. I told him this story: After leaving the disco, I found a great, homey bar, El Perro Negro, and there I met a wonderful Mexican

couple. After a few rounds, they took me home, fed me, gave me a place to sleep, talked politics, fed me again, shook my hand, commiserated about this and that and everything in between, and invited me back some other time. I don't know if he believed me or not, and I was too stupefied to care. One thing was certain; I wasn't going to tell him the truth. The alcoholic's credo.

I did accept another beer, and it wasn't long before I was pounding them down. Again. And the night didn't end before a trio of renegade bikers rolled up, loaded and disoriented. They descended, parked their hogs, and stumbled through the fire pit right toward me. Or so it seemed. The leader turned out to be a long-lost friend of mine from high school who had quit the Hell's Angels to lead his own gang of motorized misfits. What a coincidence (Chesterton called coincidences "spiritual puns"). What a sign. What an emphatic affirmation of my closeness to death. Needless to say, the party broke up shortly thereafter. And I kept drinking for another five years.

I tell this story without shame — perhaps against my

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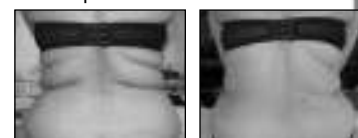
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better judgment — yet with no small amount of gratitude. Because the person who endured that anguish, for all intents and purposes, is gone — a previous incarnation at best. Thankfully, the memory remains. Therein lies the value — as a touchstone, an emblem, a confirmation of grace. The story about the Mexican family — embodying the alcoholic's longing for succor, comfort, connection — was not a lie as much as it was a desperate need expressed as fantasy, a most crucial form of wish fulfillment. A cry for liberation.

As I recall that experience with my friend, reliving our passage southward on a tide of cheap beer and Mexican promises — myself disabled by a double-stranded lash of fear and control — I'm doubly struck by the memory of last week's fundamentalist preacher, the anti-Satanist crusader. In the course of his lecture, he verily taunted his audience — calling into question their faith and the quality of their spiritual lives. He remarked, on the heels of a particularly graphic description of the circumstances of a teenage suicide: "Some of you are just playing church. And Jesus knows which of you are sincere and which of you are not."

In our shrinking world, we're cursed with Great Satans and Evil Empires. Dubious rhetoric is too often taken seriously by those who reject the bumper-sticker wisdom, "Question Authority." Sadly, one man's vision of the Fiend incarnate is another man's vision of truth, justice, or democracy. Addicted to Oil. I Will Kill for Exxon.

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tation to an evangelistic pizza blast on Friday night."

End of film. As I listened to this man speak, watching him shower the congregation with statistics and occasional inaccuracies (the McMartin preschool was not located in

Huntington Beach, for example), and as the crowd echoed his more colorful pronouncements with breathy "Amen"s, I nonetheless did not question his sincerity. He was preaching to the choir, and he could rest his argu-

ment on appeals to emotion (primarily fear, such as his descriptions of prior engagements, which included prominent Satanists in attendance; these anecdotes introduced peculiar notes of paranoia into his otherwise practiced and

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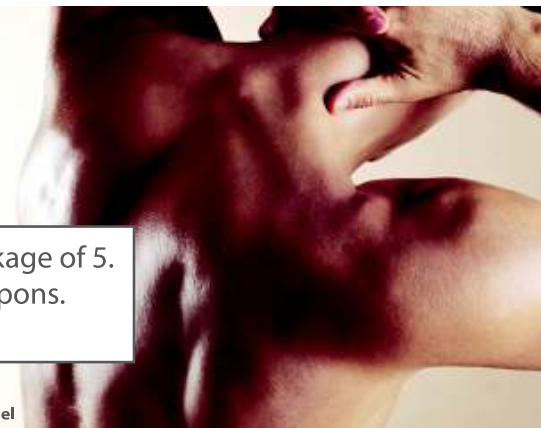
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tive call-and-response dialogue or the indisputable premise of us-versus-them salvation, I could appreciate the workings of an elaborate and collective closed system — not unlike the perilous closed system of addiction.

Certainly I don't seek to discredit this evangelist or his religion. In fact I admire his devotion, considering the falls some of his brethren have taken recently. What struck me first and foremost was this notion: As a recovering alcoholic, I often considered myself damaged or broken; I viewed my recovery as an attempt to mend and heal, and ultimately

as an attempt to reconcile with my society, my culture, my Southern California version of America. However, I am beginning to see that this society, in many important ways, is just as damaged and broken as any addict. If this is true, what happens to the idea of reconciliation? How does one aspire to wholeness in a fractured world?

Today I attended an exhibit of powerful art — installations, drawings, sculpture — all of which represented five years in the healing process of the artist, an adult child of alcoholic parents. One participatory section of

the exhibit included a large wooden cross resting on the floor, surrounded by a basket containing smaller flat wooden crosses, a pair of hammers, and a request: to write the name of a loved one who had died of alcoholism on one of the small crosses before nailing it to the large host cross. I did so, contributing the name of a grandfather who died more than ten years before I was born. The large wooden cross was covered over.

Microphone in hand, Jerry continues: "Satanists have a communication network as sophisticated as the FBI.... I compare the revelation of the widespread existence of Satanism to the disclosure nationally of the incest phenomenon 15 years ago.... In two weeks, I will be traveling to Germany to speak to the soldiers — because Satanism in Germany is at an all-time high.... By the way, we had 91 decisions for Christ this morning at College Avenue Baptist Church.... Next to the jambox was a letter that his mother gave me, addressed to the Prince of Heavy Metal, Ozzy Osbourne.... The Judas Priest album does not have backward masking only; it also

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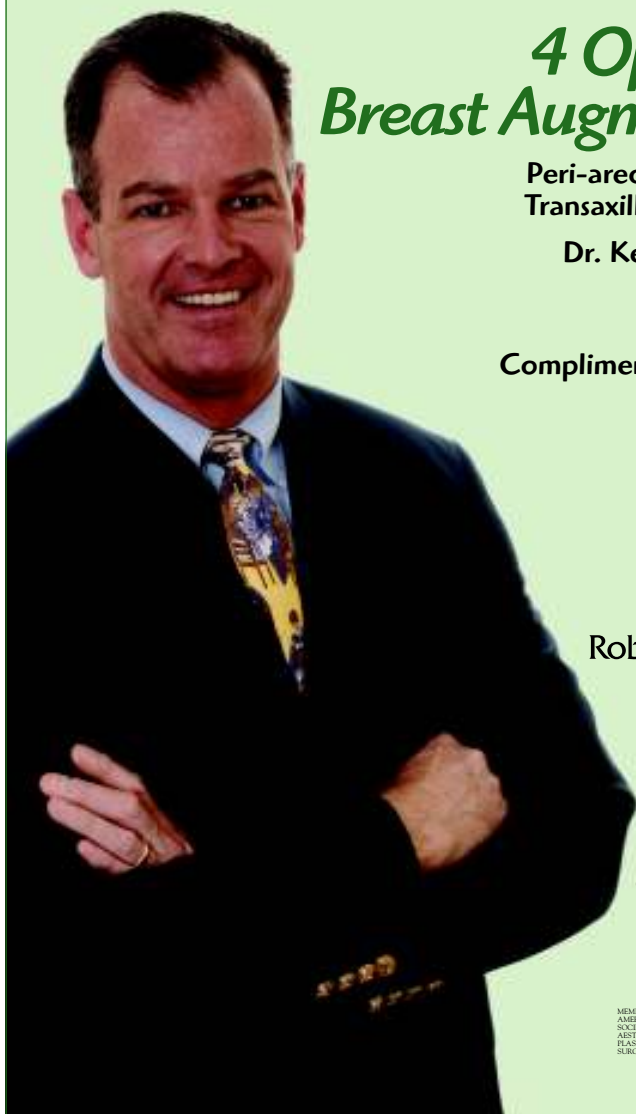


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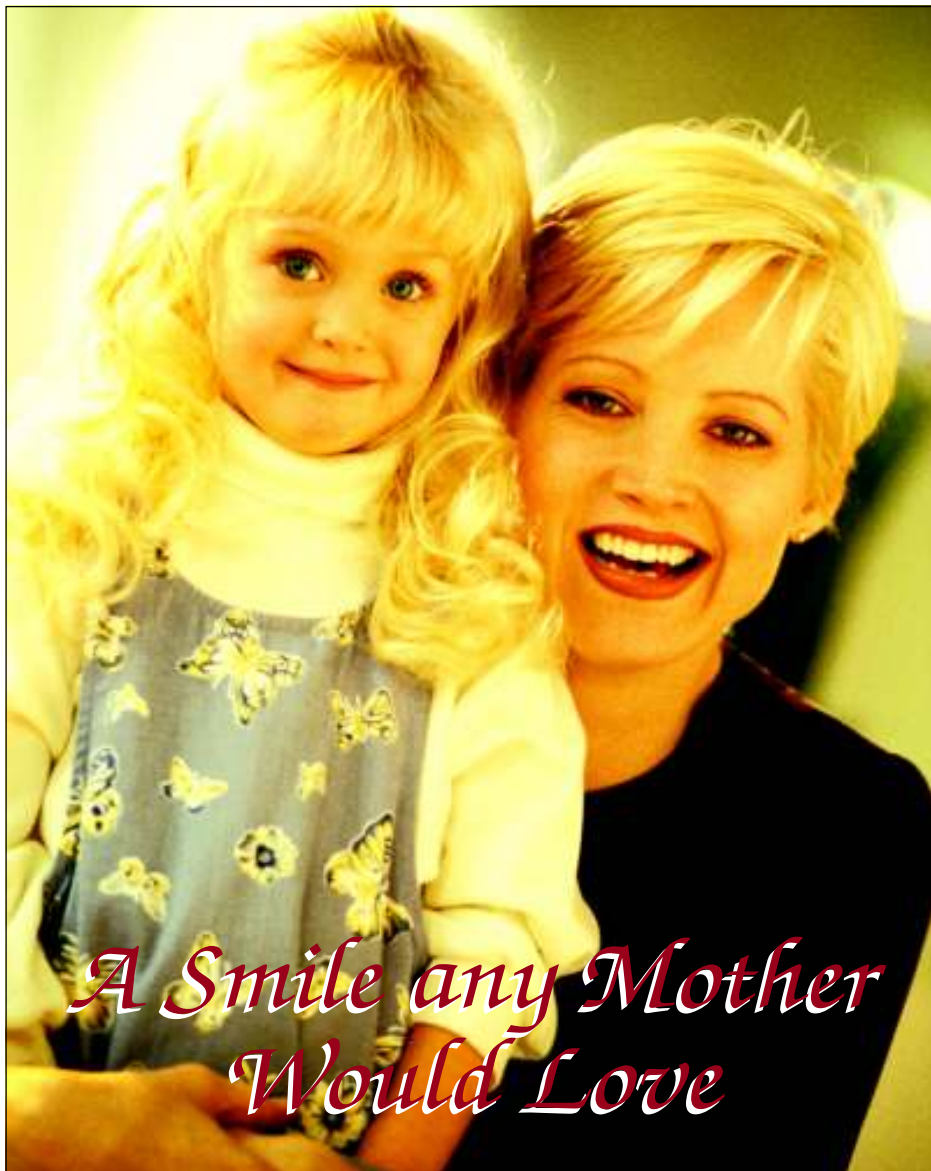
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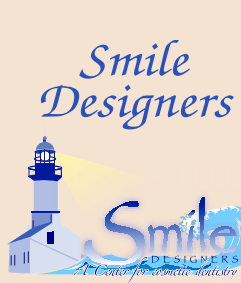
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In the grip of ruthless denial, an alcoholic will refuse to accept the fact that he might have a "drinking problem," even when he is lying face-down in a foreign refuse heap. His position is rigid; he is right and you are horribly wrong. As I left the church, slipping through the crowd that pooled around the table where Jerry signed autographs, I squirmed with discomfort. Again. As it has been said before, the spiritual life can be compared to walking a razor's edge. But by design, so hard-line and

absolute? That's where I came from. That's what kept me sick.

The irony: I have been given a new life, and in a fundamental way, I have been born again as well. I have seen too much death and half-death, and I have struggled to rise up from the grip of the non-living. Certainly I have had help, not the least of it from hundreds of souls like me who have tasted a piece of Hell. We all know where it is and what it's like—and now, amid grace, this new journey takes on an entirely different meaning. Life. Survival. And more. Serenity. Possibility. Strength. Re-

creation. As I write these words, I strive to celebrate, to ease free of shackles and restraints, to live a life of faith, to exorcise that demon I call fear. These words, the act of stringing them together, is proof, is witness, is testimony. However trendy in the eyes of skeptics, recovery is possible, recovery is reaffirmation, recovery is real. Re-creation.

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Pen in hand, Marguerite Duras continues: "No other human being, no woman, no poem or music, book, or painting can replace alcohol in its power to give man the illusion of real

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creation." How long I suffered under this crushing misconception. In struggling to realize writing aspirations, I swam in liquor, blindly believing I was cutting through all life's constrictions and inhibitions. I didn't need a teacher or a muse — I had alcohol. Strangely enough, the illusion of creation was so overwhelming that for years I was able to ignore the fact that I wasn't creating anything but trouble. Whatever I have written that could be considered successful or substantial was created when I was sober.

In his book *The Thirsty Muse: Alcohol and the American Writer*, Tom Dardis writes, "In the 20th century, the idea of the writer as drinker seems

to be a particularly American one: no such line of thinking prevailed among European or English writers, suggesting that on the subject of alcohol we are a nation apart." When I teach literature to community college students, a frequent complaint arises after we study authors such as Poe or Hemingway or poets such as Richard Hugo, Hart Crane, or James Wright: "Are all writers drunks? Why do we have to study these crazy people anyway?" I've never come up with a suitable answer, something that would reaffirm my conviction and faith in literature and sustain this faith for my doubting students (I once had a student, a science major, possessed by a seething rage,

who violently declared D.H. Lawrence's prose to be no more worthy or stimulating than Karen Carpenter's song lyrics; what was *he* afraid of?). Yet their questions and complaints presuppose a certain understanding about American society — that it is fundamentally okay and that these crazy writers are aberrant and dysfunctional. Bad genes, maybe. Never is this possibility entertained: that the society itself is flawed and that these artists were destroyed — sooner or later — largely through misguided or misapplied attempts at deliverance through creativity. I write, therefore I drink. Or for much of my life: I want to be a writer, therefore I will uncontrollably. Only the engine of fear

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drives a man to such excesses. Now that much of this fear is dissolving, I'm able to look around me and see how deeply this same fear surges through others — individuals and institutions. I've worked in colleges where administrative policy is partially based on fear of the lawsuit. Measures are taken to implement curriculum plans that will head off possible (feared!) student-initiated litigation. Certainly these districts are obsessed with the bottom line at the expense of the student mind — and watch them all tremble as the state coughs up another slashed budget. Still shaking, administrators reward and perpetuate mediocrity, terrified of risk and innovation.

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A wise man once related to me this allegory: A cagey old lion was approaching the twilight of his life. Each day, it became apparent that he couldn't capture prey with the speed and skill of his youth. So he retired to a comfortable cave to live out his last days, but not before sending notice throughout the land that all animals should come by and pay their last respects. One by one, rabbits and squirrels and such would approach his cave with trepidation. The lion would feign a hearing problem, luring them closer. When they got too close, he would snatch them up and swallow them

whole. One day a wise fox stopped by. The lion implored him to come closer. The fox replied, "Sir, I would, but I notice hundreds of tracks leading into your cave. None, however, lead back out."

In my role as teacher, I have for years considered the primary saving grace to be my students. My first obligation has been to them, and I focus my efforts on providing education. Simple. What else should a teacher do? For some time, though, I have noticed the tracks of many teachers leading into the campus, but very few lead back out. I teach creative writing, and the more of these particular classes I teach, the more I feel like a squirrel or a rabbit.

The upside: This class represents an opportunity for students to use their imaginations, to cultivate a respect for the power of language, to explore the possibilities that words can trigger. In my wildest idealistic moments, I see creative writing as a colorful oasis in the midst of an otherwise fill-in-the-blank and multiple-choice academic world, where the Scan-Tron sheet and the almighty empty grade become the be-all and end-all of instruction. I also see creative writing as a refuge from the controlling English teachers who regard mechanics and form as paramount, unable to appreciate the flesh-and-blood dimension of their students' writing. These teach-

ers, who use fear to maintain order, have a tendency to make students feel like scum as they batter them with grammatical baseball bats and five-paragraph lead pipes. (A dyslexic student of mine recounted a painful episode during which her carefully wrought yet incorrect prose was read out loud by her teacher to the class as an example of inexcusable writing.) These teachers often view students as The Enemy. Why? Fear: generated by a reluctance to admit their skill in the classroom falls within human levels. Good, compassionate teachers are consumed in the cave; or, they grow to resemble the numbing system they serve. Thus, too many of my students seem

uncertain and afraid.

The downside: Years of being restricted and controlled and psychically bludgeoned in public school have taken their toll on many students by the time they reach community college. How often have I begun a new class, trusting the Socratic Method, only to discover that my students have collectively trained me to answer my own questions by the end of the second week? Why? Because they are afraid. So in my little oasis of creativity, upon assigning a wide-open writing exercise — something challenging, something demanding thought and imagination — with unfortunate frequency I hear this student refrain: "This is too hard. I

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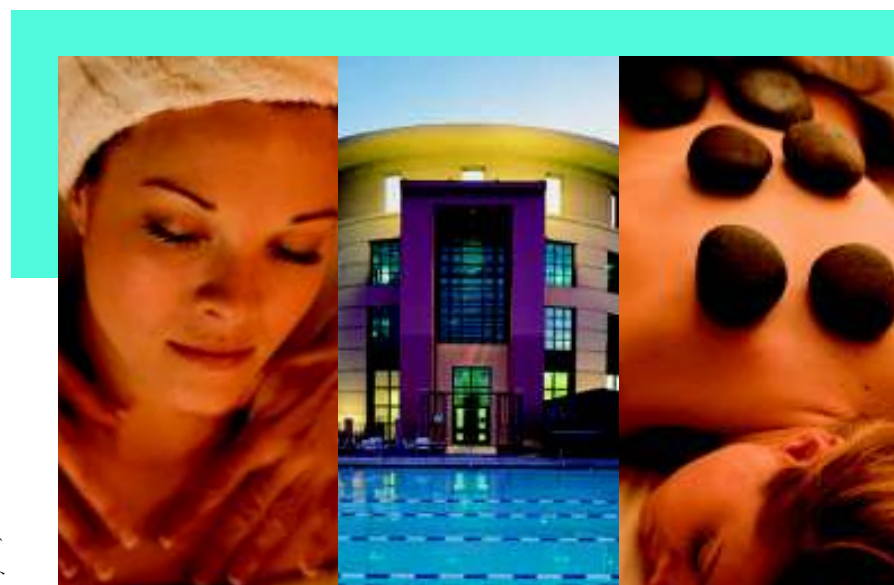
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never had an assignment like this before. I can't do it." The implied whine: there are no blanks to fill in, no multiple guesses to make. Quashing Is Job One. I Will Bite the Hand that Feeds Me.

In the face of such difficulties, I sometimes revert to

the tools of the trade — falling prey to the unforgiving system that crackles and slithers all around the classroom — and I issue commands to my students who sit trapped within constrictive plastic chairs. It goes something like this: "You will write 16,000 words this

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writing is not easy, your instructor is not a magician, you will suffer and strain if you're doing it right.... When I begin talking specifically about creative writing, I ask unless it's an emergency for you to move as little as possible. Once, when discussing the fine points of

plot, this podium exploded, sending splinters flying, and not one student blinked!... Read this story by Hemingway, the Prince of Modernism, and analyze it for the presence of *symbolic subliminals*, which up until this time have never been discussed on a national

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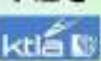
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I explain to them once in a while, as I take roll with meticulous regularity, something that must sound like this: "Creative writing would

be different if you were taking this class with the absolute desire of a drowning man gasping for breath. It would be more fun. It would be important. You would learn and you would discover. But no one really wants this to happen. Instead, there are three units at stake here, which fake precedence above all else. We are responsible to strict state guidelines. Even though the center will not hold, we must do this, and we must do that. Grades must be both means and ends.

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This I hate. And I strain for answers, for causes, for reasons and rhymes. This system is cunning, baffling, and powerful. Solutions are not forthcoming. The cave grows darker, and I lose sight of my role, my purpose — as the susurrous torch of literacy flickers grimly. Those who cannot do, teach. Quisling Is Job One. I Will Not Write for the Sake of Writing.

The critical idea, then, is this: Once the alcohol is gone, how is "real creation" realized? More critically: How is "real creation" engendered in a classroom, in line with the current educational system, without resorting to control? And above and beyond yet oh so all-important: How do recovery and grace figure into this equation? Truly, this is the story of my life, as yet unfinished. Now, to spell it out more clearly and tip my hand completely: If my experience and observations, however personal and unique, are nonetheless universal in the sense that, shall we say, my classroom is a microcosm of societal dysfunction in general, I want to know, how do we lose this grip of fear and control? As any recovering soul

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soon discovers, to change the world before changing one's self is folly. The answer must be in there someplace.

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In the beginning, we are told, there was the Word. And the Word, they go on to say, was God. Creation. Creative writing. Re-creation. In a dozen different ways, I remind my students that writing — if it is creative — is essentially an act of discovery. One does not know, completely, what one is going to write about until one sits down to write. We use language to uncover what it is we truly want to say. In the West, we've been conditioned to think of creation as producing something brand new. But I prefer the Eastern way of looking at creation. Great thinkers and philosophers in India, for example, have likened the process to uncovering a primeval path in a jungle as opposed to hacking out an entirely new course. In this sense, creation becomes rediscovery. Recovery, then, for me, is rediscovering who I really am. That is "real creation." The act of writing amounts to noth-

ing less than a search for our ancient path, using words to chop through tangles of creepers and vines. How do you teach that in an English class? And, if indeed an entire nation stands in need of recovery, what then?


In *The Thirsty Muse*, Tom Dardis asks, "If alcoholism does have a genetic factor, why haven't European writers been victimized to the same degree as the Americans?" (In a dissatisfied review of *The Thirsty Muse* in the *London Times Literary Supplement*, Jay McInerney adds an interesting corollary: "Meanwhile, how come British rock and rollers, including notorious substance abusers such as Keith Richards and Eric Clapton, have such admirable longevity compared to American counterparts such as Hendrix, Joplin, and Jim Morrison?") Writing in *The Atlantic Monthly*, Stanton Peele attacks the genetic theory of alcoholism and concludes:

Addictive drinking is one of a range of dependencies that people may acquire in attempting artificially to regulate their sense of themselves and

their world. Some people become compulsively enmeshed in destructive drinking as they pursue sensations that they are progressively less able to attain through any other means. And yet we cannot take the power and the seeming inevitability of this self-destructiveness for proof that it is written in the genes.

For an American writer, particularly a recovering alcoholic American writer, creative life revolves around the notion of regulation versus recovery. The drinker plays a wicked game of managing, combating, and drowning his feelings in the name of regulating his life. This is control at its worst. The result is too often death or insanity; the condition is classic denial, grounded in fear. In recovery, however, one is free to uncover his sense of identity, not remanufacture one from useless macho American models — embarking on a journey of true self-understanding that ultimately must lead to a clearer understanding of the world.


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However, at this moment, my recovery cannot be sepa-

rated from my creative life, which cannot be separated from the divine. As I look over the history of my struggle with alcoholism, first and foremost I acknowledge the existence of a higher power, which for too long I shut out and rejected and which all the while — despite my protests and denials — was always there. Another irony: in the most accelerated and violent period of my drinking, when I hammered down liquor at a furious pace, momentarily con-

demned to slaking an unquenchable thirst, I was even then yearning for something spiritual. In a letter to a recovering alcoholic, Dr. Carl Jung succinctly brought this situation into focus: "You see, 'alcohol' in Latin is *spiritus*, and you use the same word for the highest religious experience as well as the most depraving poison. The helpful formula therefore is: *spiritus contra spiritum*." In other words, there's a big difference between wine and the divine.

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LETTERS

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known people who consider themselves a certain religion but don't agree with all of the dogma their church teaches.

Respecting diversity and living in harmony does not mean only respecting people with whom you have similar beliefs. It may be harder to respect people who are different, but I believe it is well worth the effort. In this country other people's beliefs (or race or sexual orientation for that matter) have no bearing on my life. I assume that most people I meet are respectful and tolerant. In return, I treat people with respect and tolerance until their behavior tells me otherwise. I enjoy learning about other cultures and beliefs from individuals rather than from the media. Associating with people who have a different belief system is not only a practice in tolerance but a learning opportunity. The best way to practice tolerance is to associate with people who are different from yourself. Perhaps 9/11 would never have happened

if we were all a little more tolerant of each other.

Denise Arneson
via e-mail

One Negative, Vaucous Statement

I thought Geoff Bouvier's April 20 article ("Sax") on saxmen Charles McPherson and Joe Marillo captured a good deal of the essence of the love affair players have with this wonderfully temperamental instrument. Few musicians have to deal with and develop through the vagaries of technique, equipment, and ultimately the expressive issues that sax players do. Mr. Bouvier's well-written article communicated well in an interesting and informative manner the highs and lows that the journey presents. However, he makes one rather negative, vacuous statement that I feel the need to confront and address from an experiential point of view once and for all because it is an all-too-common refrain perpetuated by many straight-ahead jazz lovers and players. I am referring to his "bad sax isn't better than no sax" line, culminating in describing Kenny G-type music as "cheesy" and "replac[ing] vo-

cal lines" with instrumental melodic ones, diluting the instrument's incredible pedigree.

I am a dedicated local amateur sax player who happens to be good friends with and studying with a world-class artist whom I won't name so that my letter may stand completely on its own merit. I will say, however, that I have had for several years the benefit of his insights into the nuances of the *entire* world of music.

In the first place, as Mr. Bouvier states, the sax was originally designed to imitate the human voice, so how could it be an affront to its pedigree to play vocal lines!? Many artists have covered vocal tunes beautifully and expressively, Kirk Whalum coming to mind, for example.

Another point of interest is that Kenny G (for example) is the all-time best-selling instrumentalist for a reason — millions of people like to listen to his music, myself included! I think it is because all music has emotional associations — my way of putting it is that a song makes you feel like

dancing, romancing, relaxing, or reflecting. On the Kenny G point, I can tell you after jamming with my world-class sax teacher for years and having a personal front-row understanding of what great sax playing really is all about that Kenny G is an absolutely incredible player, one of those my teacher came to the defense of when Pat Metheny made his vicious, self-serving, and musically arrogant diatribe a few years ago in a jazz publication. By the way, my mentor is one of the most recognizable, sophisticated, and talented jazz musicians in the world. He has often told me that everyone's music is an expression of themselves and should be respected as such.

I feel strongly that empathetic but negative statements such as Mr. Bouvier's regarding "soft jazz" are based in the indisputable fact that most jazz players in general are not great commercial successes and their financial frustration spills out in these kind of comments. The main reason for this limited commercial appeal is also indis-

putable — most people, myself included, do not really enjoy just listening to straight-ahead jazz for an extended period of time. Most people are not musically sophisticated enough to even understand what is being played and therefore have no emotional association with it. This is typified by the fact that often the good part of an audience at a straight-ahead concert is usually other jazz musicians! I feel an analytical reason for this is that becoming an advanced musician involves so many thousands of hours of sheer repetitions that the more commercially desirable formats of music are simply not very technically challenging. However, I think that playing *any* song with personal, individual expression is *always* interesting.

Thanks for the many excellent articles in the *Reader* and for letting me express my point of view. I feel much better now!

Mike Whisler
Encinitas

Like To Punch Retard

I'm calling in regard to a section printed in the

April 20 issue that's written by Ollie in "Bar Crawl" ("Den of Zombies," Pop Music). I don't know why you'd print anything written by this retard. It's a total piece of crap, as far as I'm concerned. I'd like to meet the guy someday so I could punch him in his mouth.

Name Withheld

Great, But Who? Where? What?

I just read the story called "High Flyers" (March 16), about a trapeze school in San Diego — Escondido to be exact — and it was a wonderful article, but it didn't have quite enough information. I did talk to David Ayers from the school, and I think it would be very nice if in the future you get your people to include the information it took me a while to accumulate, such as where they're located and what their phone number is, so that people who are interested in these type of things can contact them.

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Bringing a picture of your dog and saying, 'This is my family dog,' is not much of a story," says San Diego Public Library representative Lynn Whitehouse. "But if you bring a picture of your family dog and then talk about the day you found him at the shelter, that would be different. We don't want someone coming in and just bringing artifacts — they really need to tell a story."

Through June 30 (on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays), the San Diego Public Library, with the help of Media Arts Center of San Diego, will conduct individual recording sessions of a participant's account of a period or event in local history with the use of its new

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Digital Community Storytelling Station.

When the project began on April 3, Whitehouse explains, it took three to six hours to record and edit what would become the final five-minute-long video. "Now we have a template, and stories should take only an hour to record," she says.

The first step on the template is to select a story setting: "Choose a local place within San Diego County, but not inside your house." This instruction is followed by questions regarding sights, smells, and the significance of the location to the story.

People should write their stories prior to visiting the station, which is located in the downtown Central Library. Visits are by appointment only, and each storyteller will have the assistance of a Media Arts representative.

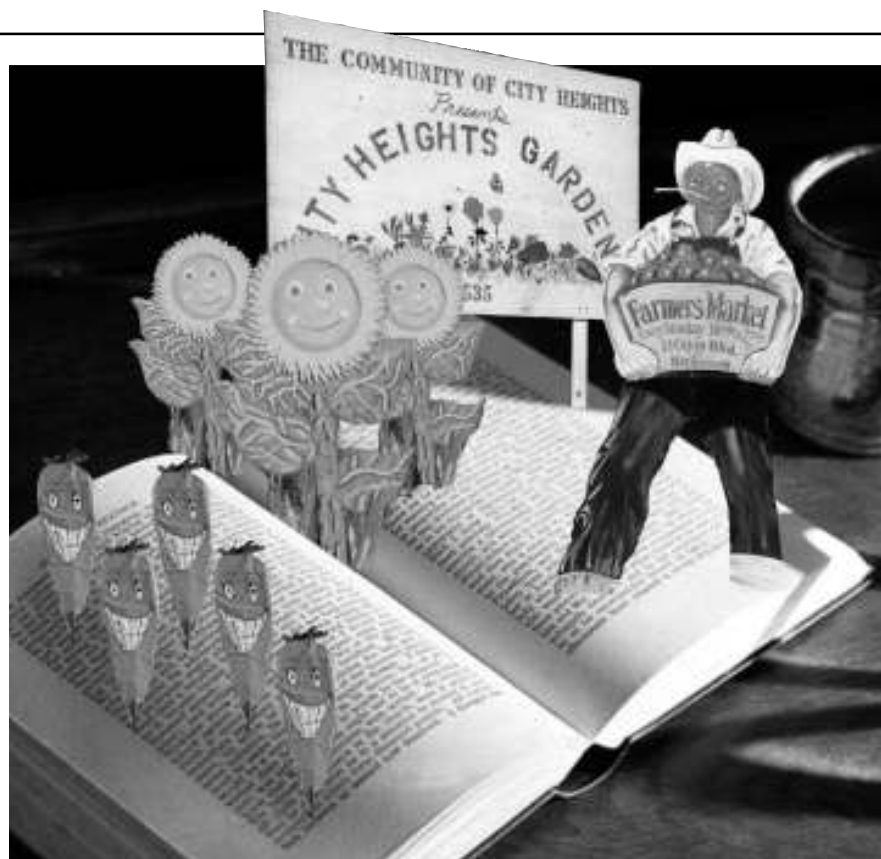
To add emotional and visual ambiance to their short videos, storytellers are asked to bring a "CD with music to help reinforce the mood and message" and any photographs that might help to illustrate their stories (photographs are preferably digital and on a CD). Each person who records a story can take the final version home if he or she brings a blank CD or DVD on which to record it.

"The hardest thing for me was to have an awareness of myself as a speaker," says Anna Daniels. "I am completely unconscious in my day-to-day life of my voice, and I was absolutely horrified at how my voice sounds." Daniels told a story about a community garden that once existed in City Heights.

Daniels begins her story with a quote from an article written by Karen Kucher, a staff writer for the *Union-Tribune*, in 1995: "For five years a swath of land in the concrete-filled community of City Heights blossomed with tall stalks of corn, yellow mustard plants, and plum tomatoes. Blighted land cleared for a freeway bloomed into an oasis, a teeming 1.5 acre community garden where 120 families tilled the soil and enjoyed bountiful harvests."

As the slideshow plays, Daniels shares details of her experience volunteering in the garden with fellow community members who were originally from Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Mexico, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Philippines. "Woven through [the garden] is California," she says. "The only language we all share is the green eloquence arising from the mute throat of a seed."

Volunteers in the garden communi-



cated to each other through their children, most of whom spoke English. "My involvement in the garden was the most meaningful thing I've ever done in my life. It lasted five years." According to Daniels, five years is the average lifespan of most community gardens in the United States. "They exist until a higher use is found for the land, and in the U.S. it could be a parking lot or a freeway, but it always means concrete."

The City Heights Community Garden generated \$60,000 worth of food each year for local residents. In the end, it was paved over with the construction of Interstate 15.

Stories will eventually be viewable on the Media Arts Center's website. So far only three stories (a man's account of growing up in Tierrasanta in the 1970s, a man in his thirties describing the recent founding of City Works Press, and Daniels's recollection of the City Heights Garden) have been completed using the new station, which was implemented with the help of a \$10,000 California State Library grant.

Daniels's story begins with the inception of the City Heights Garden and ends with a description of its final harvest. After the last photo appears on the screen, depicting the stretch of freeway that replaced the garden, the speaker's face is finally shown, and she says, "My name is Anna Grace Daniels, and this is how I remember it."

— Barbarella

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HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to **READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186**. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

Two-Piano Concert by Farizat Tchibirova and Raúl Herrera, Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$20, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

"Las Plegarias de mi Boca" signed and discussed by author Déé Pardo, Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Babasonicos in concert, Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$20 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

The Play Aventurera performed Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Auditorio Municipal (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$20-\$50. 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

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Frank Delgado in Concert, Saturday, May 13, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo

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Ginny Silva, Ricardo Ochoa and Rockin' Devils take stage on Saturday, May 13, 8 p.m., at Sótano de Rita (on Avenida Revolu-

ción between 3rd and 4th). 011-52-664-607-5163. (TIJUANA)

"Rumarosa's Round Rocks and Rock Art," adventure to La Rumarosa, famous for granitic boulders and walls and Kumeyaay rock art, Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Tour and tasting at Tecate Brewery. \$92 fee includes bus transportation, activities, meal, snacks. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (LA RUMAROSA)

X Pilots Freestyle Motocross, Saturday, May 13, 5 p.m., at Estadio Calimax. Tickets: \$5-\$60 U.S. 011-52-664-681-0694. (TIJUANA)

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

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OUTDOORS

“June Gloom,” the generally dreary, overcast, late-spring weather along San Diego’s coastline, typically begins in May and often intensifies in June. Occasionally, the low clouds will stick around for several days. This is usually triggered by a “Catalina eddy,” in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy conditions, San Diego’s inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

Wildflowers of San Diego County’s highest mountains are in bloom this month. Take a walk along any trail above 4500 feet in the Laguna, Cuyamaca, or Palomar Mountains and enjoy a palette of colors ranging from crimson red to indigo blue. Among the most common varieties are lupine (blue, occasionally yellow), wallflower (yellow), paintbrush (red), scarlet bugler (red), beard tongue (blue-purple), checker (lavender), woolly blue curls (violet), forget-me-not (white), wild hyacinth (purple), and yarrow (yellow and white).

Land Bird Migration is in full swing in San Diego County, with warblers and flycatchers among those most commonly seen. Warblers crawl along tree limbs and branches to dine on their favorite insects, while flycatchers, as the name suggests, catch their meals on the wing. Riparian areas such as the San Diego River through Mission Gorge and Marian Bear Park in San Clemente Canyon are favored by both birds and birdwatchers.

The Full Moon rises dramatically from the east horizon on Friday, May 12, at 7:35 p.m., almost at the same moment the sun sets. The moon will spend the entire night arcing from east to west across the sky and will finally set over the ocean near dawn on Saturday. Only during full phase does the moon truly “rule the night.”

“Moonbeams and Moon Dreams,” enjoy Mother’s Day full moonrise overnight at Font’s Point hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m. until Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m. Participants watch moonrise, take night hike, take night photos. \$30. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including May 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese

Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Birding Expert Claude Edwards plans guided bird walk, Saturday, May 13. Join group at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors’ center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Cute Chicks on the Beach! Learn about Western snowy

plovers and what you can do to help plover chicks on Silver Strand State Beach, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). Bring binoculars. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.–noon. Meet at corner of

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Get Out! Guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, May 13, 14, and 17, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park

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Visit Moonlight Beach, walk to Leucadia and back to Encinitas with NC Walkers, Saturday, May 13. Six-mile, moderate-plus walk starts at 9 a.m. on 3rd Street (at K Street). Free. 760-942-1396. (ENCINITAS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

trees, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

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

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, May 13, starting at 9 a.m. at Te-

colote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Hike up Volcan Mountain during docent-led five-mile round trip, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Free. Directions: 760-765-4098. Moderately difficult. (JULIAN)

Oceanside Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, May 13, starting at Oceanside Pier at 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including May 13, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Native Plants of Point Loma provide topic when James Lightner, author of *San Diego County Native Plants*, makes presentation, leads native plant walk along Bay-side Trail, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., Cabrillo National Monument (1800 Cabrillo Memorial

OUT & ABOUT

TRAGIC BALLET!

City Ballet of San Diego and Carmen, Friday-Sunday, May 12-14, Spreckels Theatre.

(SEE DANCE)



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Drive). \$5 per motor vehicle, \$3 on foot, bike. 619-557-5450. (CABRILLO POINT)

Where's Iron Mountain? Find out during strenuous hike led by Canyoneers, Sunday, May 14, 8 a.m. Steady uphill climb heads through "exceptional native vege-

tation"; at summit trail junction, choose to return (3 miles round trip) or continue to summit (6.5 miles round trip). Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (POWAY)

Whispering Sands and Marine Street Beach cleaned by Coastwalkers, Sunday, May 14, 9 a.m.,

starting at west end of Marine Street. Equipment provided; bring water. Free. 858-722-2115. (LA JOLLA)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, May 14,

8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. Rain cancels. (SAN CARLOS)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

DANCE

West Coast Swing and nightclub dance party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Thursdays, May 11 and 18, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ Jane Hance plays music for open dancing 8-10 p.m., dance lesson. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6 general, \$4 for full-time students; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)



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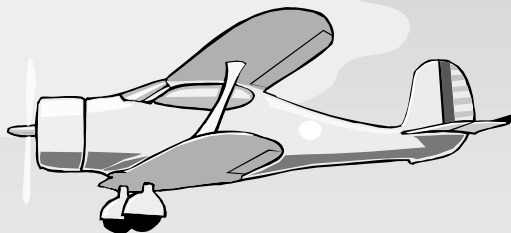
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Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 12, 13, 19, and 20; 7 p.m. on Sundays, May 14 and 21; 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$29.50–\$36.50. 619-239-8836 x100. (NORTH PARK)

Sushi's New-Wave Showcase runs May 12–14. Five short works include a physical theater piece based on images of René Magritte, a multimedia/live sound performance, a site-specific visual art and dance installation, and two contemporary dance pieces. Choreographers include Amanda Waal, Gregorio Coral, Moriah Evans and Evelyn Donnelly, Don Nichols, Jillian Chu.

Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Wagner Dance Building, Studio Theater No. 3. \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (LA JOLLA)

"Con Alma/With Soul" — Luna Flamenco performances with Luis Peña, Lakshmi Basile, Marysol Fuentes, José Tanaka, Juan de Valle on Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Tickets: \$25, \$30. 619-446-8642. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Faculty Dance Concerts, boasting original choreography in variety of styles, May 12–14, in

Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Polka, with Variations featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, May 12, 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)

Tragic Ballet! City Ballet of San Diego closes season with *Carmen* and *The Seasons*, May 13 and 14, at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Curtain rises at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. General admission: \$31, \$42. 858-272-8663. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance to calling by Steve Barlow, music by a community band, Saturday, May 13, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including May 13, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Una Noche de Flamenco hits Dana Middle School (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard), Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m. Choreography by Sara Olivar, performed by Flamenco Olivar students and company. \$20 general, \$15 for students, those under 12. 858-405-7264. (POINT LOMA)

Ballet Folklorico performed by Chula Vista High School and Sweetwater High School students, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., in Plaza del Pasado in Old Town State Historic Park. Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Mother's Day Bellydance Show, Saturday, May 13, 9 p.m., at Zorba's Greek Restaurant (100 Broadway). Live entertainment including international music, Greek folk dancing, bellydancing by Marianna, Carla, Stacey, Violeta. Included in dinner charge. Reservations: 619-422-8853. (CHULA VISTA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet Arnold calls on May 14. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Sunday Zapateado on May 14, 2 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan performs dances from different state of Mexico each month. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

Lindy Hop and Swing Classes — all levels — new sessions taught by Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance. Three-levels of classes run 6:30–9:30 p.m. (one hour each), Tuesdays, May 16, at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). \$60 for series, \$12 per class. (POINT LOMA)

The duo also presents swing-dance classes for all levels on Wednesdays, beginning May 17, 6–9 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$12 per class. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

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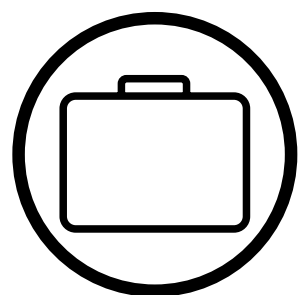
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Learn About the Slap, Finger Snaps, Finger Rolls, and pops when Raquy Danziger leads intermediate dumbek drum class, Monday, May 15, 6 p.m., WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$15. 760-703-1487. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mapping Species Distributions: Spatial Inference and Prediction" presented by San Diego State University biology professor Janet Franklin, when California Native Plant Society meets Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Franklin discusses an ecological framework to guide use of methods for biodiversity assessment and landscape management. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mozart in France" — 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 16, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$19. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Preparing for Mount Whitney is subject for clinics planned Tuesday, May 16, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020), and on Wednesday, May 17, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"We Were in Terezin: Three Former Inmates of Terezin (Theresienstadt)" share memories of how they arrived, how they survived, and how they were affected, Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Speakers are San Diego residents Eve Gershtle, Lilli Greenberg, Ruth Sachs. Free. Required reservations: 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

"Creating Digital Audio Visuals" demonstrated by Bill Harkins when Tri-City Computer Club gathers, Tuesday, May 16, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Suggested donation: \$5. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Fine Points of Fine Print," Grace Hollis Lowe Hanson and Schaeffer presents seminar, Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m., at Design Center (3601 Fifth Avenue). Common contract terms, potential problem areas. Free. 619-692-0800. (HILLCREST)

"Some Crazy San Diego Place Names — and How They Got That Way" explained by Leland Fetzer (*San Diego Place Names A to Z*) when SD/PEN Editors Network gathers on Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

Who Should Declare Bankruptcy? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, May 17, 6 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

"Vibrations from the Deep: Deciphering Earth's Surface" is subject when Ed Garner of Arizona State University speaks, Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. How can the interior of Earth be "confidently interrogated"? Using new seismic

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Horse Management Workshop, Wednesday, May 17, 6 p.m., in Mitchell Room at Escondido City Hall (201 North Broadway). Horse owners, equestrian riders, horse facility managers gain information on protection of "water quality in horse areas," complying with government regulations. Free. Registration: 760-728-1332. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Da Vinci Code: Fact and Fiction" is subject for lecture, discussion led by Mark Strauss, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., at Doyle Elementary School (3950 Berino Court). Strauss is professor of New Testament at Bethel Seminary San Diego. Free. 858-342-8362. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Urban Theorist and Author Mike Davis presents "Vigilante Man: A History of White Violence in California," Thursday, May 18, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD. Davis is history professor at UC Irvine, writer of *Planet of Slums*, *City of Quartz*. Free. 858-822-5118. (LA JOLLA)

"Healing Touch Techniques for Pets: Intro to Reiki" offered during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"Marriage Licenses, Bonds, and Allegations" explored by Fred Spong when England-Wales Interest Class gathers, Thursday, May 18, 10 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-469-1677. (MISSION VALLEY)

Learn "How to Lower College Costs and Increase Financial Aid" when Chuck des Bordes of Southwest College Strategies speaks to parents, high school students, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., at Elijah's Restaurant (La Jolla Village Center, 8861 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. Required reservations: 858-812-0851. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

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)

Comedy Hypnosis Show by Michael Swenson, Thursday, May 11, 9 p.m., at Game Time Tavern (12735 Poway Road). \$12.50 at door. 858-486-8129. (POWAY)

Poet Paul Naylor reads from his new collection, *Arranging Nature*,

OUT & ABOUT

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Friday, May 12, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

The Surfing Twins, Milton and Michael Willis, sign and discuss *Discover the Greatness in You*, Friday, May 12, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Twins describe book as "a surfing lesson for successfully navigating the waves of life." Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Miracles and Marvels," Technomania Circus performances, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Variety show, black-light show, Dr. Techno, performers including Murrugun, Dr. Hoonose, Carnival Barkers, Lila Luna, Tax, many others. \$15.

One-year anniversary art and auction sale, Saturday, May 13.

"Kids and Puppets" presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 14. \$10 for kids, \$15 for adults. 619-231-1950. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Conscious Comedy Explosion! Comedy and poetry featuring Doug Williams and Donnavin, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-819-7838. (NORTH PARK)

A "Cuban Celebration" is planned by Grossmont College's Afro-Cuban Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Program includes pieces by Cuban composers. \$12 general. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Love Sucks. Noun. A Poetry Reading" — tell the world "about

that un-special someone who broke your heart into a thousand little pieces" on Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Bring a poem, or just listen. Donation: \$5. 619-917-6106. (EAST VILLAGE)

Mariachi Mania! Mariachi Fiesta, Para Las Madres, Mariachi Divas, Mariachi Guadalajara, and Hispanic Mexican Ballet all perform Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$25. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Detective and Author Tom Basinski discusses his new book *No Good Deed: A Shocking True Story of Jealousy, Rage, and Murder* at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue) on Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m. 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Border Bards Francisco J. Bustos and Michale Cheno Wickert read from their new book *Aquí Estamos... Ya Nos Vamos*, Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m., at Chicano Perk Morgan Square (616 National City Boulevard). Booksigning follows. Free. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert with Elivia Melodey (and her 42 crystal singing bowls), Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals, Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m., at Shanti Yoga Center (West Bluff Plaza, 6996 El Camino Real, C-1). Bring blankets, pillows. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-471-7304. (LA COSTA)

Artist and Entrepreneur Mark Roberts releases his new "Spirit of Hope Fair" and 2006 "Healing Heart Fairy" with appearance, Saturday, May 13, 1 p.m., Canterbury Gardens (2402 South Escondido Boulevard). 760-746-1400. (ESCONDIDO)

Famed Photographer Art Wolfe shares experiences, adventures filming for new book, *Edge of the Earth, Corner of the Sky*, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Booksigning follows. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Mitzvah Celebration! Head to Mysterious Galaxy Books on Saturday, May 13, for author readings and signings by Jeff Mariotte (*Age of Conan: Mauraders*) at 11 a.m. and Vernor Vinge (*Rainbows End*) at noon. Jim Butcher signs *Proven Guilty* (1 p.m.), and Charlaime Harris signs *Definitely Dead* (2 p.m.). Free. Find shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Inspirational Romance Novel *My Land Is Your Land*, signed, discussed by author Debra Fulton-White, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

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"A Musical Feast" is served up by Palomar Chorale and Live Oak Kodaly Choir, Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m., in Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). Program includes music by Cecil Effinger, "Prayer," masterworks, folksongs, selections from *The Music Man*. \$10 general. 760-744-1150. (FALLBROOK)

San Diego Novelist John D. Wolf discusses *Orphan Records*, Saturday, May 13, 1 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13350 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

177 West bluegrass band performs Sunday, May 14, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donations accepted. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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

The Jazz Association All-Stars perform at 1:30 p.m. for party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG), Sunday, May 14, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$12. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

Second Sunday Poetry Series continues with Steve Garber, Kep Peckham, and open readings, Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street; 858-270-8642). Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Honeymoon with My Brother: A Memoir" will be discussed and signed by author Franz Wisner and brother Kurt, Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The Wisners visited 60 countries in two years after Franz's wedding fell through. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Big-Band Jazz promised when Palomar College's Four O'Clock and Seven O'Clock Ensembles perform, Monday, May 15, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Gurukulam Benefit Concert with guest of honor Ravi Shankar on Monday, May 15, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Performers include violinist T.N. Krishnan, Sriram Krishnan, Vellore Ramabhadran (on *mridangam*), violinist Aishu Venkataraman, others. \$25 tickets benefit SDSU's new International Student Village. Reservations: 619-594-1982. (LA JOLLA)

Progressive Middle-Eastern Music, with emphasis on drumming, when Raquy and the Cave-men perform with Middle-Earth Ensemble, guest bellydancers, Tuesday, May 16, 8 p.m., Kava Lounge (2812 Kettner Boulevard). \$10. 619-543-0933. (LITTLE ITALY)

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

Green Flash Seaside Summer Concert Series commences with Gary Seiler and Crosswinds, Wednesday, May 17, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Watch for green flash at 7:51 p.m.; music sets begin at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m.; aquarium docents on hand to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$15. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

"The Great Broadcast of 1926" planned by Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Radio Drama, Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Travel through time via fantasy radio to learn about museum and its 80-year history. Live music, quiz show contests, dancing, mocktails. Radio dramas include *The Case of the Curious Curator*, *Phantom of the Organ Pavilion*, *Missing Mummy at the Museum of Man*, more. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

A Trio of Horror Authors visit Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m. Meet Brian Keene (*The Conqueror Worms*), J.F. Gonzalez (*Survivor*), and Alan Naves (*Garboyles*). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

A "Mock Slam" is planned during Poetry and Art Showcase, Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Performers include reg e gaines, Rudy Francisco, Viet Mai, Whitney Lawrence, others; artwork by Visual Graffiti. Open mike. \$5. 619-957-3264. (BALBOA PARK)

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Blue-Collar Comedy on tap when Bill Engvall performs Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino Resort (found 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

"Goya" — evening of poetry and verse exploring renowned Spanish master, Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program boasts Jerome Rothenberg, Roberto Tejada. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Authors Brian Keene (*Conqueror Worms*) and J.F. Gonzalez (*Survivor*) visit Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North) to sign their books, Thursday, May 18, 4 p.m. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Live Comedy in Lakeside! Every Thursday, 8 p.m., Neighbors Pub and Grub, 12169 Woodside Avenue. Free admission. Performer sign-ups: 619-241-5583. Information: 619-561-8890. (LAKESIDE)

"Velvet Circus," Palomar Concert Band performs this original composition by band member Adam Wolf, along with contemporary arrangements by Sammy Nestico, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Rd). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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

Hong Kong Songstress Frances Yip in concert, Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino Resort. Tickets: \$43–\$63, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find casino 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. (PALA)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres conclude series against Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday, May 11, 12:35 p.m. in Petco Park. The Pads head to Chicago for games against White Sox, Friday–Sunday, May 12–14, at 11:20 a.m. each day. Road trip continues in Arizona against Diamondbacks, Monday–Wednesday, May 15–17, at 6:40 p.m. each night. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

Throwdown, ten-match fight card planned by Total Combat, Saturday, May 13, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Heavyweight Wesley "Cabbage" Correia meets Lloyd "Kadillac" Marshbanks. Preliminary matches at 6 p.m., featured matches at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35–\$125, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DEL MAR)

OUT & ABOUT

PIANIST YEFIM BRONFMAN with San Diego Symphony, May 18–21, California Center for the Arts, Escondido and Copley Symphony Hall.

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Tour de Cure, Sycuan Great Western Loop and Metric Century biking events, Saturday, May 13, at Cuyamaca College (900 Rancho San Diego Parkway). Routes: 62 miles (7 a.m.), 42 miles (8 a.m.), 30 miles (9 a.m.). 800-342-2383. (EL CAJON)

5K Naked Juice Run/Walk sponsored by San Diego Blood Bank, Saturday, May 13, 7 a.m., at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. \$25 for adults, \$10 youths 12 and younger. 619-400-8176. (BALBOA PARK)

Year of Dog provides theme for 12th annual San Diego Humane Society's Walk for Animals, Saturday, May 13, 7:30 a.m.–noon, on Fiesta Island. Bring your pet! Pledge. 619-243-3408. (EAST VILLAGE)

Fallbrook Hills Ride led by Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Sunday, May 14. Ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at

Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS)

What the Weather Dictates — Knickerbiker bicyclists will head west or east for a 30-mile ride, depending upon weather forecast, Sunday, May 14. Join riders at 9 a.m. at Carmel Valley park and ride. Bring money for lunch. 858-484-7596. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Mother's Day Brunch Kayak Adventure in San Diego Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, May 14, 9 a.m. Adventure starts at Glorieta Bay on Silver Strand with introductory paddling lesson, includes scenic paddle under Coronado Bridge to Coronado Ferry Landing. No-host brunch at Bay Beach Cafe. Fee: \$70 for adults, \$25 for kids 8–12. Registration: 619-255-0203. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

El Capitan Express, take an "epic 50-mile-plus ride" with Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, May 14. Ride with steep grade heads through Mission Gorge and rural Lakeside to "little-known approach" to El Capitan Reservoir. Bring money for food. Meet at 9 a.m. in upper parking lot of Lake Murray (Kiowa Drive). 619-571-8303. (LA MESA)

Mother's Day Paddle hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$35. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Arts Alive Banner Auction and fireworks fundraiser, Friday, May 12, 5–9 p.m., at beach community center (300 North the Strand). Bid on a hand-painted

vinyl banner focusing on theme "Oceanside: Take a Closer Look"; the banners were displayed on Coast Highway. Bidding begins at \$100. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

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

"Small Treasures," artworks less than 20 inches (on a side) showcased by Julian Arts Guild in exhibit opening with reception, Friday, May 12, 5 p.m., in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Exhibit opens at 10 a.m. each morning, closing at 7 p.m. Friday–Sunday, 5 p.m. on Monday. Free. 760-765-1825. (JULIAN)

Africa Live! Master drummer and dancer Lamine "Dibo" Camara and Abdoulaye Camara from Guinea, West Guinea, perform with Damaru, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$10. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony — when humans graduate with their new helper dogs — Saturday, May 13, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Art in the Valley, Carmel Valley Artists host 43rd annual spring show and sale, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-eight artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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Reading

The Death of Achilles: A Fandorin Mystery



Boris Akunin

By Boris Akunin
Translated by Andrew Bromfield
Random House, 2006; \$12.95; 320 pages

FROM THE JACKET:

In 1882, after six years of adventures abroad, the renowned diplomat and detective Erast Fandorin returns to his beloved Moscow — but his homecoming is anything but peaceful. In the hotel where Fandorin is staying, his old war-hero friend General Michel Sobolev (a.k.a. "Achilles") has been found dead in his armchair, felled by an apparent heart attack. Fandorin suspects foul play, and his instincts lead him to the boudoir of a beautiful German chanteuse in whose bed Achilles actually may have breathed his last.

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WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"A criminally talented writer." — *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*
"A Slavic Sherlock Holmes who speaks Japanese and English, is skilled in martial arts, and has lady-killer good looks." — *The Wall Street Journal*
"[One of] the most successful recent mystery series to have been imported to the United States from faraway lands." — *The New York Times*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Boris Akunin is the pen name of Grigory Chkhartishvili, who was born in the republic of Georgia in 1956. A philologist, critic, essayist, and translator of Japanese, Akunin published his first detective stories in 1998 and has already become one of the most widely read authors in Russia. He has written 11 Erast Fandorin novels to date, and is the author of two other series as well. He lives in Moscow.

The four in the Fandorin series that have been translated and published in English are: *The Winter Queen*, *Murder on the Leviathan*, *The Turkish Gambit*, and most recently, *The Death of Achilles*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Boris Akunin is in New York, attending PEN international literature festivities, appearing on panels, on the radio, and launching his fourth historical mystery set in 19th-century Imperial Russia and starring his dashing sleuth, Erast Fandorin. He is touted as being a Russian Sherlock Holmes because of his deductive talents, but he is much more physical, a genteel martial-artist Green Hornet-type who takes ice baths and stands on his head to meditate, and is served by a Japanese samurai sidekick whose life he saved, thereby obliging the man to follow him faithfully, forever.

We rendezvous in the lavish PEN penthouse of the Roger Smith Hotel, 16 stories above Lexington Avenue, and settle into a huge sitting room. It is somewhat dark, the shades mostly drawn. After many days of meeting and greeting Americans and fellow international authors, Boris Akunin is all business, and we get right to it.

"I know Akunin is a pen name," I say, "but are the rumors true that you were almost Molotov? As in the gasoline firebomb? Or is this apocryphal, this story?"

Акунин ponders. When he speaks, his voice is clear and small — a few decibels.

"In the beginning I was thinking of maybe taking the pseudonym Molotov, because of the Molotov cocktail [an improvised incendiary device used by Russian soldiers during WWII] and because of my books being sort of a combustible cocktail of

highbrow and lowbrow literatures. But Molotov was a historical figure who invokes so little sympathy, Akunin was much better."

"Your books have been described as *voznnya*, a 'romp.'" British reviews invoke their wonderful expression "barking," as in mad. The *London Times* has lauded his "charm, elegant writing, abundant wit."

"Playing around." Ya."

"Your hero, Fandorin, spent six years in Japan and speaks Japanese. His assistant is a yakuza — a fallen samurai. You yourself studied Japanese and worked as a translator for many years, translating Japanese literature into Russian. But what I was curious about was, what was it like going from the Soviet Union to Japan?"

Mr. Akunin hums. "It was almost a miracle, because it was very hard to get out of the coun-

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"Russian history had a very attractive feature. It ennobled the object that it was describing, always."

Gator by the Bay, annual zydeco and blues festival returns to Spanish Landing Park (4500 Harbor Drive), May 13 and 14. Live music by nine blues bands, seven Cajun and zydeco bands, Cajun and Creole food tasting and cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, dance lessons, more. Admission:

\$10 adults, free for those under 12. 619-234-8612. (DOWNTOWN)

Beach to Brewery beer and music fest, benefiting Surfrider Foundation, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., at Karl Strauss Brewery (5985 Santa Fe Street). Brewery tours; ten-plus Karl Strauss beers on tap, five-six Firkin special beers; per-

formances by Ozomatli, Stranger, Cape May. For those over 21 only. \$20 tickets include 5 beer tastings. 858-273-BREW. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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)

Friends of Cats host annual open house with facility tours, cats to visit, and food, Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14,

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Mother's Day Studio and Garden Tour hosted by San Dieguito Art Guild, Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Self-guided tour boasts ten studio gardens from Scripps Ranch through Rancho Santa

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LOTAY RANCH

Reading

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try. I was lucky. The Moscow University, where I was studying, had an exchange program with a Japanese university, which was a very rare thing for the '70s."

"What years did you go?"

"I went to a private university in a suburb of Tokyo. It was in 1977–1978. Of course, it was very important to me. Japan wasn't the West, but for me at the time it was a Western country. It was a big shock. When you grew up in a country like [the] Soviet Union, you were brought up to believe that you'd been very lucky. That it was the safest and the happiest place in the world. I remember when I was a teen, there were posters everywhere [with] skyscrapers of New York in the background, a big heap of rubbish and a small black child sitting there, trying to find something to eat. And on the other side of the poster [was] a Young Pioneer [a member of the communist youth organization], with rosy cheeks, very happy, surrounded by blossoming Moscow.

The inscription beneath it said, 'Two worlds. Two childhoods.' 'Da mira ya vetz ya.' Afterwards, when the Jewish emigration started from the Soviet Union, there was a joke that said, 'Da mira. Dra Shapira.' 'Two worlds. Two Shapiros.' So one stayed in Moscow, the other was going to New York."

I laugh and say, "Were you tempted to stay in Japan?"

Silence. I worry I'm being too candid. "Did the culture draw you?"

Mr. Akunin laughs and very quietly responds: "Well...it wouldn't have been fair to my colleagues, to my comrades, because had I defected the exchange program would have stopped, and all the students in the later years would have suffered."

"They would have rolled up the program?"

He nods.

"In the Soviet Union were mysteries outlawed? Not encouraged?"

"Not outlawed," he says.

"Conan Doyle was translated, of course, but the genre of the detective novel was practically

nonexistent."

"In Japan," I explain, "during the Second World War, the government actually banned mysteries as unpatriotic. But after the Armistice, when the writers took to paper again, they leapt toward social realism and away from the very saccharine fiction that was promoted during the war for morale reasons. You didn't go in that direction. You went more toward fantasy. I was wondering what drew you there, in that direction, as opposed to, say, [toward the realism of] Le Carré [author of *The Spy Who Came In From the Cold*, a Cold War classic]."

Akunin inhales. "Fantasy?" He pauses a moment more. "I wouldn't call it fantasy at all. Erast Fandorin is a historical detective. I tried to be very precise in the historical detail. Well, I treat history quite freely, but when I take a historical figure, I change his or her name a little bit so it will be clear that it is a fictional character, bearing a resemblance to [an] actual historical figure. They often say that I am embellishing or idealizing Tsarist Russia, this is not true. Absolutely. I have no illu-

sions about that time. If it looks prettier than it really was, it is because of Russian literature. Because, for me, Russian literature of the period is more important than actual history of the period. And Russian history had a very attractive feature. It ennobled the object that it was describing, always."

"I noticed, in that period when you first started writing – or just before – other writers like Aleksandra Marinina, a lieutenant colonel of the Moscow police, and a couple of other writers.... There was an ex-convict, who was writing mysteries as well. I was surprised by their material – as much of it as I saw – translated but unpublished here. It seemed to steer away from the actual, very raw criminal life that was sort of exploding in front of them in those wild '90s. It also tended toward the more romanticized kind of detective writing. It seemed almost as if – especially in her case [Lieut. Colonel Marinina's] – they were afraid to take on the more serious mafiya, organized criminal activity."

"Marinina's? Mmmm. I don't know. I haven't read."

"I do not write for myself, like a real writer would. I write for an audience. And if I don't have readers, then I won't write."

"There didn't seem to be any literary agents, of course, so she had a former colleague as her agent, or trying to be.

"Ya, I know him."

"How did you come to your [Russian] publisher? I assume you didn't have an agent either."

Akunin smiles. "Oh, it was funny. You might say, I was in an established position in the literary world, because I had been active as a critic-editor-publisher for quite a number of years. So, had I wanted to publish a novel of mine, it would have been easy. I could have given a ring to a number of my friends who were publishers and had it. But I didn't want

it this way. Not because I was modest, but because I was afraid. I was afraid I'd publish a detective novel and it would be a failure. This genre, in general, was held in contempt by my colleagues and all people in serious writing. Which is why I took a pen name. So I had to find...I had to go the usual way, like anybody with a first book."

"By just mailing it to them?"

"Yes, sort of, sort of. I got two or three rejections, or no answers, which amounts to rejections. Because...the publishers just didn't understand why would readers want to read historical crime fiction when there was a lot of crime in [the] reality around them.

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Mothers at Mingei, complimentary admission for all mothers visiting Mingei International Museum — North County, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Rosendo Carrillo de la Rosa demonstrates Huichol beading (10 a.m.–6 p.m.); paperfolder Asako Aizawa demonstrates origami (11 a.m.–3 p.m.). Find museum at 155 West Grand Avenue; 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

A Grand Book Sale is planned, Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). 619-533-3902. (ROLANDO)

House of Norway hosts lawn program with dancing and music at International Cottages, Sunday, May 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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Pet Rescue Day on the Bay benefiting Helen Woodward Animal Center, Thursday, May 18,

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Donate "gently used blanket or towel," then receive free one-hour harbor cruise with your dog, at Hornblower Cruises (1066 North Harbor Drive). 619-686-8700. (DOWNTOWN)

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. Tuesday–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)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through June. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told

by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5800 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Godspell" presented by Young Actors Theatre, May 11–13 and May 18–20, at Avocado Elementary (345 Avocado School Road). Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12, \$9 matinees. 619-670-1627. (LA MESA)

Unwrap Princess Phoebe's Birthday Present with Big Joe Productions through Sunday, May 14, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next: *Flower Fantasy* by Puppet Express, May 17–21.

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

The Musical Rumpelstiltskin Is My Name is presented by J*Company, May 12–21, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: \$12 children, \$16

adults. Showtimes, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" presented by Imagination Express, Fridays and Saturdays, May 12, 13, 19, and 20, 7:30 p.m., at Church of His Kingdom (950 Garland Drive). \$7 general, \$6 children, seniors. 619-575-3023. (NESTOR)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

"All About Mozart" is theme for San Diego Symphony Family Festival concert, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Matthew Garbutt leads orchestra. Tickets: \$12–\$22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sing Like a Coyote," don a coyote mask, duck into a badger hole, and mimic coyote's growls, yips, and howls during youth program, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Take the Space Capsule Challenge planned for San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, May 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (ses-

sions last 45 minutes). Using limited materials, families work as teams to design and build a craft to let their "astronaut" land safely in this "egg drop" experiment. Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Mexican Paper Flower on Saturday, May 13, noon–3 p.m., in Plaza del Pasado in Old Town State Historic Park. Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Migratory Birds Celebrated when Dr. Zoolittle visits Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way), Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Crafts, bird walks, "human-size migration." Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Sea Schoolers: T Is for Turtle" offered on May 14 and 27, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone. \$28 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Youth Speaks San Diego, spoken-word and poetry-slamming workshops for teens in grades 9–12, first and third Monday of every month, including May 15, 6 p.m., at Boys and Girls Club (3800 Mykonos Lane). Free. Registration: 858-720-2180 x314. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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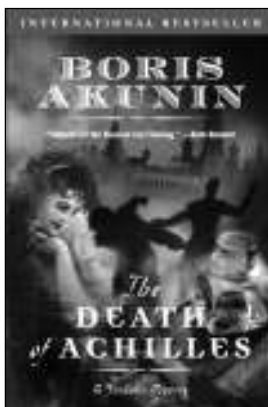
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And everybody was writing about mafiya and KGB and all that. So, finally, I went to the chief editor of a big publisher that I was working with and asked him to read the manuscript, just not tell anybody. He read it. Said, 'It's okay. But I'm starting a publishing house of my own. I want it to be the first book.' I said okay. So that's how it started. Afterwards it became evident that he had not much experience. No money. It was a tiny publisher. No money for advertising. So all went the hard way. The first four novels were a disaster. It was two

and a half years before the books began to sell."

I refer to my notes. "The first book, *Winter Queen*, sold six thousand copies. The next three sold okay, but not spectacularly, until the fifth book."

Akunin closes his fist like an apple. "Ya. The fifth book was like a bomb. Then the previous ones also instantly became bestsellers."

"And that fifth book was the Jack-the-Ripper story?"

"The book is called *Special Assignments*. There are two short novels. The first is a picaresque novella, 'Jack of Spades,' and the second is about Jack the Ripper. It's called 'The Decorator.'"

"And that's the one that really launched you in Russia? That first book, *Winter Queen*, which first sold six thousand volumes, I understand has reached eight million. Is this true?"

"Fifteen."

We both laugh. "Fifteen million! Not the same publisher, though."

"No, no. I'm still with him. Now he has become rich, a collector of antique books."

"You are here [in New York City] attending panels at Columbia University. You are on the radio every time I turn it on. Your publishers just ran a full page [50,000 dollar] full-color ad in *The New York Times Book Review* for *The Death of Achilles* to launch you. Tonight you appear at the Italian Cultural Institute on Park Avenue with mystery authors Henning Mankell and Messimo Carlotto. Do you do this same kind of [publicity] work in Russia, and have you returned to Japan also to promote your books?" Japan is but one of 35 countries in which Akunin's books are published.

"No. Normally I do not do this. This is sort of an exception. The American market is the most important in the world. The English language dominates [the] literary scene. If a book becomes successful in America, in most cases it helps to sell the book elsewhere. That's why I made an exception. And still, I could get out only for four days. My schedule is incredibly packed. In Russia I never do it. I never go anywhere on promotion tour, unless it coincides with material

gathering. In March I went to Bristol, to a crime-fiction convention, because I needed to write a short story about Bristol. Honestly speaking, I came here also because I needed to get some material together for a book, an adventure for [my hero] Erast Fandorin, in America. So in Washington, I went to [the] National Archives. And I went to the National Indian museum. It was very helpful."

"You must research very quickly, because when you write, you finish a book in six to eight weeks."

"No, no, not anymore," Akunin protests.

"Not any more?"

"No. It takes six to eight months." He sighs at the thought.

"Ahhh. Yes, I loved your comments about having run out of all the good words after writing so many books."

"This is a problem."

"You've also said" — I quote him back to himself — "that Russia has always made the wrong decisions. And that you see Russian history repeating itself. That Russia is again at a crossroads and again

"They're so bold...so fearless. So untypical for Hollywood."

has decisions to make. What are the crossroads this time? And what are the decisions?"

A silence follows. The room grows darker still as the afternoon winds toward early evening.

"The usual ones. The bigger ones. Decisions between individual values and collective values. Russia has always been between those two poles. After [Tsar] Aleksandr II was killed by terrorists, Aleksandr III was so frightened that he started just putting 'stone pavements over the grass' so nothing would grow. He was hoping to just stop the time, which is impossible. So the pressure simply grew until [everything] burst in the beginning of the 20th Century and almost nothing was left of Russia. The same mistake is being repeated now because, after the liberal reforms

of [the] '90s, now we are getting a period of, as we call it in Russia, 'Screwing the balls.' Which is not a pretty sight."

"Your translator turns an elegant phrase. He is very graceful. I assume he is mirroring your ornate style. It's a very accomplished piece. Frankly, American publishers hate translations. They inevitably come in so rough, require so much work and added expense. And yours is as smooth as liquid. How did you and he work together?"

Boris Akunin leans back on the couch. "I was very cautious about my English translator. I didn't want to sell my books to an English language market for a long, long time. [They were among] the last countries where I sold translation rights. There were sev-

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Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including May 16. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6–12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the "Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2006" continues through Saturday, June 3. "This, Our Beloved Valley" exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with histori-

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

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

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

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

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and

history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with exam-

ples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working

ranch of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts,

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Reading

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eral translators who wanted to do the job. Andrew Bromfield, from England, was by far the best. He feels the style. He has just the right professional background, because he has translated both Leo Tolstoy and Viktor Pelevin, who is sort of Irvine Welsh."

"You have said that you don't write from the heart. That you don't have a serious literary soul. That you write with your brain only. What do you mean?"

"I mean that I am not an exhibitionist," Akunin says, in measured tones. "Like practically every highbrow writer. I do not want to..." He struggles for the word.

I tease: "You don't think *Ulysses* is the greatest novel every written in English?"

Amused, Akunin shoots back: "You don't think that James Joyce is committing a public harakiri with this novel? He is."

"It is celebrated here."

He grows serious. "Actually, the only writer, really big writer,

who is not an exhibitionist is Nabokov. And still I am not sure of that. Myself, I do not want to talk about my inner problems. My readers have enough problems of their own. I want them to forget their problems. I do not write for myself, like a real writer would. I write for an audience. And if I don't have readers, then I won't write. I have a lot of friends who are real writers and actually they do not care. They want their books to sell, but if no one bought their books, they would continue writing."

"You don't think Charles Dickens was a real writer?" I challenge. Actually, Akunin's characters are similarly over the top and entertaining.

"It's better not to talk about [the] 19th Century, because [the] literary scene has changed so much. It's really useless to speak about whether Charles Dickens is mass literature or not mass literature. [The] cultural situation is different. Back then only educated classes read fiction at all. Now everybody can do it."

I disagree: "Actually Dickens's sales were phenomenal in the U.S. I think when the American pop-

ulation was 8 million, he at one point sold over five million copies. Can you imagine."

"No, I think it must be an exaggeration."

"No, it's in old printing [industry] books." (*Cheap Book Production in the United States, 1870 to 1891*, by Raymond Howard Shove, University of Illinois. Edwards Brothers Inc., Ann Arbor, 1937. Page 139.) I dodge the debate: "So you write two hours a day. Why is your schedule so busy. What are you doing the other 22?"

"Relaxing. Recharging."

"Playing cards?"

"Computer games. [His computer game based on his Fandorin character will be out early next year.] But I am absolutely spent after those two writing hours and not good for anything. And there are different stages of writing a book. Some of them are quite delicate. A trifle is enough to do in a day. It can be a telephone call. It can be...just anything. You feel you are a glass aquarium. Fragile."

"What kind of cards did you play, bridge or poker?"

"Poker."

"Can you describe the '90s—when Russia experienced mass culture for the first time and everything was lawless and open. And that was the bad part. But the good part was that it was so open, and for the first time you could write anything."

"It was a really fascinating sight to watch this big nation discovering mass culture. And it was both an ugly sight and very vital, very full of energy. But speaking about the book market, in the first wave the translations [were] of American hardcore crime fiction and all those books for housewives, like, there was Sandra Brown everywhere. This sort of [down-market, commercial] reading. And, of course, translations were awful, covers were awful. The book was falling apart in your hand. Then the second wave was when our [Russian] authors started to write by themselves, and it was even worse. Because they were not professional. They thought the more blood, the more sex, the better. So it went in waves, one after another. The third one started with [Lieut. Colonel] Alexandra Marinina, which was a decent

wave of a decent level. Intelligentsia started to read it and enjoy it—a psychological detective, without all that filth."

"I am amazed that in ten years you've written 25 books."

"Eight years."

"Eight years! It's worse than I thought. Writing at a pace of two hours a day, in eight years you've produced 25 books. Only four have been translated here in the U.S. so far. There are three series. Fandorin, of course, is one. The second series, I was astounded to learn, stars a Russian Orthodox nun as the sleuth. And the only weapon she wields are knitting needles. How did you come up with that?"

"It was easy. I just crossbred Father Brown and Miss Marple. That was it."

"Why sixteen books in the Fandorin series?"

"For two reasons. One is that I counted 16 subgenres of crime novel. And each of my Fandorin books represents a different subgenre. Another is that I counted 16 types of human character[s] in the world. And each of those books is addressing one

of those [psychological] types."

"So if we can come up with more subgenres for you, you have to keep writing Fandorin stories." He laughs. "Film rights have been sold to *Winter Queen*, the first title in the series, yes?"

"To Paul Verhoeven, who made *Basic Instinct*, yes."

"You seem to be taken with film," I note. "You speak of Tarantino quite favorably as having launched a new wave, a new idea."

"Yes, I think that what I'm doing in literature is quite similar to what Tarantino is doing in cinema. I mean the constant allusions and quoting, and having fun with classics in a quite anarchist way. I love his films."

"They're very playful."

"Mmm. You never know what to expect from Tarantino's movies. They're so bold; they're so fearless. So untypical for Hollywood. Of course, he has become a Hollywood pattern by now. But in the beginning he was breaking all the rules. So, yes. Playful and, what I value most of all, absolutely unpredictable."

— Juris Jurjevićs

uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "NASA Accomplishments: In Space and On Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4), "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact"

is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style

view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May.

"Rompi! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January 2007, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and

the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Body Ornamentation: Artistic Representations of Self," opening Friday, May 12, and continuing through March 27, 2007, examines this enduring art form. Exhibit focuses on many different types of

body art in variety of cultures around the world, as well as underlying reasons behind the ornamentation. See examples of body painting, tattooing, scarification, piercing; documentary videos, photo murals.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts

the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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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)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, May 12, with

guest conductor Peter Farrell leading group (7:30 p.m.). Beginner and intermediate instruction at 6:30 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 619-334-1993. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

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 8 p.m. on Friday, May 12; 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

The Spring Music Festival celebrating graduates and Point Loma Nazarene College music department ensembles is Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel on Point Loma Nazarene University campus (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

USD Concert Choir plans concert, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concert repeats on Sunday, May 14, 2 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

The Orpheus Chamber Ensemble and pianist Leon Fleisher perform works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, and Joan Tower for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Series on Saturday,

May 13, 8 p.m., in San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$20-\$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"All About Mozart" is theme for San Diego Symphony Family Festival concert, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Matthew Garbutt leads orchestra. Tickets: \$12-\$22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary" vocal competition finals are open to public on Saturday, May 13, in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Singers vie to participate in International Antonin Dvořák Vocal Competition (in November). Preliminary rounds start at 11 a.m., finalists sing arias in finals rounds beginning 7 p.m. Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Goodlin Scholarship Recipients perform Sunday, May 14, 2:30 p.m., for concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs Sunday, May 14, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Baroque Pipe Organ played by Hollace Jones in concert, Monday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). Guest soloists. 619-223-6394. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Jewish Music Festival boasts violinist Zina Schiff in recital:

"Music Played in Terezin," Monday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Schiff plans program modeled after recitals in Terezin (Theresienstadt) with selections from classics, Jewish composers. \$19 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

red fish blue fish in concert, Wednesday, May 17, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Pianist Yefim Bronfman joins San Diego Symphony for final "Jacobs' Masterworks" concert of season. Programs include Schnittke's "(Not) A Midsummer Night's Dream/(K)ein Sommer-nachstraum" "Concerto No. 3 for Piano and Orchestra in D Minor" by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor."

Concert begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), \$29-\$49. Concerts offered in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. Tickets: \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO, DOWNTOWN)

Music 206 Recital, experimental, interdepartmental, workshop sequence fostering collaboration between performers, composers, improvisers, and technologists — in concert! Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"No Requirements," group show with work by 15 artists opens with reception, Friday, May 12, 7 p.m., at Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). Through Sunday, May 14. 619-804-9441. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Masters of the Moment," juried show continues through Friday, June 9, at El Cajon Art Association Gallery East (225 East Main Street). Juror was New Mexico artist Jere Frutchey. Meet artists during reception, Friday, May 12, 5 p.m. 619-561-2280. (EL CAJON)

Dramatic Collars created by Simon Muscat and bracelets by many artists go on exhibit with reception, Friday, May 12, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (1615 1/2 West Lewis Street). 619-692-0099. Closes Friday, June 23. (MISSION HILLS)

"Spring Show 2006," this graphic design and multimedia exhibition is Friday, May 12, 6-8 p.m., in Art Building North at San Diego State University. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Open Studio Event hosted by artists Ann Lynott and Ellie Havel Wagoner, Saturday, May 13, 5 p.m., in studio F at Artisan's Gallery and More (224 East Grand Avenue). Abstract painting demonstration during reception. 760-602-0140. (ESCONDIDO)

"Without Limits: A Latin American Slant," Digital Art Guild of San Diego exhibit opens with reception on Saturday, May 13, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 Cesar Chávez Parkway). Through Friday, June 9. 619-232-1699. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including May 13, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

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Ceramic Sculpture Exhibit by Lee Puffer opens in Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University with reception on Sunday, May 14, 2 p.m. 619-594-6511. Through Thursday, May 18. (SDSU)

"Varian Fry Assignment: Rescue" tells of American who helped rescue 2000 opponents of Nazi Europe, including Marc Chagall, Max Ernst, and Harrah Arendt. Exhibit, on loan from United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, opens with reception, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., in Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Through Sunday, June 4. 858-362-1342. (LA JOLLA)

"Out of the Shadows: Reflections on a Walk through a Future Park" by Michael Brennan and selections from Michael Eastman's "Vanishing America" may be seen through Monday, June 12, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Artist's reception: Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Therman Statom: Through the Looking Glass" mixes

interactive, site-specific installations composed of bridges, towers, and mazes with "the collection of painterly large-scale plans for these works." Statom is known for his "innovative use of glass."

Work investigating "memory, identity, and the ephemeral nature of existence through light projections and the physical transformation of matter" showcased in "Judith Hersko: Shifting Baselines." Hersko explores transformation of matter by experimenting with dissolution of sculptures made of calcium carbonate.

Both exhibits close on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "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. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included. "Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household

objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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.

"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)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s that changed the world. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

Discover how the introduction

of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs," opening on Sunday, May 14. Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Also opening on 14th is "Today's Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair." Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in Middle East. Both conclude on Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings" by Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Villaseñor are on view through Sunday, May 28. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" — continuing through Sunday, May 14 — is an "extremely rare exhibition of 2000-year-old Roman frescoes." Exhibit includes 70 objects, including sculpture, stucco reliefs, decorative and utilitarian objects, and 24 frescoes. Roman villas of ancient Stabiae (modern Castellammare di Stabia) are located approximately 4.5 kilometers south of Pompeii; site was well preserved by catastrophic eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum.

"Goya's Portraits" — through Sunday, June 18 — features selection of approximately ten important portraits, highlighting Goya's *Marquis of Sofraga*.

The museum's growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in "Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000–2005," on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

"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 Briggie. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Traditions in Transition: Russian Icons from the Age of the Romanovs" — opening on Friday, May 12 — illustrates how icons produced during Romanov period (1613–1918) departed from tradition under the influence of Western culture. Exhibit of 45 works follows emergence of decorative *oklads* (covers) made from precious materials and stones.

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The Welk Resort Theatre presents this musical about the great Patsy Cline and her friendship with Louise Seeger. Larry Raben directed.

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Blue Door

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of Tanya Barfield's drama about a sleepless African-American math prof visited by four generations of ancestors. Leah C. Gardiner directed.

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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.

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Some of the sharpest, and funniest, theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Gerard Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and amazing performances by Jeanne Montano (who skewers Yoko Ono and *Jersey Boys*) and Valerie Fagan (co-author of *Six Women With Brain Death*, who slanders Sarah Brightman). Male performers Jared Bradshaw and Kevin B. McGlynn certainly hold their own (especially Bradshaw's demolition of Harry Connick Jr. and McGlynn's take on a forgetful Robert Goulet, who slaps lyrics from *Camelot* onto *South Pacific*). The revue reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway*

would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing ("Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?" one sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear), and Alessandrini's spoof on *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes (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.

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OnStage Playhouse presents Larry Shue's durable comedy about a Brit at a Southern hunting lodge. David Rethoret directed.

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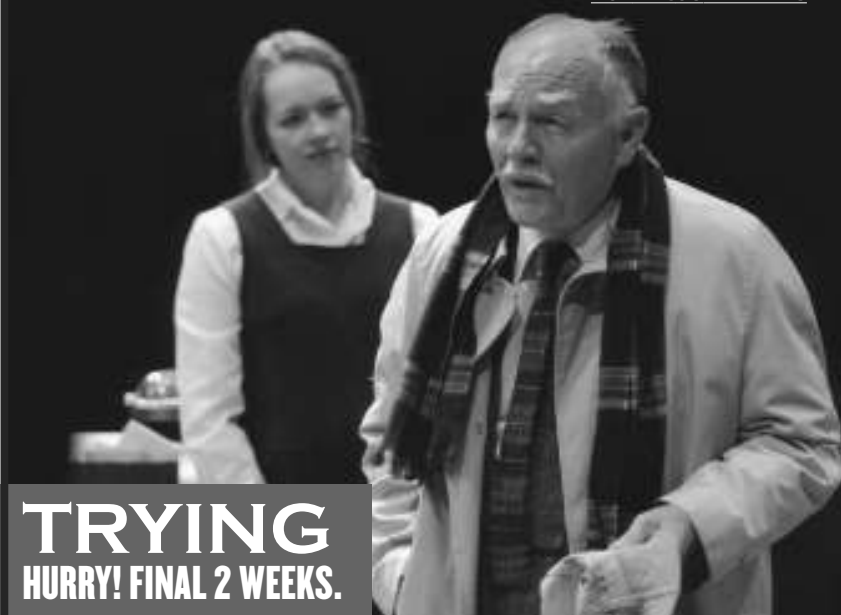
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Late-Nite Catechism

As part of its "Off Nites at NCRT," the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister's authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost non-stop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: LATE-NITE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks

mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shake-

speare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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New Village Arts presents Adam Rapp's Pulitzer Prize nominee that begins, "Fifteen years ago I killed my sister." Joshua Everett Johnson directed.

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No Way to Treat a Lady

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages the California premiere of Douglas J. Cohen's musical, based on William Goldman's novel and film. Rick Simas directed.

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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.

Pulp!

Diversions and Moxie Theatres present Patricia Kane's comedy with music, a "sexy homage to the sultry, jazzy world of 1950s lesbian pulp fiction." Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

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7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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-psychodrama, 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.

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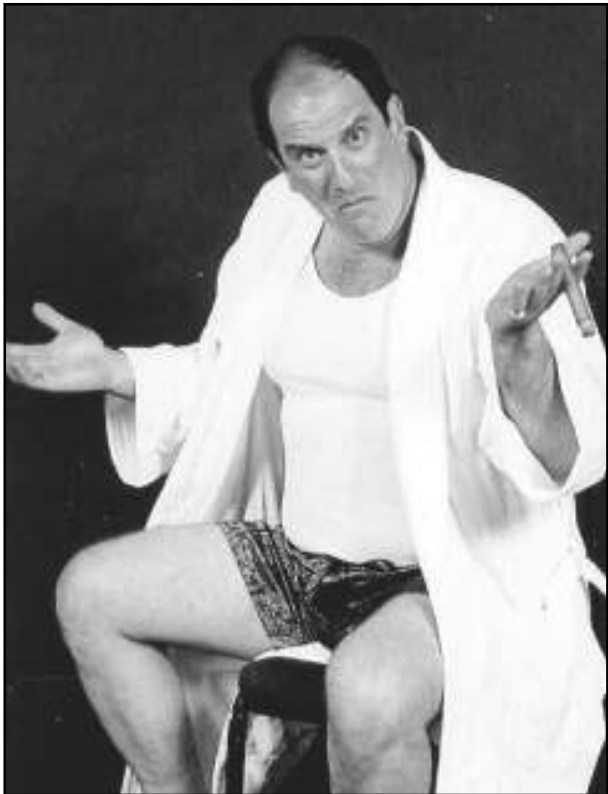
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The Sopranos' Last Supper

Romance

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this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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Trying

You can pretty much tell where Joanna McClelland Glass's drama is headed with one eye tied behind your back. Sarah Schorr becomes the secretary for famous Judge Francis Biddle (attorney general under FDR, chief American judge at Nuremberg). He's 81, blunt; she's 25, just starting out. So she'll tame the dying curmudgeon. And the playwright lays the symmetries on thick (death and life: she becomes pregnant). What you might not anticipate are the moment-to-moment interchanges in which nothing, and quite a lot, happens. The real drama's between the lines, as Sarah and the judge team up to "rally" a life (and an international identity) that has regressed from the world stage to smaller and smaller rooms, with

the judge wondering which will be his last. Jonathan McMurtry does some of his finest work in some time as Biddle, whose body and mind are deteriorating. McMurtry shows how that feels. Since age has made the judge's mind nonlinear — it flits from subject to subject — Sarah's task resembles flying a kite without a tail. So does playing her character since she, like Biddle, is written as a tip of the iceberg. Christine Marie Brown admirably takes just what each moment gives and builds Sarah from way within. *Trying*, it turns out, is a memory play about memory loss. In 1967 the playwright went to work for Francis Biddle in his Georgetown office (replicated in detail at the Carter). "Occasionally he drove me to tears," she writes, "but I knew I was witnessing a man of great intelligence doing battle, fiercely, with his mortality."

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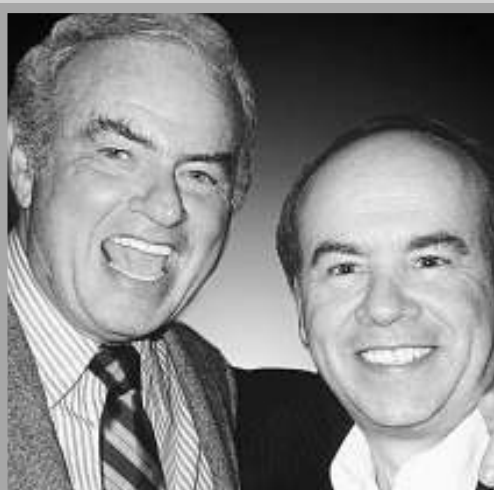
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Stirred Up “There was an incident that started inside [’Canes] and got carried outside,” says Stone Senses sax player Mike Flanagan. He

Flanagan says about 15 people from inside fought against the 10 in the parking lot.

“I got kicked in the back of the head,” says Stone Senses lead singer Eric Castaneda. Two members of a different band got beaten the worst: “Anthony [the lead singer] got thrown down and

They said anything that happens outside is not their responsibility. I asked them to call the police. They said they could call Belmont [Park] security.”

Castaneda says, “I called 911. They put me on hold. I got a voice mail, so I hung up and tried again. It was, like, 25 minutes before the cops showed up....”

SDPD spokesman Dave Cohen says his report shows that police were called at 1:55 a.m. and the first officer arrived at 2:16 a.m. According to the report, there were two men bleeding at the scene, but paramedics (who arrived before the police) were “standing back,” which means they withheld treatment because of a dangerous situation. He says the report indicates that there were two men lying on the ground and bleeding but they declined treatment by paramedics and declined to file a police report. No arrests

were made.

Lt. Lawrence McKinney says, “The management has a responsibility for maintaining order for a distance of 100 feet around their establishment.... Violations



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STONE SENSES DRAW BAD CARD

could trigger an investigation regarding their [liquor] license.”

Eric Stephenson, ’Canes head of security, said someone did come up and tell him that there was a big fight. “But somebody in the crowd said someone had a gun so we did not proceed any further. We did not want to send our people in harm’s way.” He said his crew did call police and report the incident and that it was in the south end of the parking lot 150 to 200 yards from the

front door. “On a Friday and Saturday night the police don’t have the resources. For the most part they are nowhere to be found (around ’Canes). At that time they are in Pacific Beach. Their bigger concern is the bars that are getting out on Garnett.”

— Ken Leighton

Where Is the Hate? Lil Uno released his CD, *The Streets*, on his Sicko Records label. The title track borrows a riff from “Still Water (Love),” the 1970 hit by the Four Tops.

“We had to go through an independent clearance company for the rights,” says Lil Uno, who paid a licensing fee of \$12,000 for the “Still Water” sample. If he sells more than 84,000 copies of his disc, Lil Uno will pay the licensing company four cents on every record sold thereafter. So far, he says sales figures are in the 18,000 range.

Because Sicko is distributed by

Fontana/Universal, “The Streets” is getting radio airplay in 40 markets, including Houston, San Antonio, and Phoenix. One of the San Diego stations that plays “The Streets” is “Blazin’ 98.9,” the station on which Lil Uno hosts a locals-only hip-hop show every Sunday. Lil Uno says that because he is a DJ on a competing station, Z90 (the other local hip-hop station) won’t play his music.

“When ‘The Streets’ came out, we blasted the song to [Z90 program director] Rick Thomas. He e-mailed us back, saying that Lil Uno



LIL UNO GIVES MORE LOVE TO LOCALS

took a stand against Z90 and that since he did there was no chance Z90 would support the record.”

Thomas did not deny he sent such an e-mail (and Z90 does not play Lil Uno’s



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music), but he did respond via e-mail: "I'm not sure where [Uno's] hate is coming from. I really respect what he does musically."

Local artists such as Lil Al, Young Sicc, and Mitchy Slick get airplay on Z90, but Lil Uno maintains that 98.9 gives more love to local artists. "I play everybody: Cricket, VMS, Steve Vicious, Damu, T-Fresh, and J-Irie. I could give you ten more names."

— Ken Leighton

Belly Up to the Band

During Devendra Banhart's near-sold-out show at the Belly Up Tavern on April 27, the performer said he needed a beer and then left the stage



BANHART, MR. EASY DOES IT

for a few minutes.

While onstage, Banhart asked if there were any songwriters in the crowd. When about 100 hands went up, Banhart said, "Oh, shit! I didn't think there'd be so many. Well, this guy had his hand up first." Banhart called the guy to the stage, handed over his electric guitar, and told him to do a song.

The audience member's name was Andy, and he was shaking. He played a halfway decent guitar riff and sang a

song with catchy lyrics (he rhymed "confound" with "dumbfound"), but his voice was horrid. The drummer came out and hit the congas while Banhart sipped his beer and smiled. After about eight minutes, the guy gave up. The crowd cheered his effort.

The band, all with beards and looking like Matisyahu, came back onstage. A few songs later, they asked for a conga player. A guy named Ross came out of the crowd and jumped onstage. He sounded great.

— Josh Board

Small Labeled "31G's financial situation is not [the] best at the moment," says record-label co-owner Allisia Edwards. "We left our old distributor, the Lumberjack Mordam music group, to go with Redeye. Lumberjack wasn't too happy about us leaving, so...they have decided not to pay us everything owed in a timely manner. In fact, they haven't really paid us at all, which has affected us and our release schedule in a huge way."

Edwards invested in 31G in 1998, after receiving insurance money from a car accident. Her label's most recent release (in April) was a Birthday Party tribute record they had in the works for years. Titled *Release the Bats*, it features such local bands as Kill Me Tomorrow, Some Girls, Cattle Decapitation, and the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower.

"[Label co-owner] Justin Pearson and I never set out to do this thinking we would make millions, let alone enough to just get by.... To have mainstream success, you

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need a lot of airplay and music videos. I don't know if the mainstream is ready for the ideas behind a band like the Locust or the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower."

Edwards doesn't make enough from 31G to live on. To supplement her income, she bartends at the Zombie Lounge and Rosie and Joe's.

"I own a house and a dog and have 'adult' problems," she says. "So I have to do whatever I have to do to pay the bills."

31G has a number of

drag, I do impersonation," says Louis Padilla of his Shakira lookalike act. "Drag



LOUIS PADILLA ADMITS HIS ACT IS A CHALLENGE

is about looks, about being as much like a lady as possible, but an impersonation is a whole show; it involves duplicating someone's entire performance, [including] their attitude and moves." Padilla admits that not having hips makes it a challenge to mimic Shakira.

"I practice barefoot in the sand near water, which actually goes along with Arabic mythology, and that's something Shakira herself is

into." Padilla, a 29-year-old who cashiers at the EastLake Wal-Mart, earns between \$400 and \$1000 for a ten-song, hour-long performance. He lip-synchs to recorded Shakira tracks. He began impersonating the Colombian-born singer around eight years ago and makes his own costumes. "It's when I put on my Middle-Eastern belts that I really take on her persona."

When the real Shakira kicked off her first world tour at the Sports Arena in November 2002, Padilla was up front, standing on a riser. "She made eye contact and was smiling at me. There was a connection. I could tell she was really surprised to see someone dancing just like her, especially a boy!"

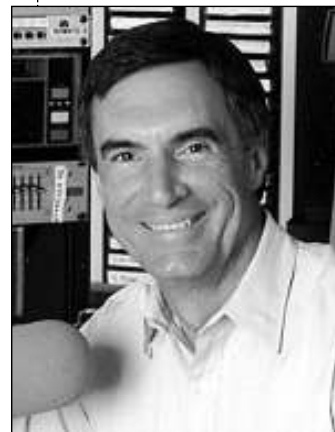
— Jay Allen Sanford

Roger Hedgecock and Merry Space Cadets

Thirty-seven years ago today (5/11/69), the Grateful Dead headlined SDSU's Spring Fling concert at the Aztec Bowl. One of Spring Fling's promoters was future city mayor Roger Hedgecock.

The Dead appeared along with Canned Heat, Lee Michaels, Tarantula, and

Tijuana-bred Carlos Santana. Jerry Garcia performed "Morning Dew," and Ron "Pigpen" McKernan (four years before he died) sang lead



HEDGECOCK WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEAD

on a 20-minute version of "Hard to Handle." Pigpen also fronted the band for "Good Lovin'," "Good Morning Little Schoolgirl," and "Turn on Your Love Light," the latter including a jam with Santana's percussionists and singer.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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EDWARDS NEVER SET OUT TO MAKE MILLIONS

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BAND NAMES

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

I began working on old and new songs and decided to 'get the band back together,' therein lies the collective. When put together, our name combines the specific with concepts, dreams, and great escape. Think 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.' — Derric Oliver, guitar/horns. Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective perform May 12 at the Whistle Stop.

PRIDEBOWL

"We started in 1994 in Sweden. I'm American and the other four original members were Swedish. After learning a few punk covers and adding a few originals, we were ready to play our first gig in the tiny town we lived in, Varberg, but we needed a name. After some long, weird drive through the country, the word 'Pride' popped in my head. Then I thought about how the Swedish bandmembers loved to bowl, since that town's six-lane alley was probably the only local place one could find people having fun on any given day. So we came up with the name 'Pridebowl' and said it over and over until it didn't make sense anymore. We really wanted a name that wasn't in the dictionary." — Aaron Goulding, vocals

THE ROSERY

"One morning I went out to a family IHOP breakfast with all my relatives. My grandma pulls out this giant box of sheet music, old hymns, and popular singles you and I have probably never heard of that looked like they survived the Holocaust — most of them did, dated around the 1940s. One sheet of paper literally started to crum-

TALL

"I was watching an episode of VH1's *Behind the Music* about the Black Crowes, talking about the Robinson brothers' rocky relationship and how at one point it boiled over as they were completing one of their studio albums. The fight came to blows, and one brother took the masters from the studio and threw them in the garbage. The name of that [Black Crowes] album was going to be *Tall*, which is a euphemism for getting high." — Stuart T. Smith, vocals

HOLIDAY AND THE ADVENTURE POP COLLECTIVE

"Holiday references both vacationing and the great Billie Holiday. When Louis [Caverly] and



A Park Tradition

ble as I picked it up — a chorus girl's résumé with a list of songs she knew. 'The Rosery' was one of the numbers listed, and Rose happens to be my mother's and my grandmother's middle name." — Lucas Coleman, guitar/vocals

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A PARK TRADITION

"Our three founding members, John, Nick, and Scott, all grew up in a town called Newbury Park [California], where absolutely everyone is in a band. You could go to a show somewhere almost seven nights a week and always have a friend or two playing. It might be because there's not a whole lot else to do there. When we moved to San Diego for school and realized not everyone is in a band or is supportive of new music, we thought we'd keep up our town's tradition here." — Nick Norton, guitar/vocals. A Park Tradition performs May 13 at the Bean Bar.

FAT MAN'S MISERY

"One, I've been playing guitar for 35 years, and this is my first blues band. I've primarily been in progressive rock bands. Two, I'm fat. Not just a little overweight, but at my heaviest I was 431 pounds. It makes me very different from most people. The alienation and pain of being generally looked down on by others is something that is part of me, part of my guitar playing. Three, I am a very proud second-generation native of San Diego, and Fat Man's Misery was a place in Torrey Pines that my sister the bass player and I used to go when we were kids." — Lee Loveless, guitar/vocals

SHOESTRING STRAP

"When our outlaw country/bluegrass band first moved from playing living rooms to having actual gigs, our mandolin player Keith borrowed a strap from our bass player Kent. One day Kent wanted his strap back. You would think a mandolin might have smaller strap pegs than a bass, but not so. It stretched out the [strap] holes so much that Kent's bass would fall off, repeatedly, onstage. Keith still didn't want to buy a strap for some reason so I offered to give him a shoestring as a strap. We also wanted a name that's impossible to say drunk." — Dave Lowenstein, guitar/banjo ■

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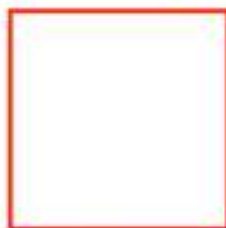
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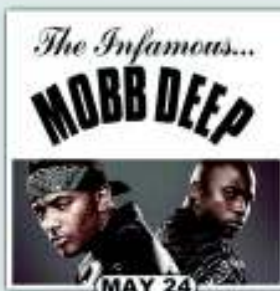
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JUNE

Bo Diddley /938/: Belly Up Tavern,
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Spyro Gyra: Belly Up Tavern,
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Slayer /405/: San Diego Sports
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Tavern, Tuesday, June 6, 143 South
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Blackalicious: Belly Up Tavern,
Wednesday, June 7, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022
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Ashlee Simpson: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June
8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.
619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Charlatans UK /594/: House of
Blues, Thursday, June 8, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Alejandra Guzman /596/: 4th & B,
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Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-
8176.

O.A.R.: Open Air Theatre, Saturday,
June 10, SDSU campus, College Area.
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Seether: House of Blues, Saturday,
June 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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Gregory Isaacs /751/: 4th & B,
Sunday, June 11, 345 B Street, San
Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-
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Chicago and **Huey Lewis & the
News** /573/: Bayside Concerts with
Viejas, Sunday, June 11, downtown
San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400
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Calexico: Belly Up Tavern, Monday,
June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or
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Smash Mouth: Del Mar
Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260
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Wolfmother: Canes, Tuesday, June
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Bo Bice: Del Mar Fairgrounds,
Wednesday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy
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Leon Russell /951/: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, June 15, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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Daryl Hall & John Oates /576/:
Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June
15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard,
Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-
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The Walkmen: House of Blues,
Friday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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Martina McBride [779]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, June 17, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Crowes [523]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride [779]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

T-Bone Burnett and Jakob Dylan: 4th & B, Monday, June 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Baaba Maal and Richard Thompson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Restless Heart, Little Texas, and Blackheart: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

INXS: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, June 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Neko Case [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tracy Lawrence [782]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Heart [610]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

SI*SE: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

India.Arie [964]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [581]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Rosie Flores [786]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Fiona Apple: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Indigenous: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [625]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Billy Ocean: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Les Claypool [282]: House of Blues, Sunday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Radiohead [183]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, June 26, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Melissa Etheridge [587]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band [218]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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Counting Crows [598]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

America [582] and **Richie Furay:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: Canes, Sunday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Fairport Convention: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, July 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas and Jewel [881]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, July 5, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Vans Warped Tour" with NOFX [109], Saves the Day, Anti-Flag, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 6, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pearl Jam and Sonic Youth: Cox Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

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Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo [586]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road,

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Eddie Money [617]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Book Binder [967]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, July 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Chris Isaak [561]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys [569]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Hootie & the Blowfish [624]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [621]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Robin Trower [590]: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steely Dan [591]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, July 24, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Sammy Hagar [567]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Boz Scaggs [613]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [599]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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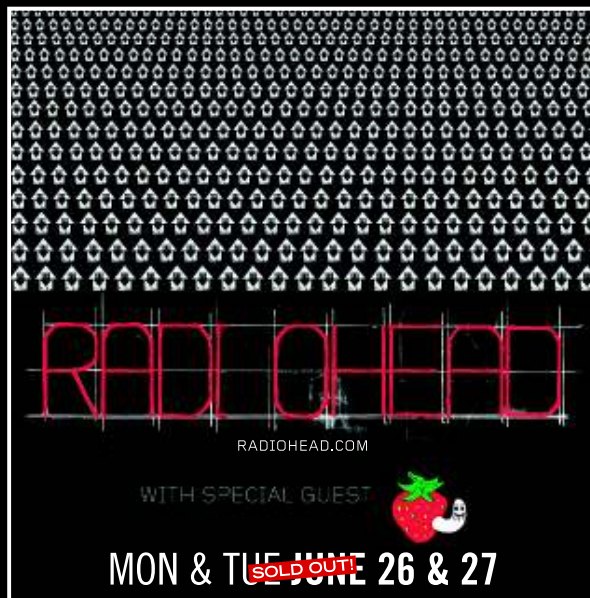


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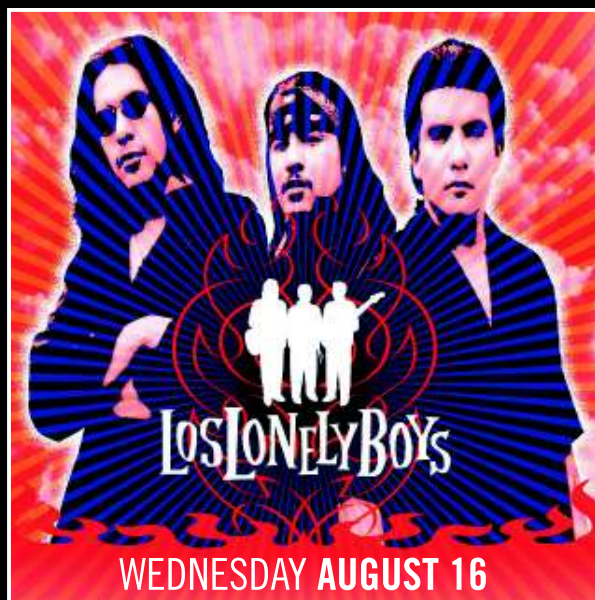


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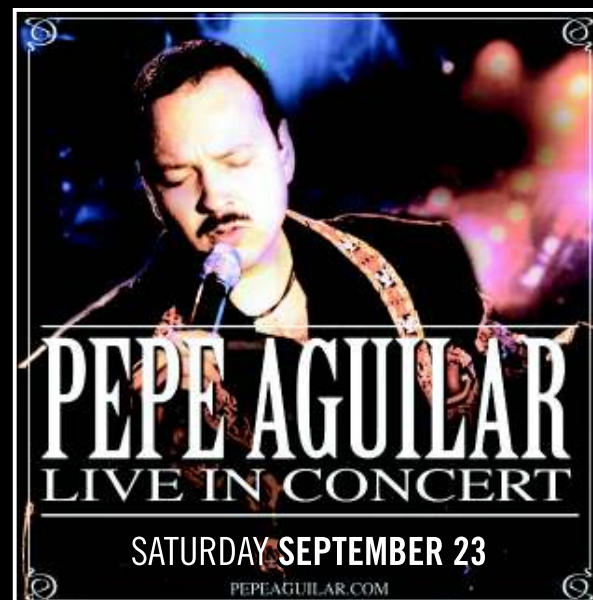
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"Roots Rock Reggae" with Ziggy Marley [737], **Sinéad O'Connor** [200], **Sly & Robbie**, and **Ozomatli:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited [628]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Harper [956]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, August 13, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Guy [959] and **Robert Cray:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lonely Boys: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, August 16, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Shakira: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, August 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241

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The Red Hot Chili Peppers [299]: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 25, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [198]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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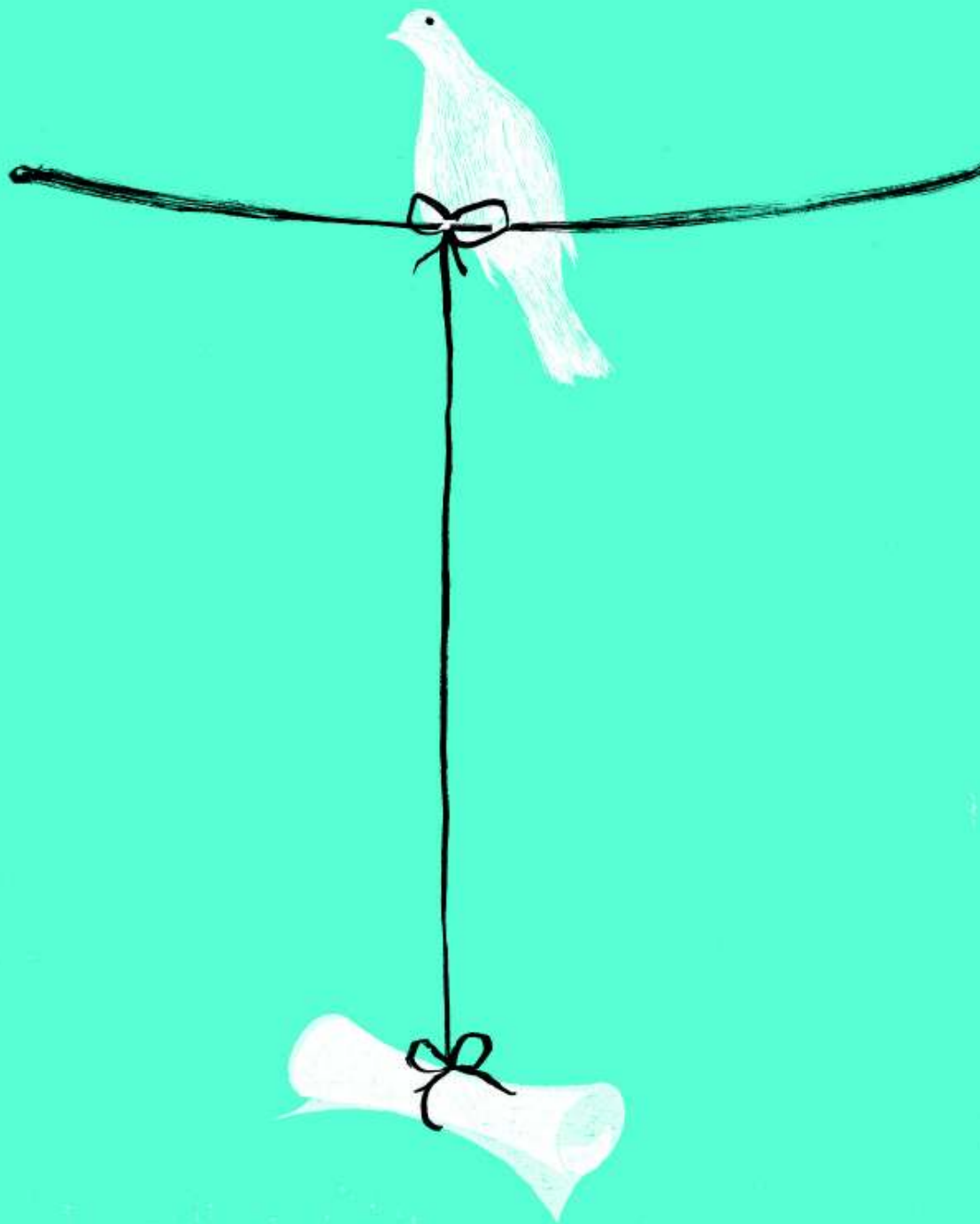
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Frank Black: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Joan Baez /817/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ana Gabriel: Pala Events Center, Friday, October 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

DJ EVENTS

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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and

up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown, 619-543-0933.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and poptronic-bossa-glitch-funk with BN Loco, Wero, and Orlando. Visuals by La Idra. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, machine funk, disco house, and electro with Get Ugly, Skutech, Jon Wesley, and more. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth, Terryn, and other female DJs spin indie, electro, and Britpop. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Walkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

On paper **KT Tunstall** might not come across as anything special. The young Scottish singer-songwriter writes straightforward lyrics and familiar-seeming melodies set to simple chord progressions, which she usually strums on acoustic guitar. She could be just another solo artist on a major label or just another singer in a café open-mike night. But it's hard to think like that when you hear her voice, a remarkable growl that can suddenly and gracefully soar up into another register for surprisingly feminine high notes. It's a dramatic and beautiful trick. What's better, she shows the good taste not to overdo it.

Tunstall's *Eye to the Telescope* was released in the United Kingdom last year and quickly made her a star, leading to her receiving a Brit (sort of the equivalent of a Grammy) for Best British Female Solo Artist this spring. Her management laid the groundwork for similar success stateside early this year with some TV appearances and high-profile shows, flying Tunstall back home every month or so instead of putting her on a grueling tour. The strategy worked: Her single "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" has been a big radio hit.

All this seems kind of weird, doesn't it? I mean, who knew there were still artists who could break on radio? Where are the name-dropping bloggers in this story? The hip-hop feuds? The catfights with Lindsay Lohan? Tunstall is a female artist who doesn't dress



KT TUNSTALL

like a hooker, doesn't rely on hit songwriters or trendy production gimmicks, and gets by on the strength of her talent.

KT TUNSTALL, House of Blues, Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. \$13.25.

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; 18 and up. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and

up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.



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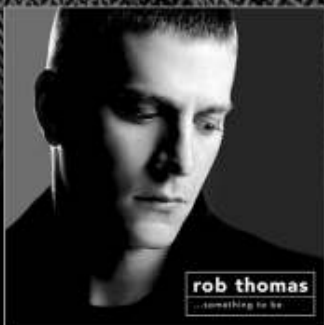
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, 9 p.m., *Bobby "Blue" Bland* and *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Lee Roy Parnell* and *Joey Harris*, rock/soul. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Nine Black Alps* and *the Fever*. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Over the Rhine* and *Hem*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash* and *the Golden Hill Ramblers*, rockabilly.

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., *Calima*, jazz duo.

Borders Books and Music

, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Olga Tapia*, folk.

Borders Books and Music

, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Molly Jensen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Heather Baker*, 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, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *the Fijis*, blues. Monday, *Middle Earth*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*.

Carvers

, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Crystal Sage*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill

, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Dan Connor*, folk rock; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wombats*, rock.

Game Time Tavern

, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Sandjacket*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Lizard Fish*, rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe

, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

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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.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday, live music.

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.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m., *Allison Scull and Victor Martin*, jazz/folk.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Arm the Angels*. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, reggae. Saturday, *Pink Froyd*, rock. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars*, rock. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., blues jam. Wednesday, *Burnt*, reggae.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Reaganomics*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Ripple Groove*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Superunloader*. Friday, 7 p.m., *Gadfly and the Swell*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Lifestyle, Day One, and Without a Warning*.

Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, live 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 and Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

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.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta, Gil Barron, James East, and Israel Maldonado*, Latin/smooth jazz/soul/pop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott, and Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo guitar/jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Karin Carson and Sweet Tea*, swing/R&B/funk.

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-1274. Call club for information.

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.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues/rock. Saturday, Agave, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Big Backyard*, rock. Wednesday, *One Drop*, rock.

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. Thursday, *Soja*, reggae. Friday, *Thicker Than Thieves*, reggae. Saturday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Ravens*, blues. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Gente Fina*. Wednesday, *Anna Troy*, *Sweet Elise*, *Heather Marie*, *Danielle LoPresti & the Masses*, *Jane Lui*, *Steph Johnson*, *Renata Youngblood*, *Kim DiVincenzo*, *Barbara Nesbitt*, *Laura Kuebel*, *Julie Mack*, *Paige Aufhammer*, *Chelsea Flor*, *Kimm Rogers*, *Drop Joy*, and *Marie Haddad*, acoustic/folk.

SAN DIEGO

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., *John Bosley*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Relentless*, *Sign of One* and *Nom de Guerre*. Friday, *Klub Therapy*. Saturday, *Joshua Tree* and *the Blasphemous Guitars*. Sunday, *Kill Hannah*, *Shiny Toy Guns*, *Clear Static*, *Jupiter*, and *Prowler*.

Camel's Breath Inn, 10330 Friars Road, San Diego. 619-281-1722. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura, 616 National City Boulevard, National City. 619-474-7375. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Bill Caballero's Latin Jam*.

College-Rolando Branch Library, 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego. 619-533-3903. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *the Lori Bell Jazz Trio*.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, contemporary folk.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Live rock/alternative, call club for information.

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, *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz. Saturday, DJ event, lounge.

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*s, 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, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Tapwater*, original rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Modern Rhythm*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, smooth jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gully*, *Sven-Erik Seaholm*, *Bigfellas*, *Barbara Nesbitt*, and *Hargo*, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul/dance. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., hip-hop/reggae.

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*.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Shimshai*, reggae/folk/jazz.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, *Speed Buggy USA*. Friday, *the UV Tigers*, *Grand Ole Party*, *Last Year's Zero*, *the Great Glass*, and *Elevator*. Saturday, *the Northstar Session*, *Sus Hijos*, *Sweet Tooth*, and *Chris Paul Overall*.

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. Thursday, *Stranger Six*, *the Holy Boys*, and *the Insurgence*, alternative/folk. Friday, *Kim DiVincenzo*. Saturday, *Safety Orange* and *Niki Kwik*, alternative/pop. Sunday, *Old Man Hands*, *Christopher Dale*, and *Annie Bethancourt*, acoustic/folk. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Lisa Sanders*, *Saba*, and *Joey Pearson*, pop/soul/R&B.

Mira Mesa Inn, 11261 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-578-3969.

Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *West of 5*, classic rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *VIII Fraud*, *Animal Style*, *Time Is the Enemy*, rock/metal. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Mother Grundy*, *Cheeky*, and *the Gooses*, rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Cadaver Dogs* and *LBP*, hard rock/punk/metal. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Alyssa Jacey*, *Stacia Conger*, *the Experiments*, and *Coastal Eddy*, acoustic/folk/rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday and Friday, live music. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Eve Selis* and *Sue Palmer*, roadhouse rock/boogie-woogie.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins*, rockabilly/blues.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Saturday, *Loadstone*, rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of

70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Fate of a Friend*, *Invictus*, *Impulse*, *Glasgow Drive*, *Forfal*, and *the Worst Episode Ever*. Saturday, *the Smash Up*, *Love Hate Hero*, *Kill Radio*, *Muff*, and *Circus Minor*. Tuesday, *Zolof the Rock and Roll Destroyer*, *River City High*, *the Transit War*, and *the New Addiction*. Wednesday, *Authority Zero*, *Split the Difference*, *the Rosery*, and *Grandview*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig Deluxe*, country. Friday, *the Big Daddy Orchestra*, blues/swing. Saturday, *Cornelius House*, blues/rock. 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. Saturday, *Switched Saturday* and *the Morlocks*, rock. Tuesday, *the Rattraps*, rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.



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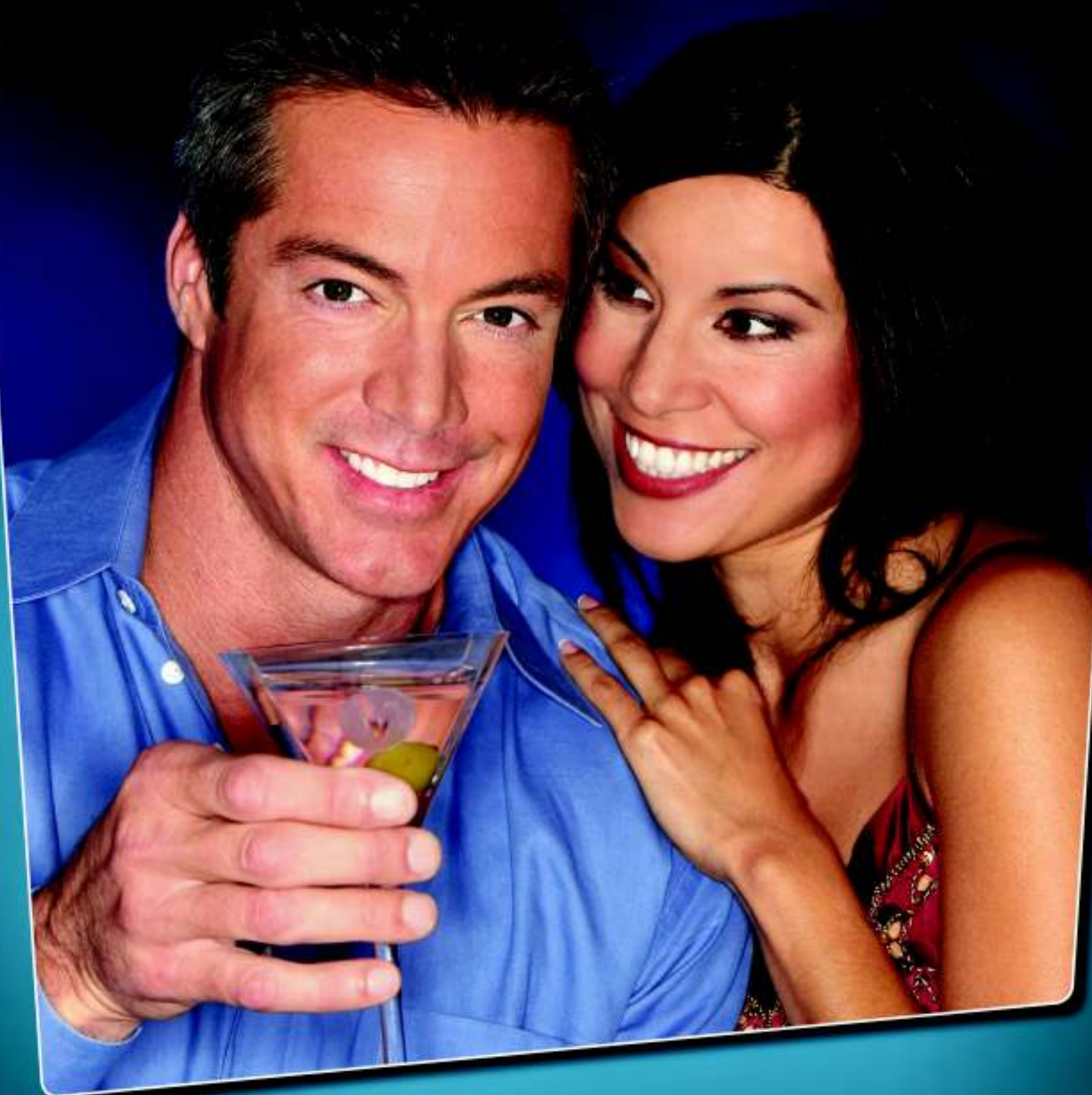
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Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Call club for information.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Thursday, 6 p.m., *the Bayou Brothers*, blues. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Derren Raser Band*, folk/jazz/rock/blues.

Cafe Cerise, 1125 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-595-0153. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Dylan Savage* and *the Danny Green Trio*, jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Plastic Explosive, Buckfast Superbee, Birdmonster*, and *Archery*. Friday, *Aloha, Foreign Born, A.M. Vibe*, and *Matt White*. Saturday, *the Bellrays, the Spores*, and *DJ Slavash*. Sunday, *Helen Stellar, Dreamtiger*, and *the Lanterns*. Monday, *the Slackers* and *the Aggrolites*. Tuesday, *Jucifer* and *Sirhan Sirhan*. Wednesday, *the Cougars, the Demolition Dollrods*, and *the Daffodils*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1901 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *S.D. Blues*, blues.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *Blue Rockit*. Sunday, *the Ghost of Sada*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *the Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble*. Friday, *Peter Sprague, Josh Nelson, Bob Magnusson, Dave Anderson, Tripp Sprague, Leonard Patton, Eric Lige*, and *Rebecca Jade*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Danny Green, Dylan Savage*, and *Sly Simon*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Larry Mitchell, Martin Greaves, James East*, and *Charlie George*, pop/jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *the Legacy Big Band*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, *Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective*.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday and Tuesday, *Eamon Carroll*, Irish folk. Saturday, *Carly Hennessy*, folk. Wednesday, *Ashley Matte*, folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, *Boyz II Men*. Friday, *Tiesto*. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Paul VanDyk* and *Jerry Bonham*.

The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Friday and Saturday, live music.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *K.T. Tunstall* and *Micah P. Hinson*. Friday, *Juvenile, Bubba Sparxxx*, and *Partners in Crime*, rap. Sunday, *John Tesh*. Wednesday, *Jamie Cullum* and *Raul Midon*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, classic jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., *Evil Dee, Rob Swift*, and *Scion Metros*, DJ event, hip-hop.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music.

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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*. Friday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*. Saturday, *Bill Magee Blues*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon & the Committee*. Monday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Tuesday, *Jumpstart*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa. Tuesday, *Charanga Cubana*, salsa/Latin.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The W Hotel, 421 B Street, downtown. 619-231-8220. Ipanema Lounge: Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, Brazilian beats/bossa/breaks. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *DJ Who?*, hip-hop/mash-ups/rock.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz/Top 40. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, jazz.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 8 p.m., *Todd Schroeder*, cabaret. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Eileen Bowman* and *Ric Henry*, cabaret.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday through Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Also, Saturday, *DJ Daniel*. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Les Allen & City Limits*, country/Southern rock/blues.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble*, world jazz.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to

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Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*.

Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., *John Cain*.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Cat House Stomp*, blues/rock. Saturday, *Brad Wilson*, acoustic.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Elevators*, rock. Saturday, *Undecided*, rock. Sunday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic. Monday, *David Houser*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, rock en español.

South Bay Fish and Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-720-7234. Sunday, 10:30 a.m., *the Third Coast Jazz Band*.

EAST COUNTY

Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile, 1020 Barrett Lake Road, Barrett Junction. 619-468-3416. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Tom Smerk*, classic rock/oldies/blues/folk.

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Wood'n Lips*, folk/bluegrass.

Cosmos Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Kev and Jim Earp*, acoustic/folk.

DeOro Mine Co., 9924 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-464-3351. Friday, *the Fun Addicts*, rock. Saturday, *Forgotten*, rock.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Tall Dudes*, country/rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Arrowhead*, rock. Saturday, *Two for Gone, Hungover Tomorrow*, and *Solis*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Las Parrillas, 555 Montrose Court, El Cajon. 619-444-3955. Friday, hip-hop/reggae. Saturday, Latin/salsa.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *619*, classic rock.

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Friday, 9 p.m., *DJ Dirty Pat*, Top 40/hip-hop. Saturday, *Danicus*, pub rock. Tuesday, *DJ Girth*, house/techno. Wednesday, *DJ Redneck Roy*, country.

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Sunday, June 11



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Sunday, June 18



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Thursday, June 22



Acoustic Planet Tour
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String Band**
Friday, June 23



Pink Martini
Saturday, June 24

may

**John Hiatt &
The North Mississippi
Allstars**
Monday, May 22 • 7:30

Robert Earl Keen
with special guests **Reckless Kelly**
Wednesday, May 31 • 7:00

june

'70s Soul Jam
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Wednesday, June 28 • 7:30

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july

Nickel Creek
Wednesday, July 5 • 7:30

Linda Ronstadt
Thursday, July 6 • 7:30

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Indigo Girls
with special guest **Michelle Malone**
Friday, July 7 • 7:30

**Hapa/Barefoot
Natives: Willie K.
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Sunday, July 9 • 7:00

Blues Traveler
Monday, July 10 • 7:30

Miranda Lambert
Wednesday, July 12 • 7:30

Eddie Money
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Thursday, July 13 • 7:00

Chris Isaak
Friday, July 14 • 7:30

Lyle Lovett
Sunday, July 16 • 7:30

The Beach Boys
Tues. & Wed., July 18 & 19 • 7:30

Hootie & The Blowfish
with special guest **Kai Brown**
Thursday, July 20 • 7:00

**Bruce Hornsby &
The Noisemakers**
Friday, July 21 • 7:30

Herman's Hermits
starring **Peter Noone/
Peter & Gordon/
The Turtles**
Sunday, July 23 • 6:30

Terri Clark
with special guest **Ryan Shupe**
Thursday, July 27 • 7:30

Celtic Woman
Friday, July 28 • 8:00

august

Boz Scaggs
with special guest **James Hunter**
Tuesday, August 1 • 7:30

The Rippingtons
featuring **Russ Freeman**
**20th Anniversary Tour/
David Benoit**
Wednesday, August 2 • 7:30

**David Bromberg
with Angel Band/
the subdudes**
Thursday, August 3 • 7:00

Foreigner
with special guest **Joe Bonamassa**
Friday, August 4 • 7:30

august

Olivia Newton-John
Sunday, August 6 • 7:30

Ian Anderson
plays **Orchestral Jethro Tull**
Monday, August 7 • 7:30

Randy Newman
Wednesday, August 9 • 8:00

**Ottmar Liebert
& Luna Negra**
Thursday, August 10 • 7:30

Yolanda Adams
Friday, August 11 • 7:30

Lonestar
Sunday, August 13 • 7:30

**Poco/Pure Prairie
League**
Thursday, August 17 • 7:00

**Dennis DeYoung:
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Special guest appearance by
Glen Burtnik
Friday, August 18 • 7:30

Dave Brubeck Quartet
Sunday, August 20 • 7:30

Michael Franks
with special guests **Willie & Lobo**
Monday, August 21 • 7:00

Etta James
Tuesday, August 22 • 7:30

**Big Head Todd
& The Monsters/
Toad The Wet Sprocket**
Wednesday, August 23 • 7:00

**Air Supply/
Christopher Cross**
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, August 25 • 7:30

Gordon Lightfoot
Sunday, August 27 • 7:30

Rosanne Cash
Monday, August 28 • 7:30

Doobie Brothers
Tuesday, August 29 • 7:30

september

Joe Cocker
Tuesday, September 5 • 7:30

Jesse Cook
with special guest **Sophie Milman**
Thursday, September 7 • 7:30

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Los Lobos
with special guests
Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk
Friday, September 8 • 7:00

**Southside Johnny &
The Asbury Jukes/
The Fabulous
Thunderbirds**
Sunday, September 10 • 7:00

Steve Tyrell
Thursday, September 14 • 7:30

Tower of Power
Friday, September 15 • 8:00

George Carlin
Saturday, September 16 • 6:30 & 9:00

Brian Culbertson
featuring **Eric Darius/
Keiko Matsui**
Thursday, September 21 • 7:00

Temptations
Sunday, September 24 • 7:30

Na Leo
Friday, September 29 • 7:00

october

Emmylou Harris
Tuesday, October 3 • 7:30

Queensrÿche
Wednesday, October 4 • 7:30

Bobby Caldwell
Friday, October 6 • 8:00

Cecilio & Kapono
Sunday, October 8 • 7:30

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- The Fun Addicts:** DeOro Mine Co.
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- Joey Harris:** Belly Up Tavern
- Helen Stellar:** The Casbah
- Hungover Tomorrow:** Fannie's Nightclub
- The Husky Boy Allstars:** Blind Melons
- Impulse:** Soma
- Joshua Tree:** Brick By Brick
- Laguna:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill
- LBP:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

- Loadstone:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Danielle LoPresti & the Masses [452]:** Winstons
- Modern Rhythm [439]:** Humphrey's
- The Monsters of Rock:** Molly Malone's
- The Morlocks:** Tower Bar
- Nemesis:** Dirk's Niteclub
- The New Addiction:** Soma
- The Northstar Session [886]:** The Kensington Club
- Nude Blues:** Bahia Belle Cruise
- Off-Track:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse
- One Drop:** Tiki House
- Over the Rhine:** Belly Up Tavern
- Lee Roy Parnell:** Belly Up Tavern
- Pickford's Party:** Thrusters
- Pink Froyd:** Blind Melons, Winstons
- Private Domain [489]:** Dick's Last Resort

- Prowler:** Brick By Brick
- The Derren Raser Band:** Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
- Reaganomics:** Coaster Saloon
- Relentless:** Brick By Brick
- The Rhythm Method:** Coyote Bar and Grill

- Ripple Groove:** Coaster Saloon
- Rock Star:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse
- Eve Selis [410]:** Riley's Sports Bar
- Serious Guise:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- 619:** Second Wind (Santee)
- Solis:** Fannie's Nightclub
- Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat:** Leucadian Bar
- The Stilettos:** Henry's Pub
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- The Transit War:** Soma
- Two for Gone:** Fannie's Nightclub
- Undecided:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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- West of 5 [505]:** Mira Mesa Inn
- Matt White:** The Casbah
- The Wombats:** Coyote Bar and Grill



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Website: *www.billfarkas.com*

As far as the music behind the lyrics is concerned, it's forgettable. It's basic rock with a hint of country and folk. Now, let's talk about the lyrics. This is protest rock, very literal protest rock. *Sea of Mass Confusion* is about as straight-forward as a kick to the

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shins. In most songs, Bill takes the position of any 22-year-old college student and sets it to standard music. "Our vote is all you need / but power is like a cancer / and it's growing like a weed." Little bit of a mixed metaphor here. Not really a big deal except for two things: 1) protest

rock is all about its words (the music is nothing special) and 2) this sort of mistake is pervasive throughout the CD. "Orphans often sleep alone / their tears are always dry / and who would care to lay beside the anguish of an orphan's cry." Orphans sleep alone because they cry and they cry because they sleep alone. Oh, and they cry dry tears. (?) But, don't worry about that. Just agree with him. Who can argue with orphans? And who can argue with "Let's take the guns and gas / and stick them up the ass / of these thieves, politicians, generals and bigots." This is the same sentiment that won Toby Keith awards from the pro-war crowd and cries of "idiot!" from the opposition. So, if you want affirmation that white-collar criminals are bad, war and gas are bad, and orphans are good,



Bill Farkas

then I'll leave you with this last expression from Bill: "But if you could turn back a page on the wall / you may see a smile through the tears of it all / you dream of tomorrow, you waste your today / your skies remain cloudy, your ship sails away." The tears and smiles and clouds and ships of a page on the wall. Got it.

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POP / TOP 40

- B Natural:** Bahia Belle Cruise
- Boyz II Men [620]:** 4th & B
- Crush:** Jimmy Love's
- Heartland:** La Playa Cantina & Grill
- Fran Loskota:** The Westgate Hotel
- The Love Rangers:** The Alley
- Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House
- Makai:** Humphrey's
- The Reaganomics:** Jimmy Love's
- John Tesh [623]:** House of Blues

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

- Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze
- The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies

- Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect
- The Lori Bell Jazz Trio:** College-Rolando Branch Library
- The Big Daddy Orchestra [657]:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn
- Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Lee Brown Perspective [678]:** Thrusters
- John Cain [703]:** Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado
- Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze
- Karin Carson:** Portugalia
- Gilbert Castellanos [667]:** Excelsior
- Sandy Chappel:** Cafe LaMaze
- Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies
- James East:** Dizzy's, Pasquale on Prospect
- Fattburger [648]:** Humphrey's
- Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect
- The Jim Gala Jazz Trio:** Kitima Thai Restaurant
- Joe Garrison:** Cafe LaMaze

- Charlie George:** Dizzy's
- John Giulino:** Pasquale on Prospect
- Martin Greaves:** Dizzy's
- Danny Green:** Dizzy's
- The Danny Green Trio:** Cafe Cerise
- The Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble:** Dizzy's
- Cynthia Hammond:** Pasquale on Prospect
- The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Keith Jacobsen:** Trisler's Wine Bar, Humphrey's
- Rebecca Jade:** Dizzy's
- Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del Coronado
- Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Legacy Big Band:** Dizzy's
- Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel
- Eric Lige:** Dizzy's
- Stellita Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado
- Dave Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado
- Bob Magnusson:** Dizzy's

- Israel Maldonado:** Pasquale on Prospect
- Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble:** World Beat Center
- Victor Martin:** Beaumont's
- Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's
- Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
- The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- Larry Mitchell:** Dizzy's
- Jose Molina Serrano:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery
- Mike Nelson:** The Lodge at Torrey Pines
- Josh Nelson:** Dizzy's
- Nice 'n' Easy:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse
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The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

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Soja: Longshot Saloon, Winstons

Thicker Than Thieves [746]: Winstons

Tribal Theory: Longshot Saloon

Vegetation [753]: Winstons

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COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits [787]: Whiskey Girl

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash [761]: Belly Up Tavern

Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The North County Cowboys: The Pine Hills Lodge

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Abbey: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Dave Armo: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Paige Aufhammer: Winstons

Heather Baker: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Bass: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Annie Bethancourt: Lestat's Coffee House

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Eamon Carroll: The Field

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Chelsea Flor: Winstons

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Bobby "Blue" Bland [935]: Belly Up Tavern

Blue Rockit [955]: Dick's Last Resort

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Three-course dinner for two: \$130. Bottle of David Bruce Pinot Noir: \$58. Panoramic view of the bay, the bridge, the downtown skyline: Priceless. The food is pretty good, too.

Island Prime shares a building (formerly Reuben's Restaurant, gutted and redone) with the casual, outdoorsy Island Prime C Level (reviewed last week). Deborah Scott (of Kemo Sabe and Indigo Grill) is executive chef for both, as well as co-owner with the Cohn Restaurant Group.

The two dining venues have little in common. Even though they're physically on the same level, IP (as the menu calls it) is referred to as "upstairs." It certainly feels more upscale, a "fine dining" restaurant-steakhouse, though the tables wear no tablecloths, and on weeknights we saw more polo shirts than suits. An older crowd dominates at the early seatings, while around 8:00 the age group shifts to late 20s and early 30s.

The dining room with its huge glass windows is paneled in wood with painted panels in sorbet pastels. Partial walls divide the expanse into more intimate areas, creating two sub-restaurants. Tables near the window are quieter, dimly lit, and romantic. Those closer to the entrance are mainly booths, substituting comfort for scenery, and action for serenity — 1950s pop-jazz plays in the nearby bar-lounge, lights are brighter, and a clattering semi-open kitchen sends parades of servers hoofing it toward C Level and bussers returning with used plates and tot's high chairs. But it's never racy: The faux open-beam ceiling is lined with acoustical bubbles, and the floor is covered with a thick, textured jute carpet, which absorbs noise like a sponge. These design features ensure that, at the window tables, the volume is lively but pleasant — the ideal sound level for a restaurant. Even though a tour bus was parked outside, and its passengers were eating chicken breast at the table next to ours, we heard our own conversation and barely overheard theirs.

The menu and the long wine list are printed together in a thick, narrow pad. After starters and salads, the entrées are split onto two pages. The first section consists of nine "composed entrées," featuring seafood, meat, and poultry with all the trimmings. The next page, called "turf," is a steakhouse-style listing of 9 unadorned grilled or roasted meats and 12 options for sauces, rubs, compound butters, and mustards. (You get to choose one.)



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Sides cost extra and are on the following page.

Friends Lynne and Fred joined us the first night. We lucked out and got a window table, well away from the kitchen action and the lounge. We began with an appetizer of Filet Mignon Tartare. The chef draws on her Southern heritage for many of IP's dishes, phoning her mom in Virginia for recipes (e.g., the she-crab soup at C Level and the Iris chopped salad at both venues). The Tartare may not be Mom's, but it speaks with a hospitable drawl: It's closer to a rich, beef-flecked potato salad than to the Russian-French classic of chopped raw meat and powerful condiments. The tender filet pieces are mixed with chopped fingerling potatoes, blue cheese, and truffle vinaigrette. A caper garnish is the only remnant of the European tradition — there's nothing fierce about this civilized Tartare. A seared ahi stack with Pacific Rim flavors has the same proportion of protein to creaminess. It offers crabmeat, avocado, and sprinkles of black tobiko roe, mingling with a kicky papaya-mango salsa. "It's funny, these two dishes taste very different — one's the

ocean, the other's the land," Fred noted, "but the textures are almost identical."

"Ooh, I want to try these," said Lynne, finding fennel-crusted diver scallops on the menu. The scallops were of fine quality, served atop elephant garlic risotto with pancetta and basil oil. The risotto was cooked to firm-soft, and if I'm not thrilled with elephant garlic, that's just personal taste.

The appetizer that evoked *aahs* all around the table was the lobster kettle roast (available at both venues). It proved livelier than the bisque that I'd sampled downstairs a week earlier, though both supposedly start with the same broth. (One possible explanation may be that Scott was on vacation the week we ate at C Level.) In the kettle roast, several delicate pieces of lobster claw meat from the "thumb" float in a creamy broth with a gentle lobster flavor. Order this while you can: The chef is thinking of taking it off the menu — just to get those cumbersome kettles off the crowded stoves.

In the course of our first dinner we discovered more upstairs-downstairs differences: The IP staff

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PRICES: Appetizers, \$10–\$16; salads, \$8–\$9; entrées, \$26–\$48; sides, \$7–\$15; desserts, \$10.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Pacific coastal cuisine with hints of the Chesapeake Bay, plus USDA Prime steaks and roast beef. Excellent international wine list, priced rather high (few whites under \$30, few reds under \$40), with reserve list of reds bottled in 1997; adequate selection by the glass. Corkage \$15. Good beer list.

PICK HITS: Shaved corn with black truffle; seared ahi stack; lobster kettle roast; shellfish over black linguini; any steak or roast beef.

NEED TO KNOW: Reservations strongly advised. You can't reserve a window table — those are "first come, first served" — but you can wait for one. Sound level is lively but painless. Polo shirts are the norm on weeknights; dressier garb on "date nights." Most dishes high in salt.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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is more professional and knowledgeable than the pretty young women who served us at C Level. They have more time to pay attention to details, free from the hectic pace downstairs. Upstairs also gives you soft, warm dinner rolls or *zaftig* popovers, whereas at C Level, with its sandwich-laden menu, "Ya gets no bread with one meatball."

My partner and I returned a few nights later for a "mopping-up operation." We began with a soufflé of Gruyère, Parmesan, and undetectable truffles, dotted with sweet sherry figs, and a Parmesan crisp on the side. It was comforting and filling. I'd seen a review praising the baby beet salad. We expected whole tiny beets but were instead served thin slices of beets, a breaded round of baked goat cheese, and a heap of spring mix studded with wal-

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nuts so thickly glazed that they tasted like brown sugar lumps — with no nuttiness left. (Is sugar Xanax for nuts?) Meanwhile, several plates of the Iris chopped salad (named for the chef's mom) passed us en route to other tables. We wished we'd ordered it instead.

Island Prime lives up to its steakhouse name, serving USDA Prime Midwestern corn-fed beef, tender, and well marbled. There's also an aristocratic Kurobuto pork chop among the steakhouse-style entrées. Since steak is more common than roast beef at most restaurants, we gravitated to the roast prime rib. We requested and received a rare center cut, which proved fatty, salty, and tasty, and a relative bargain at \$21 for 12 ounces (or \$29 for 21 ounces). When we returned, I enjoyed a succulent 18-ounce bone-in rib-eye and expect to enjoy it several more times as I work my way through the vast slab of protein that I doggy-bagged home.

The list of side dishes includes many variations on mashed potatoes, plus fried and baked spuds, spinach, mushrooms, and prosciutto-wrapped asparagus. The best, fresh shaved corn with black truffle and herbs, has become the restaurant's signature dish. "Omigod, this is amazing!" said the Lynne at first bite. Each of us echoed her rhapsodies. The truffle component isn't the usual splash of oil, but crunchy black truffle shavings, lending earthy contrast to the supersweet corn kernels and lush cream sauce. This dish alone is worth the voyage.

"Lightly smoked wild mushrooms with herbs, garlic, shallots, and red wine" (the menu says) spill out of two rectangular packages of puff pastry. Don't hope for morels or chanterelles: The mushrooms are mainly creminis (the brown version of button mushrooms), with a few strips of baby shiitake and rehydrated porcini. The garlic is hard to detect. Instead, you get a lash of black pepper, heavy salting, and a sharp-flavored sauce. Sautéed spinach with cream, pancetta, and roasted garlic had tough leaves, splotches of melted cheddar, and a peppery cream sauce (and again, no perceptible garlic).

At our first meal, our other side was a lobster/aged cheddar twice-baked potato, which is not only enough for two as a side (as recommended) but would make a whole meal for a duo at home. Rising from a decapitated, hollowed-out potato was a giant pouf mingling melted cheese and mashed baked potato flesh, mixed with chunks of bulk lobster knuckle meat. This type of lobster meat has only a hint of seafood flavor, and its texture resembles fork-mashed canned tuna. Arriving in a nearly burnt potato shell, it had grown chewy from the baking, and the flavor combination confused my taste buds. After childhood summers in New England gobbling steamed live lobsters with drawn butter, my palate just can't get around the Californicated combination of lobster and melted cheese. Lynne and Fred didn't say much, and they also didn't eat much.

Real lobster — in the shell, that is — appears on an entrée of lobster, rock shrimp, clams, and mussels on black squid-ink linguini with an arugula-Pernod cream sauce. The sauce is very rich, lightly herbal from the

licorice-flavored Pernod, and heavily salted — you don't taste the salt, but it raises an instant thirst. "Love this sauce," said the Lynne. The Australian lobster tail hulking over the plate proved sweet and reasonably tender. It was surrounded by tiny rock shrimp and sweet little clams, but the mussels were (as at C Level the previous week) a little "off." They weren't as funky as they'd been downstairs, but they still had a whiff of their own exudates. (I spoke with chef Deborah about this the next day, and she promised to delve into the problem and correct it. I believe her, because the restaurant's official mussel-handling practices are correct, and because she's encountered nasty mussels at other people's restaurants and was aghast to hear that some had come out of her kitchen.)

Porcini-dusted rack of Colorado lamb featured ordinary, slightly greasy meat with a delicious smoked tomato glacé. Blobs of spicy Moroccan-style tomato jam decorated a bed of tiny green French lentils, which were cooked a little crunchy. "Shouldn't lentils be softer?" Lynne asked. "Oh, but I love them this way," my partner answered. He was pretty much alone in that preference, sharing it only with the chef — since our next dish showed that the crunchiness was deliberate.

Great Northern beans of similar texture accompanied an herb-crusted Alaskan halibut fillet with a yuzu *beurre blanc*, clams, and pancetta. "I could handle the lentils, but these are just too hard for me," said Fred. My partner liked them even better than the lentils, but none of us liked the fish: Once this bland species is cooked a few seconds past translucent, it's scarcely worth eating. Ours was cooked

to conventioner standards — well done — and most went into a week of dinner donations to my favorite feral cat. At second visit, we ordered pomegranate-teriyaki mahimahi and asked the server for medium rare. It arrived cooked well-done, too, but this gamier fish withstood it better, and we liked the zingy glaze. The accompanying udon noodles, dressed with sesame and ginger and spotted with bok choy pieces, were delightful, tasting as if they could have come from a serious Hong Kong restaurant.

Desserts are deliberately "retro," says the chef. A pineapple upside-down cake was a giant warm rectangle drenched in caramel. My partner and I liked it but wearied after a couple of bites. "Anybody want to take this home?" we asked. "Me, me!" said Fred. We tried both the "trios" — three house-made ice creams and sorbets, served in house-made waffle cones. Their flavors change frequently. That night, we liked the pistachio best among the ice creams; the others didn't get much play. The sorbets had an icy texture. "I like the passion fruit," said Lynne. "It's the only one with a really strong flavor."

"You know, the only Cohn restaurant I've really liked before this one was Blue Point," said the Lynne. "This was a real surprise. The food's much better than I expected, and the view is just great — I'm even thinking of taking my boyfriend here for a special evening."

Both venues of Island Prime will be serving a buffet for Mother's Day this weekend (10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., \$50 adults with one glass of champagne, \$16 kids 6–12, free for under 6), same dishes upstairs and downstairs. If this sounds like your mom's cuppa tea, best

reserve for it right away, because a lot of other moms' husbands and grown children are already on the phone.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Deborah Scott still speaks with a trace of her native Virginia, where her mom cooked Southern food and her dad manned the back-yard grill. "I call them Ward and June Cleaver," she says. "They're both in their eighties now, and I feel fortunate they're still flourishing." The grill awakened her interest in food. "I used to go camping a lot, and what really absorbed me was the meats and the smells of that rustic-type cooking." Once she'd earned a degree in English literature, bartending her way through college, she studied at the Baltimore International Culinary College and then won an advanced degree in the graduate studies program of the CIA (Culinary Institute of America) in Hyde Park, New York. After working in several restaurants back East, she moved to California in 1992 and opened Mediterraneo in Alpine. She went on to open the original Indigo Grill in Little Italy (now reopened and flourishing at a better site) and Kemo Sabe, under the aegis of the Cohn Restaurant Group. She still heads those kitchens as well as those of Island Prime and Island Prime C Level.

Kemo Sabe made Scott's reputation as an audacious, spicy chef. "The food at Island Prime is totally a departure for me," she says. "It's kind of fun to do, but it's definitely a departure from my signature style.... The whole feel of the building is very retro, so first, I went on consideration of that retro feel. Secondly, the clientele we get in a restaurant like this, compared to Kemo Sabe

or Indigo Grill — it's more varied, with a lot of tourists, a lot of people from the hotels and the Convention Center, and some older clients from Reuben's, *quite* a bit of people from there.... So I've done some tweaking here and there to play to them, to emphasize what I think of as a retro style. Our desserts are very retro — like the Mud Pie, which I used to eat at Chart House when I was a kid.

"There's a big difference between Island Prime and C Level. I can be in C Level — it's a very casual feel — and then you walk off the floor into Island Prime, and it's a bizarre feeling, like you're walking from one restaurant into another. The people at C Level are coming off boats or taking a nice lunch-with-a-view away from the office. Island Prime is much more upscale in feeling. The appetizers at C Level are sized for sharing. Those at Island Prime aren't as large and cost a little more, but some have slightly better ingredients.

"I see both restaurants as places that people can take their out-of-town guests to or gather new memories for San Diegans who might remember having their prom at Reuben's. I always listen to suggestions and take 'em to heart and tweak the menu to fit the audience."

Deborah didn't yet know that Island Prime had been picked as one of *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine's worldwide "Hot Restaurants" of 2006. When I told her, she said, "I love the restaurant business...it's like having this dinner party every night. I just feel so appreciative about being able to do that, and to have received the recognition that I do is a bonus. It just makes me so happy to be doing something I enjoy." ■

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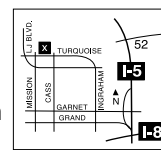
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I see that horse?" says Charlie. I swivel on the low bar stool. But all I see is a naked lady staring down at me. She has wide hips, a wicked smile, and I swear she's winking.

"To the left, the left," says Charlie. Oh. Yes. The smaller painting, farther along. It's of a svelte-looking black horse standing proud in green grass.

"That horse created this place," Charlie says. "His name was Don B. Without Don B, no Bully's."

"How come?" I ask.

"The Derby. Do you realize that 40,000 thoroughbreds are born each year, and only 20 of them make it into the Kentucky Derby? He was one."

Jeez. I'm desperate to hear the rest, but Kahala the server is bringing out my burger, and at 9 bucks, I ain't gonna let that baby get cold. I mean, the burger's the only thing I can afford. This is Bully's prime rib joint, and I shouldn't be here at all. Prime ribs start at 18 buckaroos and head north from there. Guess I had a weak moment walking past this evening around 8:00. Felt a Jackson in ye olde pocket and thought: "There must be some damned thing I can afford in there. Hell, I'm worth it."

So I climbed up the steps, swung open the big, carved, varnished, driftwoody door. Inside's

this pubby, clubby place with cream walls, patches of brick, heavy Elizabethan timbers, a central bar with a rack of barflies propping up one end, and at the other, a nice lower counter with stools around it. A little club area. It's a bar, but without that "Drink! Now!" feel to it.

So that's where I sat. I scoured the menu, looking for anything I could afford. Ha! Bully's Prime Rib, petite cut (8 oz.), \$17.95, half cut (12 oz.), \$20.95. Filet mignon? Twenty-five bucks. Baby-back ribs? Twenty. These all come with extras, of course, like

soup or salad, bread, and choice of fries, mash, baked potato, veggies, or rice, but it's still out of my league.

Pity, 'cause I see the menu says they're kind of organic about their meat. "No antibiotics or hormones are used in our all-natural Montana-raised 100 percent Angus corn-fed beef." Great.

I check the egg section first. They have eggs and potatoes for \$7.25 but for "Lunch Only." Lessee...salad, soup? French onion soup with toast and side salad goes for \$7.45. That's my choice.

Then, oh boy. Breakthrough. Praise the Lord. The "sandwiches." "Bully Burger, \$8.75," \$8.95 with cheese, \$9.95 with sautéed onions. That, I can handle. Just.

Kahala brings over a petite cut prime rib to Mitch, the guy on my left. "Decided?" she asks me.

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I go whole hog Bully Burger. When she brings it, I fold the top bun over onto the big cross-burned meat patty.

I chomp in. Ay, *carumba*. Thick, juicy, smoky, tasty, and rare, just as I asked. Maybe one of the best I've ever had. I dig into my baked potato, stab a couple of *pepinos* — pickles — and then back to the meat. Perfecto.

"Only one thing better," says this guy Robb, who's watching them from the high bar. He's been coming in here since he was six. "Next time ask for the buns to be sourdough, and grilled. Can't beat it, except for the French dip [\$11.50]. That's exceptional here, too."

"Anyway," Charlie says. "This place wouldn't have started without that horse over there. Don B. 'Cause his trainer, Lester Holt — he's the guy in that next picture — entered him in the Kentucky Derby. Don B came fourth, then the first-place horse was disqualified. So he placed third. And on the basis of that, for the next 20 years, Lester hired Don B out for stud at \$20,000 a go, 80 times a year. And when George Bullington, who was English and working as a barman here in town where Lester drank, said he wanted to start a prime rib place modeled on an English pub, my wife Beverly told Lester..."

Rest, history. So, wow. George Bullington the

English barman started up Bully's right here in 1967, with Don B's dough and Beverly's help. This Bully's here in Bird Rock is the original one of several that have grown up around town over the past four decades. Charlie shows me the very first menu, hand-lettered by Betty. Oh boy. They charged \$4.95 for full cut prime rib (\$26.00 now). And \$1.50 for a Bully Burger (\$8.75 now).

'Course, time has passed. George has passed on, and Charlie and Beverly now own all this.

"So," I ask, "what's the story about the naked Madonna?"

"Come look," Charlie says. I get up and we cross to the back wall where it hangs.

"This couple used to hang out here. He was an artist. Crazy about her. Painted this celebration of her. Then he caught her cheating. Notice anything? One night he came back with his brushes. Painted her right eye closed, rearranged her boobs, added to her hips, and gave her a claw-hammer toe. Revenge. We have to live with it."

My check comes to \$13.15, with coffee (\$2.25) and onions (\$1.00). I'm gonna owe Carla big-time. Come to think of it, she'd love it here. I should bring her.

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I spent a lot of years working in corporate restaurant America," says Jim Barrasso, owner of Firefly, a new grill and wine bar in Encinitas. "I had the opportunity to do a lot of work with wine lists." Part of his duties with Morton's steakhouse involved being "in charge of all the corporate wine and beverage programs. A lot of my experience came from that — I was fortunate enough to do a lot of wine trips. I got wined and dined a lot, and it's been kind of a hobby ever since."

After Morton's and a couple of other steakhouse chains, he arrived in San Diego in time to "spend a little bit of time with the guys from Fleming's," a steakhouse that has staked at least part of its reputation on a broad and accessible wine list with lots of by-the-glass offerings. "When they were developing their core wine list, I drove that program. We brought everybody up to Napa, did one of those tastings that was like 150 bottles in two days — purple teeth, that kind of thing." That's when he met Tim Hanni of WineQuest; that's when he discovered the concept of the Progressive Wine List. On the list (and here I'm quoting from a particular incarnation), wines "are grouped into flavor categories. Wines with similar flavors are listed in a simple sequence, starting with those that are sweeter and very mild in taste, progressing to the wines that are drier and stronger in taste." Sweet

Sparkling gives way to Dry Sparkling, Sweet White to Dry Light/Medium-Intensity White, then on to Dry Medium/Full-Intensity White, and so on.

Says Barrasso, "I fell in love with the idea." Consider some examples from the list for Firefly: "It helps people who might not know what a David Bruce Chardonnay tastes like. If you put it in a sequence, then they might see something they recognize," and gauge the Bruce accordingly. (It's preceded by the Stag's Leap Viognier and followed by a Rutherford Ranch Chardonnay.)

"Maybe it'll help them choose. Maybe it'll help them step out a little bit." If they know about a Willamette Valley Pinot Gris, maybe they'll move one down in the Dry Light to Medium-Intensity White/Rosé Wines category to an Alsatian Pinot Blanc. And who knows — maybe from there to a Spanish Rosé. "It's a tough sell, but it's one of those that a couple of staff members have fallen in love with." (Other staff-supported surprises include a Rosenblum Zinfandel and an Australian Pinot Noir, which are both outselling any Chardonnay on the list.)

Between Fleming's and Firefly, there was Steakhouse 66, a casual place that never quite worked for Barrasso. After two and a half years, he started rethinking the place. Besides expanding the menu from steakhouse to grill fare, he decided he wanted to focus on wine. He's quick to acknowledge that

there are already wine bars in Encinitas — good ones. Further, "All these wine stores have tasting rooms now. You can always get a really good glass of wine, but you can't get food — maybe a cheese plate, maybe some pâté, maybe some olives. The thought was that there was definitely a need for a place where you could actually experience wine and food together."

His clearest competition on that front is the recently opened Tastes, but even there, he thinks he's a bit different. "My vision was for two or three of us at a table here in the bar. You've got a glass of wine. I've built my own flight — every wine on the by-the-glass list is available in a two-ounce taster. We've got glasses of wine on the table and about four or five little plates of food. We're all checking it out, saying, 'Hey, what's cool?' Or, we go into the dining room and have dinner." Where Tastes goes in for a portion size somewhere between appetizer and entrée, Firefly keeps closer to the traditional division between the two. "That's what I thought was missing."

He shut down, remodeled, and reopened 32 days later with the new concept in place and an advisor for the wine list. Along the way, he tested the Progressive concept on his girlfriend. She scanned down to the Kunde Cabernet in the Dry Full-Intensity Red Wines and said, "I can get a full-bodied Cab for 30 bucks? Right on!" She got pretty excited about it, and it started to make sense to me." Customer response has been positive as well. Some people still head straight for the Cabernet, but others have branched out. "Everything's selling, so that means something's being done right."

Especially when "everything" includes a



sparkler from Alsace, the aforementioned Spanish Rosé, and an Argentinean Malbec that just keeps getting poured. "The idea was that we wanted to choose some lesser-known producers and lesser-known varietals. My goal is to get to be almost exclusively small-production, boutique-type wineries. To become known as the place where you can go to try things that are really cool, that nobody else has. The instruction to the distributors was to bring us any kind of hidden gem they could find, and we would try to make it work." Even when dealing with a standby like Cabernet, he wants to make it new: "If you have a Cab and the customer has no idea where it's from, who makes it, whatever — but it's five bucks..." The hope is that they won't be able to resist.

Pricing on the list is on the inexpensive side for a by-the-glass list: \$4.25 to \$9. "I was sitting there, saying, 'Five bucks a glass? I would read that on a list and think it couldn't be any good.' But I gave the list to my girlfriend, and her sister, and some other people, and they said, 'Ooh,

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cool — I can get a glass of wine for five bucks!” ” In the future, hopes Barrasso, “It may be that there will be room for a \$12 to \$15 glass of wine — where we can start reaching out to those really discerning folks. But even if you’re the biggest wine geek in the world, you’ll find something you want to drink here.” And if you can’t find anything on the by-the-glass list, then there’s always the bottle list to consider. “I’ve got Whispering Dove Cabernet for \$60, and I’ve gone through about ten bottles in three weeks, which means that somebody who knows what’s going on is saying, ‘That’s a pretty good deal.’ They found the sleeper.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very

expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes

cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables.

Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Milton’s Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Diner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — E.W.

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach,

858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that’s just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (“Pizza Carlsbad”), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (“Pizza Solana”). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water’s edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view’s the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

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Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy



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falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar.

Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the “mamma mia” joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. “Casual-elegant” — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard),

Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there's not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else's warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French “confit” but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei's desserts are not only housemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/05)

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Mi-choacán-style carnitas (available in several “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.* (3/05)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambience. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/05)

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged Ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner

daily. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.* (3/05)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kid-die menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.* (9/03)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch

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LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley’s famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson’s daily-changing menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food it’s relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and “bad carbs” than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, roasted breast of duck, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there’s plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed. Business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road-signs to Golf Course and Lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W. (12/05)

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to “Paree” anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two “plain and simple” steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the “Popeye” omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and

diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan’s Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Great Khan’s Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that’s because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it’s either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through

dinner weekdays, earlier closing week-ends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for “saint,” and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don’t even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe “sunset dinners.” Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and

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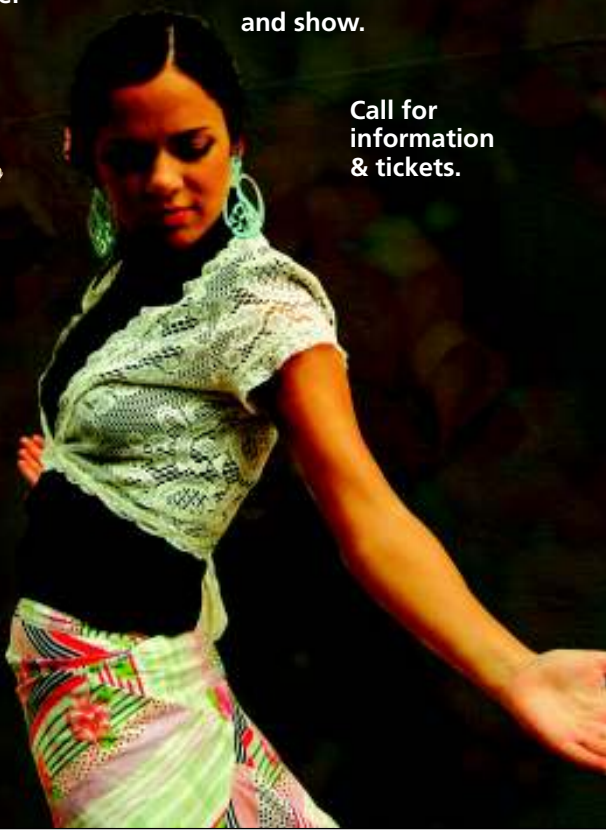
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light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tonggalbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very

modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In

the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open daily for lunch; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun

flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot, which shares some dishes with his The Bungalow across the street, is first of all a wine shop selling global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk

down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Closed Mondays. Lunch and dinner until midnight other weekdays, until 1 a.m. weekends. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *amaebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N.* (8/99)

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.* (7/05)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.* (12/00)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, local watering hole serves savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage. Appetizer/bar menu includes excellent crab cakes with house-made tartar sauce, lively red pepper hummus, and a spicy chipotle-dressed shrimp cocktail, etc., plus lots of salads that can double as main dishes. The entrée side of the menu has literally "beefed up" to feature several steak cuts, but you can still get somebody's mom's mushy meatloaf (served with BBQ sauce), pork chops, simple fish preparations, chicken *saltimbocca*. Dark, swanky atmosphere, considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight. Reservations for parties of five or more, or go early if you don't want to wait. Entrées moderate, but appetizers run high. — *N.W.* (2/06)

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV,

hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/05)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/04)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an

exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a bland, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.* (4/02)

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter,

especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.* (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for


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greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, un-

usual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hour Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable, with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (3/05)

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks

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Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and

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DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles.

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Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. week-ends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — N.W. (3/06)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung of-

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George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (8/05)

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal

cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the

delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Lunch delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Molly's Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-trite clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember? Try the stuffed squash blossoms, pappardelle with chanterelles, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open daily for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/05)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant

at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.* (3/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (3/01)

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating

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with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab sticks, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking.

Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her

staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves

honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in

tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empandas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Por-

tions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

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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.

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall,

Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Rio District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of

marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Vallarta 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before *El Toreo de Tijuana*), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeño*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices,

especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the

nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp,

619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

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The throbbing Lalo Schiffrin theme music from the original late-Sixties television series is still the best thing about *Mission: Impossible III*, as it was about its two predecessors. It's hard to decide what's the worst thing.

Tom Cruise would be a too-easy fall guy. Granted, he seems to be

getting worse and worse as an actor. (His brief disguise as a Czech citizen at the airport bears a striking resemblance to his Ron Kovic in *Born on the Fourth of July*, a reminder of an earlier and better phase.) When we dip again into the biography of his Ethan Hunt, we find him at his engagement party — or, to be scrupulously accurate, we first find him in an out-of-sequence predicament, handcuffed to a barber's or a dentist's chair in front of his ladylove, a gun held to her head by the counting-to-ten villain, Philip Seymour Hoffman, the newly Academy Award-winning actor treating himself to a nice payday. This preview of things to come rather dampens the mood of the party once we join it, although not

for Cruise, who's carrying on in a giddy, hyper, buzzed-up frat-boy manner that seems a total negation of the two previous chapters. Unless, of course, he's faking it. And with an actor as phony

as Cruise, how can we judge? It used to be that his boyish glow appeared to come from confidence; now it

appears to come from bluff.

The script puts forth no corroborating evidence of fakery: "When I see Julie," he confides to one of his IMF colleagues, "it's life before all this." A clean slate, a fresh start, a frontal lobotomy. The script also tells us that he has given up field work and devoted himself risklessly to instruction, even if, when push comes to shove, it does not permit him to turn down one of those taped should-you-choose-to-accept-it assignments that will self-destruct in seconds, sending him off on a routinely impossible mission to rescue his pet spy pupil, Keri Russell, and to be kept a strict secret from his unsuspecting fiancée, Michelle Monaghan. The physical approximation of the latter to



Mission: Impossible III

Cruise's real-life fiancée, Katie Holmes, is a distraction from the business at hand, as is any idle wonderment about whether his secret life on screen is readable as a metaphor, a synonym, for some secret in his real life. (*Mission: Unmentionable*.) Let's just say that his romantic relationship on screen is not more believable than his one off

screen. Yet Cruise, in the larger view, is no more than a cog in the machine. A better actor might supply more grease, but he could not retool the machine.

J.J. Abrams, the new director, the third director in three films, a TV director (of *Lost* and *Alias*, if that means more to you than it means to

me) in his feature-film debut, is himself closer to a cog than were either of his forerunners, lacking their established personalities. But that's not necessarily a bad thing, a worse thing, when the established personalities are as gaudy as Brian De Palma's and as grotesque as John Woo's. On a project such as this, there's only so much



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a director can do, and most of what he can do is to make matters worse.

The film — the series — the *franchise* — remains fatally committed to the ideal of action as swift, smooth, precise, pre-rehearsed, and worry-free as a Cirque du Soleil production number. (Had Ethan Hunt been offered the assignment of Hurricane Katrina — and should he have chosen to accept it — everyone would have had a hot meal and a warm bed before the first sunset.) An “impossible” heist from the fifty-sixth floor of an impregnable Shanghai skyscraper, for example, under the guard of the crème de la crème of the People’s Liberation Army — a heist that might have taken up another entire movie — here consumes no more than ten minutes of screen time from conception to execution to getaway, with Cruise swinging through the air like Spider-Man, then high-diving back to earth like Dumbo. (“There’s a point,” one of his cohorts had apprehensively admonished, “where bold becomes stupid.” Fool. That point had been passed two movies ago.) More often, really quite often, really very, very often, Cruise is sprinting all-out on terra firma, with no variance in pace whether at short distance or long. “This is intelligence,” Laurence Fish-



United 93

burne, the IMF commander, must remind him at one point. “So far I haven’t seen any.” Of athletics and acrobatics we see plenty.

The film remains committed, too, to that lazy and alienating device of the latex mask which will enable anybody, good guy or bad, to assume the identity of anybody else, bad guy or good. And it’s an open question

whether these masks are less bad here because they are hand-me-downs or even worse because they were held onto: less bad, that is, because innocently inherited or worse because uncritically accepted. This time, in any event, we get to see exactly how long it takes to produce one of them. Like anything else in the world of the impossible, not very long. You simply snap a few furtive photos of your subject with a compact camera at a soirée in the Vatican — and by compact camera, I don’t mean merely a small camera, I mean a cosmetics compact that doubles as a camera — and then you whip up a latex likeness on the spot and wait for your man to go to the restroom where you are poised to swap places with him. *Et voilà*: Philip Seymour Hoffman playing Tom Cruise playing Philip Seymour Hoffman. There’s something almost pitiful

about attempting, after that, to wring suspense from the problem of uploading your subject’s voice to the computer, then downloading it into a miniature stereo speaker affixed to your throat, before the hulking bodyguard enters the restroom to find out what’s taking so long. I was in agony, but not from suspense.

The plot is perhaps too slight to be a legitimate contender for Worst Thing: the black-market sale of something code-named the Rabbit’s Foot, of which we know only the price (\$850 million) and nothing more. Nor do we ever know more. Nor, to be frank, do we ever care to. But perhaps, then again, such slightness could loom large as a sin of omission. A plot that threw in sufficient twists to slow down Cruise’s sprints might have merited some forgiveness. The current plot is guilty of abetting. And a late, a last, a

still less legitimate contender for Worst Thing would be the hip-hop title song by Kanye West, “Impossible,” over the closing credits. This, though, can be easily avoided by heading for the exit, at Cruise speed, to the final reprise of that Lalo Schiffrin theme.

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Much of the discussion of *United 93* has centered around the question of whether it is “too soon” for a Major Motion Picture on the events of 9/11 (that’s 9/11/01, nearly five years), as distinct from minor ones like *The Guys* and *September 11*. There can be no single answer to such a question, and those who line up on the too-soon side of the question are at liberty to stay away. They will have another three months to ready themselves, or not, for Oliver Stone’s *World Trade Center*.

Clearly it was not too soon for British filmmaker Paul Greengrass, though admittedly it is incumbent on artists as a class to be ahead of the pack on just about any issue whatsoever. (It is worth recalling that his docudrama *Bloody Sunday*, on a police massacre of protest marchers in Northern Ireland, waited thirty years after the occurrence and still touched off heated reaction.) For all those interested or in need, all those who line up on the not-too-soon side, Greengrass has done a thoroughgoing job of imagining how the day unfolded, a much more thorough job of it than most mere newspaper readers and TV news watchers will have done for themselves; and he has maintained a respectable level of integrity in his placement of stress on the “docu” in preference to the “drama,” his reliance on the *vérité* conventions of scrappy camerawork, jittery cutting, and grainy film stock, his avoidance of cheap theatrics, his employment of a no-name cast in what are inevitably one-note characterizations, including several actual participants in the events, re-enacting unhistorically their own roles in them. (It is odd to recognize, for the rare exception, the U.S. President from *The Sentinel*, David Rasche, among the passengers of Flight 93.) The power, to be sure, is not so much created, not so much generated, by the filmmaker as it is inherent in the material: the initial obliviousness to impending doom, the later helplessness to avert it. Though there is doubtless a kind of exploitation in that, it is not for purposes of greed.

The area in which the collective imagination of moviegoers is apt to be found most wanting, most needful of filling-in, is in the gradual awakening to the crisis in the assorted control towers and command centers (“Sir, we have a real-world situation here”). As long as Greengrass is cross-cutting between these and the titular airplane — the one scheduled to go from Newark to San Francisco, the one that ultimately went down in rural Pennsylvania en route to Pennsylvania Avenue — the film has its best opportunities to raise gooseflesh. Once the third hijacked plane has hit the Pentagon, after the two earlier have hit the Twin Towers, Greengrass gives up any further cross-cutting and settles in inside the fourth and final plane, where he can add little to our own imagination, except insofar as he forces upon us a full sense of the duration of events. (The horror of these will be somewhat muted by the frenetic imprecision of the camera.) Still, it should go without saying that even though we know how it will come out, *United 93* is immeasurably more suspenseful than *Mission: Impossible III*.

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I was privately chided last year when I publicly dismissed Landmark’s several-week series of “short films” as nothing more than commercials for Stella Artois beer. (More precisely, it was a series of Stella Artois commercials accompanied by Stella Artois-sponsored shorts.) But I now observe that Landmark continues to show Stella Artois commercials without any additional pretense of art sponsorship. This practice is no better and no worse than the exhibition at the mainstream multiplex of Coca-Cola commercials made by student filmmakers. Commercials, after all, are “films” too. The Stella Artois ones tend to be tolerably clever, and the current American Express one that features Wes Anderson directing Jason Schwartzman on a fictitious film set (with Georges Delerue’s magic-of-movies music from Truffaut’s *Day for Night* in the background) is more entertaining than almost any film you might select to watch at the multiplex. ■

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Adam and Steve — Forced gay-ety around two men — a Central Park nature guide and a germophobic psychologist — who meet up again, without recognizing one another, seventeen years after their disastrous first date. The disaster is of gross-out proportions, a prologue that sets the sustained tone of trying too hard. With Craig Chester, Malcolm Gets, Chris Kattan, and Parker Posey; written and directed by Chester. 2006.

● (KEN, 5/12 THROUGH 18)

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.

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Al Otro Lado — Mexican filmmaker Gustavo Loza links three stories on the children

of absent fathers. (MISSION VALLEY 7, 5/12 THROUGH 18)

American Dreamz — Spongy satire divides its feeble forces between the Bush Ad-

ministration (*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.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

An American Haunting — Old-fashioned spook story, as well it ought to be, set as it is in the Eighteen Teens, and based on a documented case in Tennessee. Fumbling direction (by Courtney Solomon), crude shocks, and dull color shatter any illusion. With Donald Sutherland, Sissy Spacek, Rachel Hurd-Wood, and James D’Arcy. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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Ask the Dust — Depression-period romance, written and directed by Robert Towne, in a largely dark, nocturnal, unsunny Southern California, a star-crossed affair between a gringo and a Chicana, or more disparagingly a “dago” and a “spic,” an impoverished young novelist taken under the wing, at long distance, of

H.L. Mencken (whose voice in correspondence is provided by film critic and historian Richard Schickel) and a consumptive diner waitress from south of the border, two marginals with a tenuous sense of belonging. (The source material is a 1939 autobiographical novel by John Fante.) Because it is no sort of thriller, it avoids the plotting snarls and snags of Towne’s screenplays for things like *Chinatown*, *The Two Jakes*, and the two *Mission: Impossible*’s, but it does not avoid the structural weaknesses of slow, shapeless, and exasperating development. And notwithstanding the compatible blackness of their hair, Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek do not have a great deal of chemistry between them, although the combustible Hayek all by herself has enough chemistry for them both. With Idina Menzel, Jeremy Crutchley, Donald Sutherland, Eileen Atkins. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Celestine Prophecy — Adaptation of the James Redfield best-seller, with Matthew Settle, Annabeth Gish, and Hector



Kinky Boots

Elizondo, directed by Armand Mastroianni.
(GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 5/12)

Classe Tous Risques — Early and incontestably minor work by Claude Sautet, a

good, solid, serious, straightforward, fatalistic crime thriller that gives little hint of the glories of his peak period in the Seventies. All the same, it can lay claim to some fine qualities: a fast-start robbery in broad daylight, open air, and plain sight; a Byzan-

tine getaway route; excellent location work in Milan, the South of France, and Paris; an ending quite shocking, paradoxically, in its discretion; 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 gangster hero, simply put, 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, in the lead role, 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. 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. 1960.
★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/11)

Four Weddings and a Funeral — A cinematic concerto grosso, with a fixed group of friends passing through four distinct high-spirited movements and one grave one. There’s a lot we don’t learn about these people; and crude and overdone comic writing mingles freely, but not spoilingly, with deft and funny stuff: “When you work in a money market, what good are the novels of Wordsworth?” And Hugh Grant, looser, less stuffy, more flexible than usual, handles the assorted predicaments (e.g., stuck at a table of his ex-girlfriends at a wedding reception) with inexhaustible resource and nuance. Andie MacDowell, Kristin Scott-Thomas, Simon Callow, Rowan Atkinson; written by Richard Curtis; directed by Mike Newell. 1994.
★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/11 THROUGH 13, 8:30 P.M.)

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

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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.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Goal — Soccer drama with Kuno Becker, Alessandro Nivola, and Stephen Dillane, directed by Danny Cannon. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/12)

Hard Candy — Thonggrrrl14 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)

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)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — More straightforwardly, *Ice Age: The Sequel*. Our three inseparable prehistoric mammals — woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger — face global warming (as they are already calling it) and the impending inundation of their frozen valley. Even if they can escape the flood, outrun the rapacious sea beasts, and catch the prototype of Noah’s Ark, the end is still near. And at the end of a sequel, even with a final retreat into Major Denial, the end can only be nearer. The consciousness of imminent doomsday is



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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.

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★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Just My Luck — Romantic comedy-fantasy starring Lindsay Lohan and Chris Pine, directed by Donald Petrie.

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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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/12; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Lucky Number Slevin — “We are dealing with a bona fide case of mistaken identity here.” No, we are dealing with a bogus case of fakeout — a crime story with an apparent innocent (Josh Hartnett) caught in the machinations of two rival gangs, African-American and Jewish, or “Darkies” and “Skullcaps” in copspeak, headed respectively by the Boss (Morgan Freeman) and the Rabbi (Sir — his official screen credit — Ben Kingsley), in addition to an



Sophie Scholl

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)

Mission: Impossible III — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michelle Monaghan, Lau-

rence Fishburne, and Billy Crudup; directed by J.J. Abrams.

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La Mujer de Mi Hermano — Lifetime-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.

★ (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 naive and unreflective (so portrayed, anyway) Southern-bred sex object. Yet, besides missing something in the hips, replacing the dangerous curves with the gentlest of slopes, she cannot hope to match the charisma, the mystique, the mystery, of her assigned character. (It’s no problem to match the raven hair and bangs.) She finds herself in much the same predicament as past impersonators of Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley — and no, it is no overstatement to place Bettie Page, sometimes Betty Page, in that company. (Icons of the Fifties.) This mischievous, mute phantom of salacious still photos and silent fetish films 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)

Poseidon — Wolfgang Petersen’s remake of the 1972 nautical disaster film, with Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Emmy Rossum, and Richard Dreyfuss.

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The Promise — Chen Kaige’s colorful, splashy, tall-corn fairy tale, set in China’s mythological past, possesses a sloppy technique, tacky special effects, and in conse-

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quence a modicum of charm. With Dong-Kun Jang, Hiroyuki Sanada, Cecilia Cheung, Nicholas Tse. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

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 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Saving Shiloh — A boy and his dog, with Jason Dolley, Scott Wilson, and Gerald McRaney, directed by Sandy Tung. (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 5/12)

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 assigned 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 JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Silent Hill — Video-game gamut of 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan — Slimmer, faster, but not better than the original *Star Trek* movie. The larger scale and contemplative tempo of the earlier one were perfectly suited to a ten-year reunion party and to the unveiling of the new suits and hardware. With those formalities out of the way, the follow-up can just get on with business. Its storyline, bringing back a villain from a 1967 episode of the TV series, is perhaps too much in the shoot-em-up mode which the 1979 movie seemed such a welcome backlash against. But it still has

the other movie's rich sense of character — or of *one* character anyway. Admiral Kirk is celebrating an unspecified birthday, and his menopausal anxieties seem to seep into every corner of the movie. Indeed, the focus of attention is arguably too much on him to do justice to Spock's much-publicized demise (and strongly suggested Dracula-style resurrection from a flag-draped coffin). In this, the movie relies overmuch on our past feelings for Spock, and fails to do its own proper work. William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and Ricardo Montalban; directed by Nicholas Meyer. 1982.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/13 MIDNIGHT)

Stick It — Missy Peregrin 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; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same “realistic” conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspens interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who's who, it's still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Take the Lead — Inspirational pabulum, “inspired,” to begin with, “by a true story,” that of Pierre Dulaine (played by that lovely Latin, Antonio Banderas), who volunteers to bring his courtly Old World manners and his ballroom dance steps into Detention Hall at a rough New York high school: *Mad Hot Ballroom* meets *Blackboard Jungle*. The school principal (the formidable Alfre Woodard, who recedes from center stage too soon and too far) sees in the proposal “the cure for cutting class,” a punishment so cruel and unusual as to scare the detainees straight. It's true that the sounds of Gershwin from a boom box drive them to plead for mercy, but nevertheless the Detention Hall roster remains as fixed throughout the school year as the roll of any English or History class. A tango demonstration staged by the swarthy dance instructor and a lithe blond ice queen, and chopped to bits by the erstwhile music-

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AMITA SHARMA

Reporter, KPBS-TV and mother of two-year-old Sarina

Paheli is the first Bollywood film I watched with my daughter Sarina. I didn't know what to expect, but I couldn't have chosen a better film to introduce her to Indian films. *Paheli* is about a woman who has an arranged marriage to a man who sets off on a five-year business trip the night after the wedding. The bride is heartsick until a ghost taking the form of her husband appears and gives her the married life she'd envisioned. It doesn't sound like the ideal movie for a two-year-old but stick with me. It's full of whimsical dances, playful songs, and is set against the Indian desert where the landscape and colorful native clothing are vivid and bright. My daughter picked up on the light mood, beautiful scenery and lilt-ing music. I'll replay *Paheli* and watch Sarina become transfixed — her reaction's almost better than the movie.

PAHELI (India) 2005, Eros Entertainment

List price: \$15.57

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.

★ (VOGUE)

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 back-

GREG EICHELBERGER

Editor, East County Herald News

I Remember Mama is one of my favorites of the 1940s. Irene Dunne stars in George Stevens's beautifully wrought film. The potential for sappiness is there, but the film's redeemed by its nearly flawless execution. Not to be confused with the horror film *I Dismember Mama*.

I've always appreciated Albert Brooks's humor. In 1996, he teamed with Debbie Reynolds for the biting family satire, *Mother*. Brooks's character tries to divine the source of his problems with women by moving home and getting to know his mother. The problem is she doesn't really want him there, and he tries to figure out why, as he puts it, she hates him. *Mother* is satirical and very funny in an urbane, intellectual way, but nonetheless bitter-sweet. Reynolds is delightful as the maddening but loving mother. Listen for new lyrics to Simon and Garfunkel's “Mrs. Robinson.”

I REMEMBER MAMA (USA) 1948, Warner Home Video

List price: \$19.97

MOTHER (USA) 1996, Paramount

List price: \$29.99

ground — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described “Colonel Sanders of Nicotine,” a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Company of Men*, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The sur-rounding cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimo-

WINNIE HANFORD

Co-owner of Kensington Video with her son Guy Hanford

It's hard to find funny movies that are good but *Undertaking Betty* showcases Brenda Blethyn's comedic style with dark humor.

Derailed is a mystery that keeps you guessing from start to finish. Jennifer Aniston surprises us with a great dramatic performance supported by Clive Owen.

Backstairs at the White House dramatizes eight White House administrations as told by the people that worked there. You never want this award-winning miniseries to end. Features an all-star cast headed by Leslie Uggams and Louis Gossett, Jr.

An Unfinished Life is a true-to-life story of how tragedy can break apart a family. But with time and effort they can learn to forgive each other. This is a very well done family movie with beautiful scenery and tender performances from Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, and Jennifer Lopez.

UNDERTAKING BETTY (England) 2002, Miramax

List price: \$29.99

DERAILED (USA) 2005, Weinstein Company

List price: \$29.95

BACKSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE (USA) 1979, Acorn Media

List price: \$59.99 (four discs)

AN UNFINISHED LIFE (USA/Germany) 2005, Miramax

List price: \$29.99

nious 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

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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. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend’s killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading *Hustler* on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she’s trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse’s head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January



Water

Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

United 93 — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Sliney, Maj. James Fox, David Alan Basche, David Rasche, and Trish Gates; written and directed by Paul Greengrass. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO 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 equat-

ing 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)

Water — Deepa Mehta’s completion of her “Trilogy of the Elements” (*Fire* and *Earth* before it) continues to march back in time — now 1938 — to focus, with barely stifled feminist fury, on the ostracism of widows, expected to remain faithful till death to their husbands even if they happen to have been a child bride. Some pretty photography, but soppy, soapy melodramatics — and the progressive male heart-throb (flute player, poetry quoter, Gandhi follower) is a howl. With Lisa Ray, John Abraham, Seema Biswas, and Sarala. 2006. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 Cipes; directed by Steve “Spaz” Williams. 2006. ● (ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

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Como respuesta al boicot del lunes pasado se ha comenzado a vivir un ambiente de hostilidad y tensión entre autoridades y miembros de la comunidad hispana en San Diego por lo que la población teme que esto genere violencia.

Después del paro nacional y las continuas marchas y protestas, agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza y de la Oficina de Aduanas y Segu-

ridad Fronteriza (ICE) han comenzado a realizar diversos operativos en las calles.

El pasado fin de semana se intensificaron los operativos especiales y arrestos en varias comunidades del Condado, hechos que según la comunidad son reacción a las marchas para pedir una reforma justa a las leyes migratorias.

En Barrio Logan se registró un operativo donde participaron agentes migratorios encubiertos.

cine



Luces, cámara, acción

Después de haber contado con más de 18 mil asistentes al Festival de Cine Latino en San Diego y con un crecimiento importante de este evento los organizadores preparan la versión del 2007.

"Hemos crecido mucho la pasada versión nos trajo grandes avances y cambios que nos dan una nueva perspectiva para mejorar el festival el próximo año", dijo Ethan Van Thillo, fundador de San Diego Latin Film Festival.

Van Thillo reconoció que una de las mayores dificultades del pasado festival, que empezó hace 13 años como una muestra estudiantil, fue la falta de espacios.

"Tuvimos excelentes producciones y una gran aglomeración por el poco espacio con el contamos, es por ello que para el próximo año vamos a extendernos a cuatro salas", expresó Van Thillo.

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Explota controversia

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

Gran controversia ha causado en ambos lados de la frontera la iniciativa legislativa mexicana de conceder la aportación legal de pequeñas cantidades de drogas.

Cuando todo hacía suponer que el presidente Vicente Fox firmaría la ley, el mandatario metió reversa debido a presiones ejercidas, más que nada, por autoridades federales estadounidenses.

Antes de ser avalada, Fox se quiere asegurar que esta ley no se convierta en un pretexto para alentar el "turismo de narco menudeo".

Mientras llega el tiempo de que el ejecu-

tivo mexicano apruebe esta ley, la controversia ya se desató debido a que se dice que la legislación disparará el consumo de sustancias entre la población juvenil mexicana.

En casi dos décadas el Centro de Integración y Recuperación para Enfermos de Alcoholismo y Drogadicción (Cirad) jamás había tenido internos menores de 14 años.

Este año hay 20 niños entre los 10 y los 13 años intentando aliviar su farmacodependencia.

"Desgraciadamente el porcentaje de niños con problemas de drogas se ha incrementado mucho en la ciudad", afirmaron autoridades de Tijuana.



Pinta de azul

Ante la prohibición de los candidatos a la presidencia de México para hacer campaña en Estados Unidos, grupos activistas de California hicieron aquello de "si la montaña no viene a ti, entonces hay que ir a la montaña".

Ante poco más de 7 mil simpatizantes del Partido Acción Nacional (PAN) aglomerados en la avenida Constitución del centro de Tijuana, dirigentes del club Michoacano de California y la asociación civil Ángeles de la Frontera pidieron al candidato Felipe Calderón mayor apoyo a los inmigrantes en Estados Unidos.

"No queremos el muro de la muerte, no queremos que nuestra gente se

esté muriendo cruzando la frontera. Se han muerto más de 4 mil personas en los últimos once años, son demasiadas.

"Nosotros sabemos que el futuro de los mexicanos es en México, no en Estados Unidos. Nosotros pedimos que en los próximos seis años trabajemos más duro para no tener ni una muerte más en la frontera", expuso el activista de Ángeles de la Frontera, Enrique Morones, al candidato a la presidencia de México del PAN.

Morones le regaló a Calderón una camiseta para recordar a los migrantes muertos en la frontera y el candidato de inmediato se puso la prenda ante la gritería del público.



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Con un hombre menos, jugando de visitante y un gol de último minuto, Chivas de Guadalajara venció 4-2 a Jaguares Chipas para entrar a las semifinales del campeonato mexicano de fútbol.

Con este triunfo el cuadro tapatío se metió a disputar el título en la serie frente a los Tuzos de Pachuca.

El domingo se sabrá si el conjunto de Jalisco alcanzará la final del torneo que ha sido muy parejo.

Las Chivas cumplen 100 años de su fundación y que mejor que celebrarlo con un boleto para el juego por

el campeonato del balompié azteca.

La otra semifinal es protagonizada por los equipos de Toluca y San Luis, conjunto que apenas se salvó de descender a la Primera A y que ahora está buscando coronarse como campeón, situación que solamente ocurre en fútbol mexicano.

Las Chivas llegaron a las semifinales a pesar de que seis de sus jugadores titulares se encuentran con la selección mexicana de fútbol.

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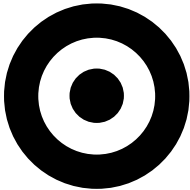
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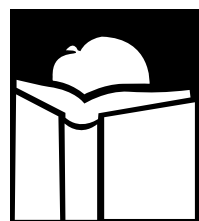


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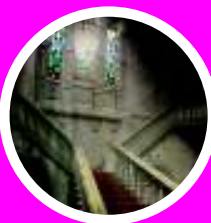
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SUCCESSFUL, EDUCATED, Cultured white male, 35-50, sought by attractive, educated, cultured brunette, 40, for marriage and children. Enjoys romance, dining, movies, museums, theatre, beach. (5/17) ☎69008

NORTH COUNTY GAL, 46. Seeks fun loving guy who will take me dancing, coffee houses, just want excitement. I'm full figured, 168lbs, look nice. (5/24) ☎69031

SWEET AND SENSITIVE, Quiet and shy, pretty Christian woman. Seeking 39-50. Call if you love Jesus. (5/24) ☎69023

PLEASE SHOW ME THERE IS still a good black man out there who can appreciate a strong black woman. Life's too short to waste. (5/17) ☎50997

STUNNING IN BLACK VELVET, Cute in jeans, attractive blonde, successful, smart, loving and adventurous. Seeks dynamic equal 55+ to share life's extraordinary journey. (5/17) ☎69005

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 5'2-1/2", 115lbs, 45, childless. Seeks professional guy, must be Christian churchgoer, emotionally/financially secure for romance; enjoy outdoors sports, theatre, travel, hiking. (5/17) ☎50984

EAST COUNTY WHITE FEMALE, Slim, youthful 60s, active, warm, upbeat, intelligent, varied interests. Seeking man 60+ for walks, talks, film, travel, commitment minded. (5/17) ☎69010

WANTED MOTORCYCLING, Offroading animal lover. Outgoing, successful, honest, funny, healthy man. 45 years, look 35, honest, loyal, friendly, silly, blonde, former hot rod magazine model. (5/24) ☎69020

LET'S HANG OUT. Coastal female seeks fun friend, companion, playmate. Petite, affectionate, friendly. Casinos, dining out, home. Be solvent, easy going. No skinflints. Call me. (5/17) ☎50992

SINGLE, HONEST, ROMANTIC, Cooking, travel, educated, over 35, no minor children, healthy Caucasian, brown hair-eyes, let's take a walk the beach, across the street. (5/24) ☎69043

LOVELY, SINCERE, Energetic Latina, 40s. Seeking Caucasian male 43-50 for a beautiful romantic relationship, let's live life to the fullest. Serious only. (5/24) ☎69014

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE, 39, intelligent, attractive, humorous, well-educated woman. Seeks same in male 35-48. Are you ready for the time of your life? (5/24) ☎69038

APPEALING SHAPELY, Green eyed 40 something, confident professional woman. Seeks secure honest, good hearted professional male 39-63. (5/17) ☎50993

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (17), natural, blues-opera, hiking-camping, dog beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easy-going, renaissance man to complicate/complement my simple life. (5/17) ☎50988

PRETTY ARGENTINE, 45, 5'4", 128lbs, blonde hair, professional, childless romantic, financially secure, enjoy sailing, camping, hiking, classical music, wine. Seeking white gentleman 50+ for romance. (5/24) ☎69015

MODERN DAY CLEOPATRA, Not Elizabeth Taylor version. Seeking my own Caesar/Marc Anthony for lasting friendship potential marriage, only the generous and serious need respond. (5/17) ☎69000

ATTRACTIVE, SENSITIVE, Caring lady of 62. Enjoys cooking, gardening, music and reading. Looking for friendship with a nonsmoker, with a sense of humor. (5/24) ☎69041

BEAUTIFUL GREAT SMILE, Honest, plus size, green eyes, 5'8" brown long hair, divorced. Looking for man 35-44 loving, honest, loves kids, sincere, walks on beach. (5/17) ☎69011

VIVACIOUS, ATTRACTIVE, Red head, chef, 60, spontaneous, social, fun, loving. Loves Jazz, theater, and dancing. Look-

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ing to meet someone compatible with my likes. (5/24) ☎69042

FEMALE 53, Oceanside. Seeking born-again Christian, sincere, loving, non-judgmental, interests travel, ocean, fishing, boating, walking, concerts, movies, humor, not shallow, no couch potatoes! (5/17) ☎50987

BLONDE HAIRED, Blue-eyed 38, seeks men 25-50 years for dating, friendship and fun. Likes to do a variety of things in San Diego. (5/17) ☎50989

LONELY ASIAN, Lady full figured, 5'3, looks young in 40s, witty, sincere, loving, active, fun. You; educated, homeowner, sense of humor, laughter is best medicine. (5/17) ☎69007

SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENED, Healthy, 54 young, old fashioned values, searching, waiting for male soulmate, outdoorsy, 45-60 years, karaoke, Sylvia Brown reader, military welcome, white only, peace. (5/17) ☎50986

STOP HERE, Look no more, petite, affectionate, 66, chocolate senior lady from Central America hoping to meet nice retired gentleman, to enjoy each other's company. (5/24) ☎69017

ACCOMPLISHED, HAPPY, Attractive, Asian, loving, genuine, fit, secure nonsmoker, widowed, 59. Seeking nice, healthy, attractive gentleman, loving, secure, with similar interests for long term relationship. (5/24) ☎69013

COSTA RICAN, Exotic, romantic, marriage-minded, 47, professional, happy. Looking for happy white man, 49-60, work, car, honest, with time for me. Love, travel, cook. (5/24) ☎69029

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (5/24) ☎69006

EAST COUNTY REDHEAD, Attractive, curvaceous, 55, 5'10". Seeks outdoorsy, playful, adventurous hunk, cuddler, lover, friend, passionate professional, sincere, spiritual, respectful, soulful, open honest nonsmoker. (5/24) ☎69022

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, love outdoor, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional nonsmoker, 40-45, male. (5/24) ☎69028

WARM, FRIENDLY, 52 years. Seeking male, 50-60, for movies, outdoor fun, romance, good sense of humor, time to enjoy life with someone special. (5/17) ☎50996

VERY ATTRACTIVE European blonde, youthful 60s, 5'6", trim, educated, spiritual artist. Loves outdoors, beach, travel, domesticated, loyal. Seeking educated, kind, slender, refined, soft spoken gentleman. (5/24) ☎69030

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished retired professional, great body, cultured, lively, good communicator. Seeking nonsmoking quality man, financially/emotionally secure to explore life's possibilities. (5/24) ☎69037

ROMANCE IS ALIVE, This romantic exotic dark beauty, sexy bodacious 5'6" 130lbs, 40s. Seeking a diverse white male, tall, fit, clean-cut" nonsmoker 40-50. (5/24) ☎69021

WOULD LIKE MEETING, And spending time with tall, retired gentleman of quality intelligence, and sense of humor. Respects nature, loves animals, enjoys reading, classical music, etc. Hope you call. (5/17) ☎50982

PRETTY, FIT, OUTGOING, Educated, cultured, artistic 65. Seeks attractive, upscale grandpa for new adventures, memories. Live abroad awhile, ballroom horticulture, hiking, music, boats, elder-hostel sciences. (5/24) ☎69025

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, Long hair, nice legs, easy going, wants to meet very attractive guy, 40-55, healthy, honest, financially stable, for friendship or possible relationship. (5/24) ☎69035

DYNAMIC VIBRANT, 36 year old, blonde, blue, 5'2", white. Kind heart, loyal, outgoing. Seeks gentleman with heart of gold. No games. (5/17) ☎69002

CAUCASIAN GOOD-LOOKING, Stable, secure, healthy, enjoy my life, good morals. Seeking 50-60s mature gentleman for friendship or more, with same qualities. (5/17) ☎50985

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, Sweet, cultured. Enjoys travelling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Wants to meet a nice, white gentleman, aged 30 and up. Nonsmoker. No drugs. (5/24) ☎69016

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (5/24) ☎69024

YOUTHFUL, FIT SENIOR who enjoys action, adventures, humor, and spontaneity looks to share with you... a youthful, fit, senior. Let's have fun, fun, fun! (5/17) ☎50995

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, Giving, sensitive, single woman. Looking for gentleman with same. Love to dress down. Work early mornings, enjoy the outdoors. (5/24) ☎69012

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/non-religious, 37-49, 5'9+. (5/24) ☎69040

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, Young black beauty. Seeks a white caring, mature, financially stable, generous gent 50+ for a mutually fulfilling friendship. (5/17) ☎50983

ROMANTIC, LIVELY LADY, Early 50s, wanting to share and enjoy life with warm, cuddly gentleman to please and spoil each other, take a chance. (5/24) ☎69019

PETITE ASIAN Looking for long-term-relationship with handsome fit man, 34-45. Are you honest, spontaneous, romantic? Let's explore all S.D. has to offer, dining, dancing, sunsets. (5/17) ☎50990

ASIAN EXOTIC SULTRY, Great legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs, professional, childless, properties owner. Desires nonsmoker fun, fit, upscale, generous, compatible 35+ stable Caucasian gentleman. (5/17) ☎50998

MY BEST FRIEND. I'm 5'11, 45 years young. Down to earth. Looking for charming, active, lighthearted man 35-48 for outdoorsy fun-loving activity. (5/17) ☎50991

ATTRACTIVE EBONY Woman, youthful, so down to earth, laid back. Likes R&B, Salsa, Jazz, concerts, dancing, dining out, long walks, movies, theaters, family oriented. (5/24) ☎69027

ASIAN, CLASSY, PETITE, 5'3", good kisser, lots of interest. Dining out, traveling, movies, dancing, cooking, loves life. Seeking gentleman with similar interest, nonsmoking/drug, call. (5/24) ☎69034

PETITE BRUNETTE 45, no kids, East County resident. Love life, laugh often. Movies, concerts, SD. Seeking tall handsome gent, humorous, 44-48, no kids, long hair. (5/17) ☎69004

RADIANT ATTRACTIVE, European, educated, professional lady, desires, tall, handsome, passionate, sexy artistic successful gentleman, enjoy romantic time together and enjoy life to the fullest, 45-55. (5/17) ☎69001

HIT INTELLIGENT, VIBRANT, Sexy, educated Italian, 57 lady seeks fun, friendship of gent, 50-62, who is humorous, adventurous, educated, caring, interested in possible long-term relationship! (5/24) ☎69039

PRETTY TEACHER, Blonde/blue, 5'8", 41, slender, 2-teens part-time. Beach, concert, boating, theater, ATVing, gym. Seeking attractive, successful, fun, fit, romantic, nonsmoker 35-49. Exchange photos! (5/24) ☎69026

AFRICAN QUEEN NURSE, Slim, 5'6", 136lbs, honest, secure home owner, financially fit, educated, pretty smile. Seeks gentleman with no bad habits, honest, available for friendship. (5/24) ☎69036

SWEET SINCERE WOMAN, Easy-going. Seeking strong male, friends long term. Sensitive to your needs. No games, diner, outdoor, fun, movies, call now. I'm worthy. (5/24) ☎69033

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

QUALIFIED HERE, 52, 5'10", 180 some say handsome, experienced, educated, employed, athletic, fun, your resume, heartbeat ageless, all parts working, high mileage ok, fun. (5/17) ☎50425

LATIN 39, Attractive, fit, fun and romantic. I hope you're easy-going with a great sense of humor, I'll be your prince, don't wait! Race unimportant. (5/24) ☎50454

GENTLEMAN QUEST, For beneficial relationship or friendship, desires special pleasant, attractive, easygoing women. Me, sincere, honest, secure, health, caring, enjoys art, sunsets, cuddling, romance, dining. (5/17) ☎50447

WANTED. Girlfriend, for good-hearted biker, must be nonsmoker, no games. Looking for long-term relationship, love,

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Last week's place: (clue: Once I wet your whistle. Now I echo soccer whistles) Elevated water tank in University Heights, 2720 Howard, at Idaho. Dating back 100 years, this monster of Victorian engineering once made the settlement of University Heights, Normal Heights, and Hillcrest possible. Today, it stands proud but empty; the area's water supply is stored underneath the nearby indoor soccer "fields." (Last week's winners: Bryce R. Nahas, Ruben Avila, Erik Mendoza, Jeff Gilliam, Jennifer Slaughter)

hug and kisses, ready to give all my heart. (5/24) ☎50453

TALL, LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, Caring white male, 54, easygoing, romantic, financially secure, homeowner, honest, open, educated. Seeks female any age, for dining, conversation, closeness, togetherness, intimacy. (5/17) ☎50446

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

47 YEARS OLD, Honest Italian. Looking for nice simple lady. Race/age open. Enjoy music, travel, romantic dinner. I am good, sense of humor. Ciao. (5/17) ☎50432

DESTINATION ROMANCE, Divorced home owner, Caucasian, 67, handsome and emotionally and financially stable. Seeks Caucasian lady who shares a joy for life's finer pleasures. (5/17) ☎50440

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (5/17) ☎50441

ASIAN GIRLFRIEND DESIRED, I am Caucasian, tall, strong, confident, funny, eccentric (a professional music recording artist with photos and MP3s to share via e-mail). (5/17) ☎50443

RIVER AND DESERT RAT. Fun loving, light hearted, humorous, easy going, adventurer. Retired, 52, white male. Looking for simple, spontaneous and sensual smile. (5/24) ☎50460

HANDSOME SENIOR, Outdoorsy, active, honest, retired, 5'10", medium build. Seeks attractive, fit lady to participate together in life's adventures/travels, unencumbered in San Diego, nonsmoking. (5/24) ☎50475

BEAST SEEKING BEAUTY. Attractive, white, Aries, 34. Seeking adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open minded, un-

inhibited belle, 21-37, any race. Friendship, candlelight delights, fantasy fun, romance. Lakeside. (5/17) ☎50434

FRIENDS FIRST, White male, financially secure, honest, caring, loyal, romantic. Seeks woman 40-55 nonsmoking for long term relationship and possibly marriage. (5/17) ☎50449

HAPPY, TALL, Nice looking single man, 50, who is secure, romantic, kind, considerate, is looking for an attractive woman to enjoy life with. (5/24) ☎50458

THE LIFE YOU'VE DREAMED OF. Successful executive, 49, nonsmoker seeks younger, attractive female, nonsmoker, ages 23-39, who's classy, sassy, sexy, for dinners, dancing, shows, the good life. I'm 6'3", 195lbs., good looking, GQ

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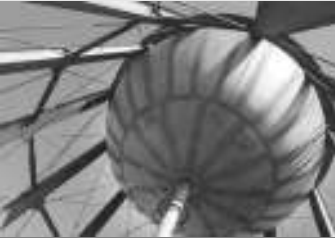
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dresser, fun, kind, caring. Be my monogamous companion. Let's have fun and go shopping. (5/24) ☎50476

NORTH COUNTY, 53, tall, slim, pleasant, fun, sense of humor, father, degreed, Caucasian, nonsmoker. Seeks 43-53, feminine, loving, trim, attractive, North County lady for dating. (5/17) ☎50426

MALE, 60, DESIRES To meet female who enjoys traveling, movies, dining out. (5/17) ☎50444

CHRISTIAN, ITALIAN, Tall, dark, handsome, good guy! Loves: Jesus, animals, people. Likes: concerts, outdoors, sports, dancing, travel. You: Slender, beautiful "Sweetheart Lady," positive, fun, nonsmoker. (5/17) ☎50429

BLACK MALE, Seeks white or latin female, best friends first, 42-46, non-

smoker, conversation, humor, spontaneous, adventurous, sensual, sexy, movies, weekend getaways, dancing, honest, enjoy life. (5/24) ☎50456

PERSONABLE GENTLEMAN, Senior. Enjoys bridge, dancing, theatre, music. Seeks up-to-date thoughtful lady who is rather tall, heavy set, and has similar interests. (5/24) ☎50473

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual, 6', 175, 40s. Likes affection, kissing, being close. Seeking woman 5'-5'6", dark hair, for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (5/17) ☎50435

FRIEND, FUN, LOVING, dancing, open-minded intellectual soul mate gal wanted for dutch dates and enjoying life's bounty. I'm tall, sharp, affable, understanding and presentable. (5/17) ☎50431

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THE READER PUZZLE

by David Levinson Wilk

Across

- 1. TNT alternative
- 4. "Mrs. Henderson Presents" actress
- 9. Channel for the politically aware
- 14. "Well, ____-di-dah!"
- 15. Waikiki greeting
- 16. Similar
- 17. Nickname for a young Vader
- 18. "Not now!"
- 19. Brought forth
- 20. A Bible-thumping Republican's dream political ticket?
- 23. Cries of discovery
- 24. They may be picked
- 27. Place to order a California roll
- 32. "The Addams Family" uncle
- 33. Is histrionic
- 35. " ____ tree falls in the forest ..."
- 36. Pull along a star of "The Great Escape" by his collar?
- 40. Not yet decided: Abbr.
- 42. It's always at the end
- 43. Begin liking
- 47. Prince William and Prince Harry, scholastically speaking
- 51. Athletics' home
- 53. Coal miner's hauler
- 54. Meals created by the singer of "American Pie"?
- 59. Not promising
- 61. Isabella, por ejemplo
- 62. Actor Mineo
- 63. Escher's genre
- 64. Teach the ropes to
- 65. Bigger picture: Abbr.
- 66. George Jetson's dog
- 67. Laughfests
- 68. Declare

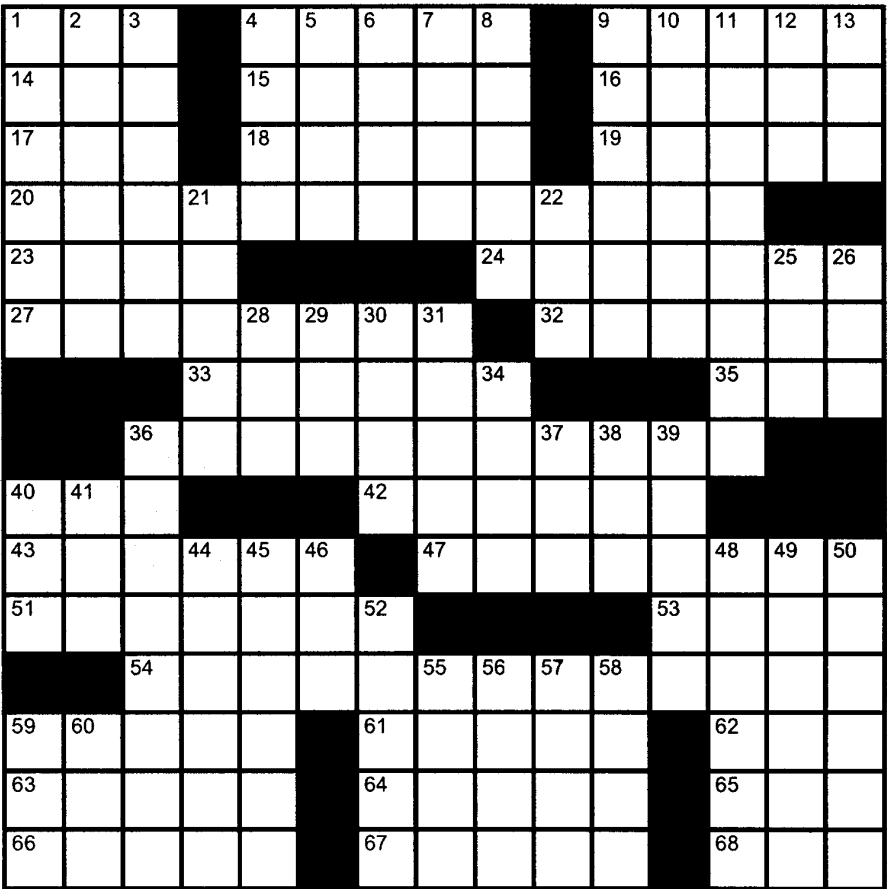
Down

- 1. Southwestern poplars
- 2. Fu ____ mustache
- 3. Spanish boys
- 4. "Burning Giraffe" painter
- 5. Verve
- 6. "This is ____ test"
- 7. "Big Brother" host Julie
- 8. Great start?
- 9. Hack
- 10. Rains pellets of ice
- 11. eBay for be, say
- 12. Alias predecessor
- 13. Bring home
- 21. Son of Jacob
- 22. " ____ Wiedersehen"
- 25. Whistle-blower on a court

- 26. Married mujer: Abbr.
- 28. Britney Spears' " ____ Slave 4 U"
- 29. Become stuck, with "down"
- 30. Balance providers, for short
- 31. Prompt again
- 34. Floor space meas.
- 36. Thanksgiving option
- 37. Tabloid topic
- 38. "Ich bin ____ Berliner"
- 39. Leaves
- 40. Only even prime
- 41. Bleat
- 44. Boston Celtics head coach, 1995-97
- 45. Have a word with
- 46. Half and half
- 48. Greets the day
- 49. "Hey Jude" syllables
- 50. Odoriferous
- 52. 17-Across, as an adult
- 55. Adopted son of Claudius
- 56. "Bye"
- 57. Condo division
- 58. Holm and Fleming
- 59. Feathery accessory
- 60. Vinyl collection

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 5/4/06.

Of the 145 entrants, 103 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Shannon Gilbert, Chula Vista
- 2. Cecilia Zug, San Diego
- 3. Bill Gaudineer, San Diego
- 4. Tom Daly, Encinitas
- 5. David Pianta, San Diego

BLACK GENTLEMAN 51, 6'3" 208. Seeking white or Latina woman 44-54, dining, movies, walks, sunsets, quiet evenings, together, let's share life's many special moments. (5/17) ☎50445

49. POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/ morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 43-51, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (5/17) ☎50427

YOUNG BABY FACE MAN, Tall, smart, fun-loving, passionate, great kisser. Looking for care-free, sexy, fun, adventure-some, outgoing, woman to share good times in San Diego. (5/17) ☎50448

SEEKING TALL, Leggy lady who's smart, articulate, funny for movies, theater, some sports, outdoors, swimming and ro-

mance. Open to age. Open-minded, unencumbered, 50, 5'10", white. (5/17) ☎50437

BLACK OR LATIN FEMALE, Wanted, single white male, 46, wants someone to enjoy fun summer things together. (5/17) ☎50428

SINGLE, VETERAN, African-American, homeowner, tall, handsome, educated. Seeking Caucasian, evolutionary, educated, sophisticated, attractive blonde, 42-50, 5'5"+, no drugs or smoke. Athleticism a plus. (5/24) ☎50451

SOUTH BAY Hispanic businessman, 52, fit, enjoys hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports,

clean, neat homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with doggies. (5/24) ☎50461

BIG WHITE PAPPA, Seeking little black mama. Mid 40s, wants woman 35 to 48 with good taste for dinner, dancing and romancing. Talk. meet. (5/24) ☎50468

LATINO MAN, Fit, slim, 5'8", 50, college educated. Seeking Latina woman 5'3"+. (5/24) ☎50467

LATINA WANTED. Nice looking, great personality, 47, 5'9", 170. Seeks Latina for friendship, beach, concerts, travel, romance and love. Awesome guy seeking awesome, wonderful woman. (5/24) ☎50466

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (5/17) ☎50436

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well trav-

elled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic, 6'1", young 59. (5/17) ☎50438

SEEKING 50+ LADY, By 57-year-old man for companionship, possible long term relationship. I'm a nonsmoker, I enjoy working out, movies, sports, dining, quiet times together. (5/24) ☎50457

COMFORTING 47, Firesign, like sunshine after the rain. Absolutely wild about living with love and truth. I'm seeking an adorable woman. Excellent people skills required. (5/17) ☎50422

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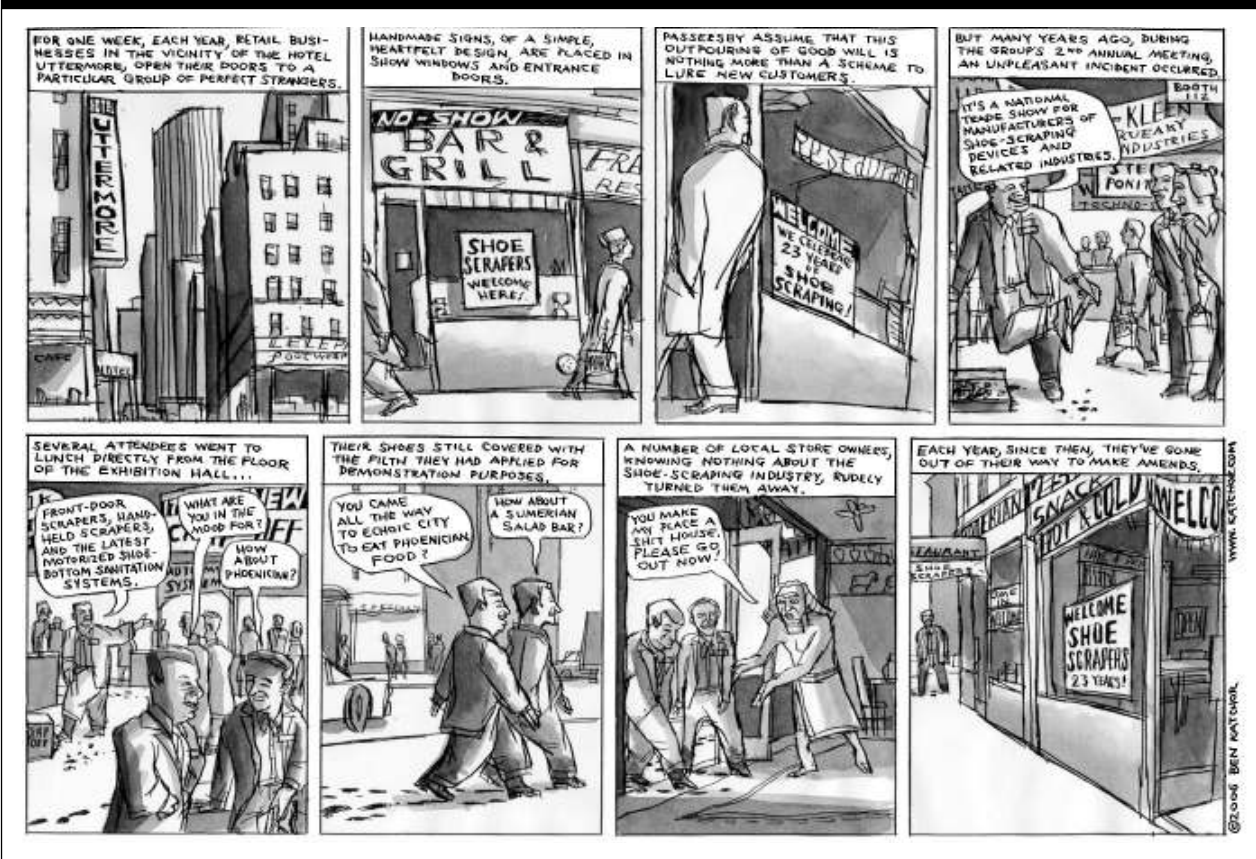
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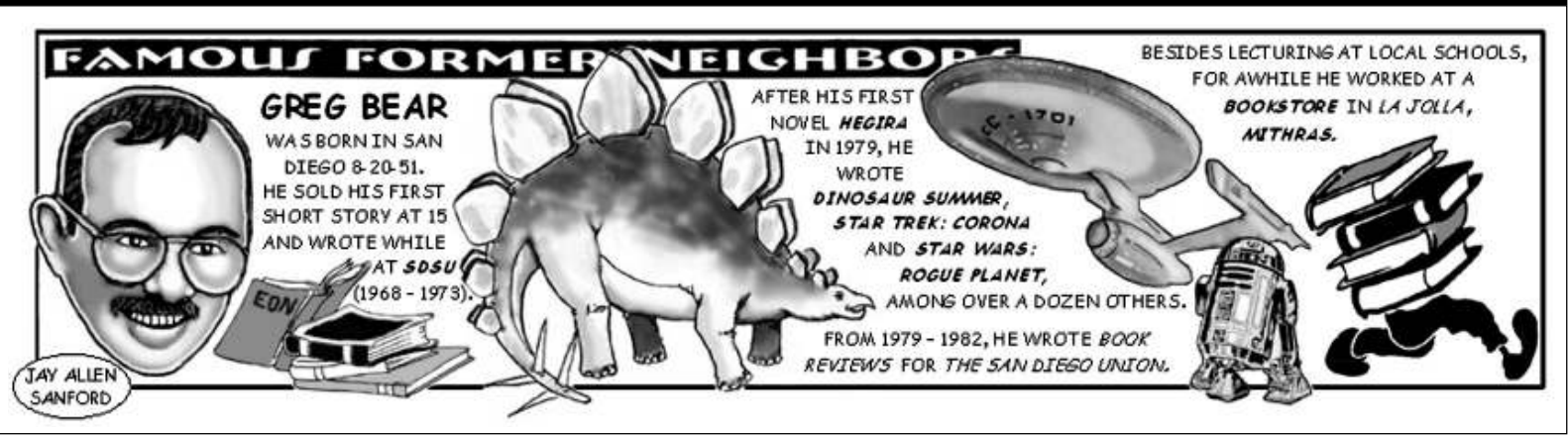
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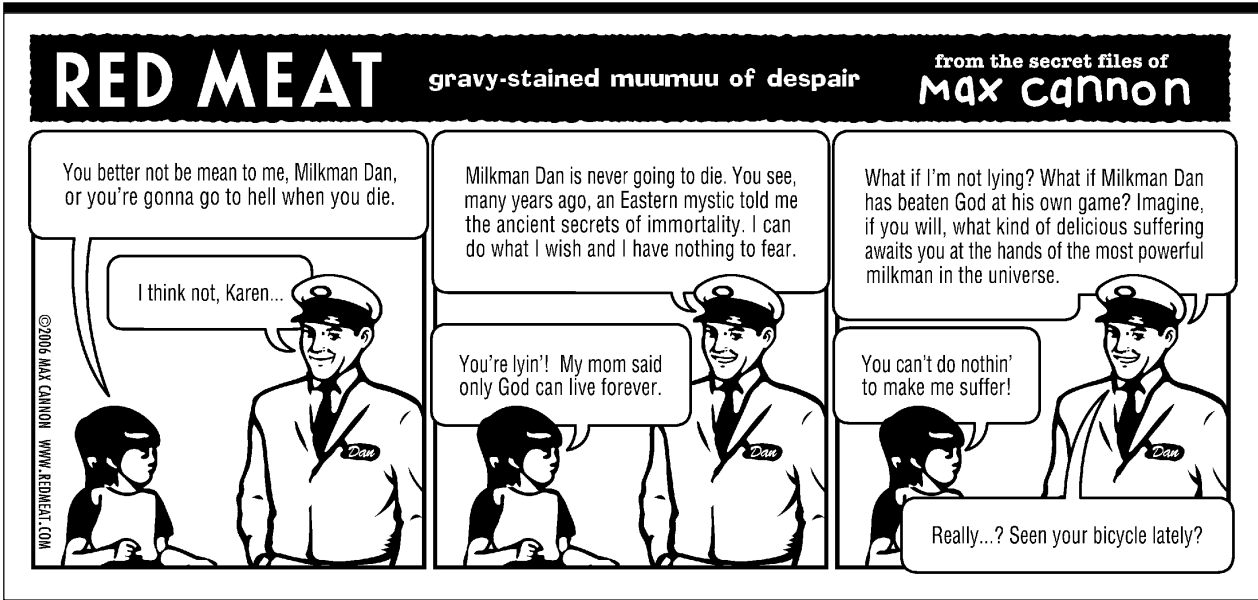
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Britney Martinez
Student
Temecula

Normally I don't like to get dressed up, but I don't mind getting all dressed up for a wedding. I'm only 14, so I don't get to have any drinks at the reception, and that seems to be when everybody's having fun. I had a virgin strawberry daiquiri at the last wedding I went to, and that was one of the best things about the wedding. Getting dressed up can be bad because my best friend Lauren and I always fall when we wear heels. After a while, it's just easier to walk around in bare feet.



Jaime Wolf
Food Server
La Mesa

My least favorite thing about weddings is that people superficially invite people because they feel obligated; they may not have talked for years and years. The people, who the bride and groom didn't want to invite, have to go to a wedding that they didn't even want to go to and everyone's miserable; the wedding loses its value and it's not as special as it should be. It should be more close family and close friends; I would rather have an intimate wedding and a huge reception. The most important part of a wedding is the open bar. I have [been to a cash bar], and I didn't enjoy myself. With an open bar, there's much more focus on drunkenness and dancing. Everyone's getting married; I do feel the pressure. My internal metabolic clock tells me my eggs are drying up.



Daniel Castro
Busboy
Downtown

The night of the wedding, ha ha. Oh, you said my least favorite part of a wedding. Well, then I'd say the Mass is my least favorite part. It takes too much time and it's boring. A lot of weddings I've been to have Masses in the middle, and they're, like, an extra hour. And you can't just go to the party afterwards, you have to go to the ceremony first. I got married at a civil ceremony because a lot of my family wasn't around for the wedding, but my wife and I are thinking of having a Catholic wedding later when more of our family can attend. I'd say 25 is a good time to get married for a guy, and a girl's good to marry anytime after her 15th birthday.



Brian Dunne
Cook/Food Server
Sera Mesa

I've been to a few weddings in my day, and I've had a good time at family weddings as long as I was doing some underage drinking. You got to let loose like in the great movie *Wedding Crashers*. I'm going to love going to my friends' weddings. I have at least two weddings where I'm going to be the best man. If I actually go to the weddings of distant family, those could suck. I'd give it ten years until my own wedding.



Rachel Dalessandro
Student
Point Loma

This is what I hate: "Everybody who's single go out in the middle and catch the thing [bouquet]." And I hate when all the big girls are pushing me out of the way; it's not like I really care, it'd just be fun to catch the bouquet. I've only been in one wedding; the dress was so ugly and the bride was a good friend and I didn't want to tell her. And I didn't want her to get married because she's my age and her husband's in the Army. I just turned 20. She's a military wife now, and they all start having kids. I don't like outdoor weddings. My cousin had an outdoor wedding and it was disgusting; there was sand flying everywhere. I went to one outdoor wedding, and it rained so everything had to be moved inside, and outside stuff doesn't even look good inside.



A.J. Wager
Student
College Area

Russian weddings, because they take forever. It starts at the back of the church and moves all the way up the front. I've been to about three Russian weddings; my cousin married a Russian. There's a good party afterward though. I'd marry a Russian person even though I'd have to have the wedding. I'd like to do one on the beach with shorts and sandals. I've only really had to sit at tables with family, so I haven't ever had to sit at any awkward tables. I've been to a Greek wedding, and it was both big and fat; no plates thrown on the ground though. I've also been to Asian weddings, but there's less dancing.

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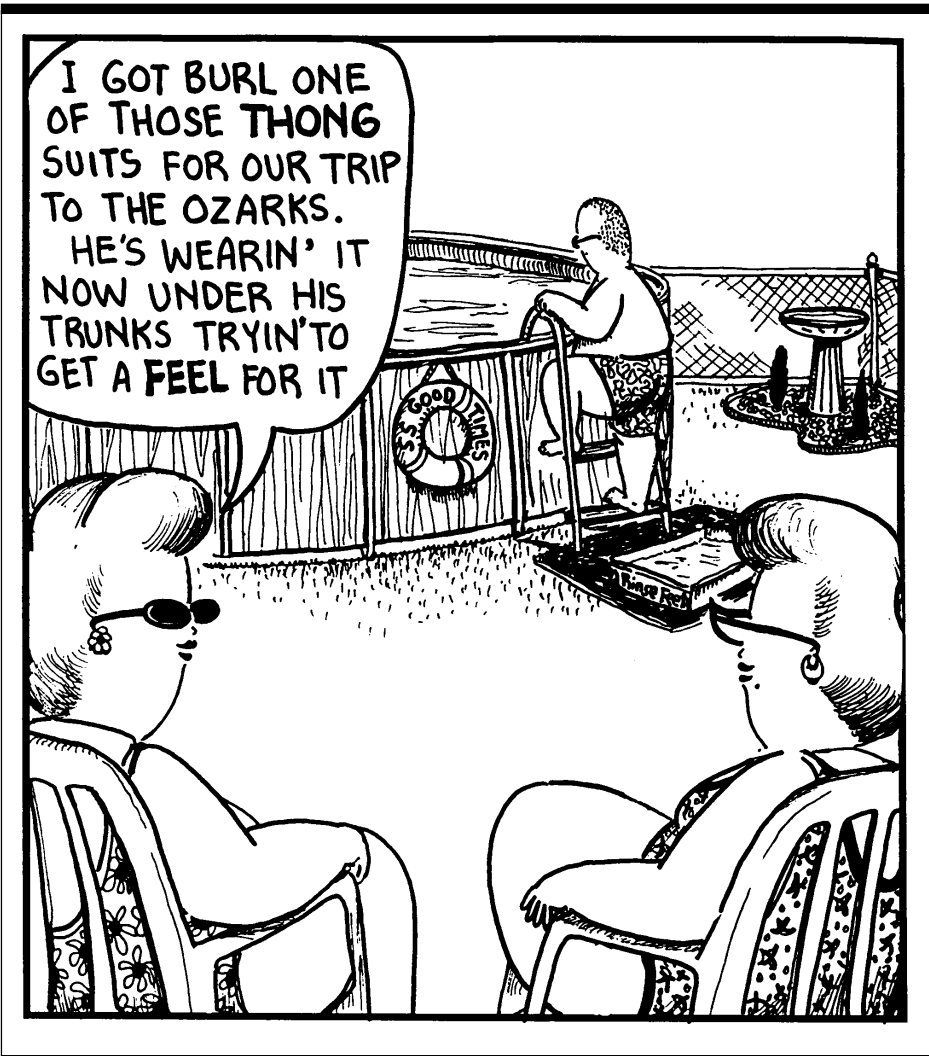
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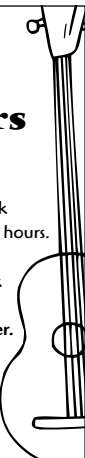
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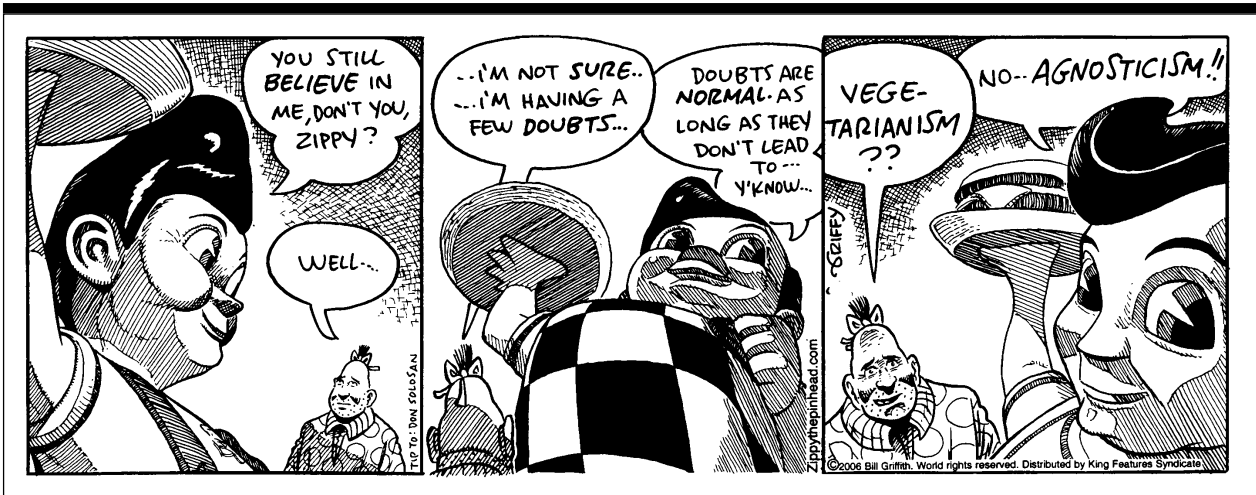
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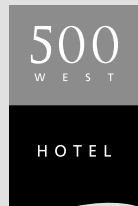
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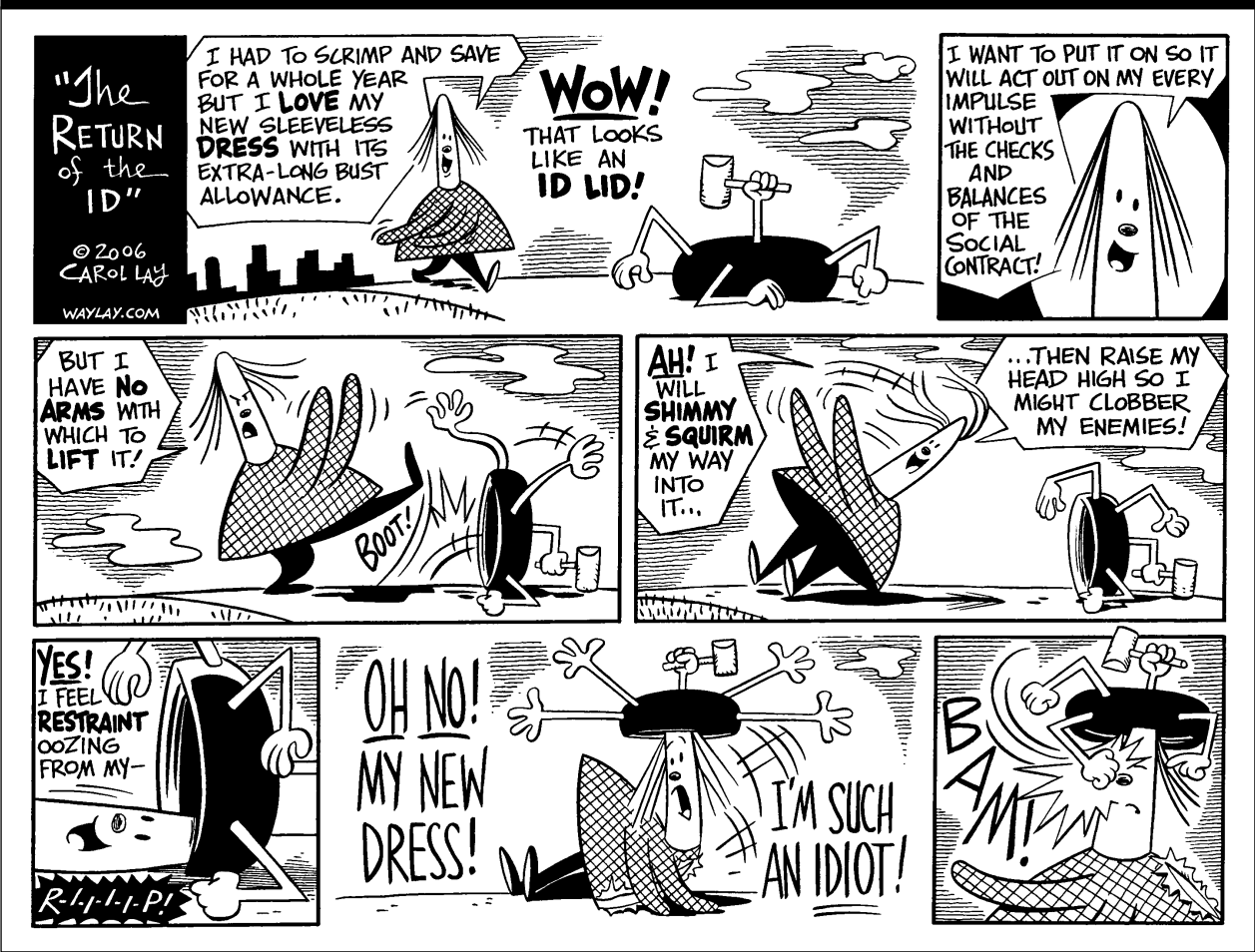


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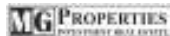
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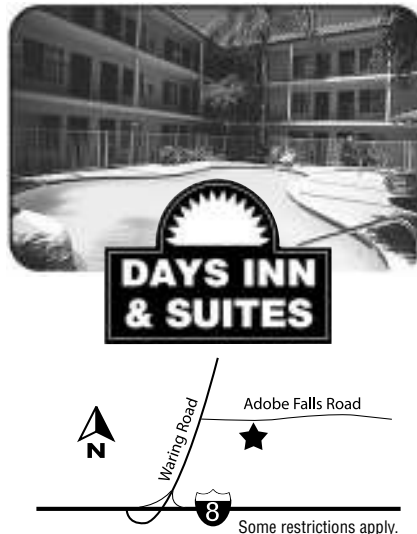
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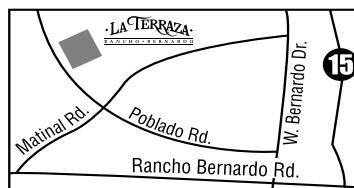
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But I did it. By the time I sat next to Bob Greene while Oprah grilled Winona Judd on the whys and hows of her rotundity, my upper arms and breasts felt like over-stuffed sausage meat in my size 16 red velvet dress. I had terrible gas from the chocolate-covered almonds I'd eaten the night before, resenting that I hadn't dared eat the green room pastries

Needless to say, I was not called to speak.

My opinion would have made for terrible viewing. *You can lose weight, Winona*, I would have said, *but you'll be fat again before you know it.*

In this country of no second acts, everyone demands a happy ending.

Still, I think that pontificating with Hoba Kotb on the *Weekend Today Show* about how

much better my life was with 188 fewer pounds to heave around, then watching my Amazon rating go to 12 that afternoon while eating a key lime pie is fucking up raised to a high art, don't you?

Knowing that my memoir, *Passing for Thin: Losing Half My Weight and Finding My Self*, would make me, to some degree, a poster girl of slimness was one part of the encouragement I needed to screw up, but I hadn't waited for it. I gave myself an infinity of encouragement in the four years of eating-dieting-eating-laxatives-eating-increased antidepressant medications-dieting-eating-eating-eating I enjoyed.

And for the most part, I did enjoy them. Nearly every illicit bite.

Until a couple of weeks ago.

I'd been bingeing like there was no tomorrow, my nights spent in the embalming comfort of Entemann's, Ben & Jerry's, Cinnamon Life Cereal, European rice pudding, and the occasional order of Fascati's chicken parmesan with garlic. I had a vague feeling my eating was out of control when I boarded a goofy black Labrador who sloppily licked ice cream from the spoon instead of scraping it off with



his front teeth the way my dog, Daisy, learned long ago to do. I had an extremely bad moment in front of my mirror when I was trying on a dress I'd worn at Christmas and my butt and hips stuck out as much as my head. I began to remember life before weight loss all too viscerally—the special sweat-musk that emanates between my thighs and pudendum, my belly button weeping and mildewing. I'd forgotten what an ordeal walking was. The night I didn't wear my Christmas dress, I was sure I would never see Bob, an ex-boyfriend-but-you-never-know, again.

Nor, really, did I want to. Especially after he witnessed the romp I had at the party's dessert bar.

You'd think these signs would tell me how well I'd screwed up, but they didn't. They passed when I took a shower or spritzed gardenia spray in the bathroom or cleaned my navel with hydrogen peroxide. They were buried in the daily planning of what I would crawl in bed with that night so that I could blank out how

"The sum of an imaginary number and a real number is a complex number."

much more masking my body odors and pains I'd have to do the next day.

But then I house-sat two Italian greyhounds. There was a scale in the bathroom. While the cat-bat-rat-dogs jeté'd merrily around my feet, I decided to step onto the scale.

Foolish, foolish me.

The digital read-out settled squarely at 250.

I'd had a normal "diet" breakfast, which I usually do, just in case I'm hit by a bolt of resolve. My 100-pound gain cracked the air. Smoke curled from my toes where they framed the infamous number, the greyhounds swarmed up my legs like hungry succubi. I'd ignored tsk-ing mirrors and my grouching body but the scale spoke the rational and real numbers of simple arithmetic.

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May 13, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

People bought ecology bumper stickers for their autos and in 1970 planned an Earth Day celebration, but it didn't seem enough. Then an answer was conceived — a document that could weigh several pounds and could grow to an inch thick.... Educated people were paid good money to fill them with correct jargon, and they've been cranking them out since. And just like that the environment was saved.

This document, the Environmental Impact Report, was created, naturally, by legis-

lation...signed into law by President Richard Nixon on January 1, 1970.

— **"THE PAPER MOUNTAINS,"** Gerry Braun,
May 14, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

I can still recall the date, May 19, 1977, because that was Ho Chi Minh's birthday. The entire camp was taken out to the fields to clear away the elephant grass — to "compete with each other for Uncle Ho's birthday!"

I made my way to the grass right by the road where the bus passed because I knew that this was the day my wife, Thuy, was coming to see me. I had learned this the week before through a letter smuggled in a bag brought to me by friends who had come to visit the re-education camp.

— **"ESCAPE!"** Duong Phuc with Vu Thanh Thuy and
Neal Matthews, May 15, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

The top five reasons why Richard Lee Poet said he would not pay his rent:

1. He had just paid \$18,000 to promote a Grand Prix race and "that really cleaned me."
2. His business partner robbed him;
3. His parents were dying and he had to

go home to spend their last Christmas together;

4. Construction workers were on strike; and
5. He was a city building inspector who could get his landlords in trouble if they tried to collect.

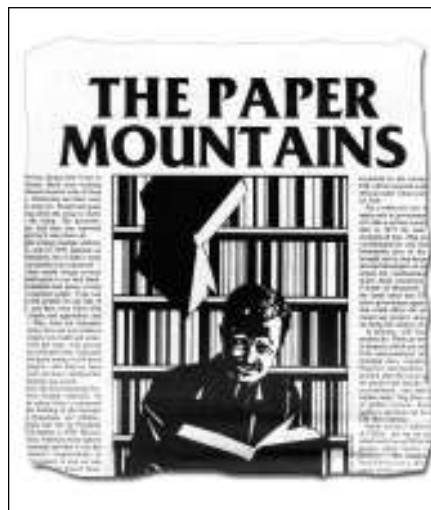
— **CITY LIGHTS: "WHAT RHYMES WITH IMMORAL?"**
Colin Flaherty, May 16, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Almost 20 years ago, for research on behalf of *The Duke of Deception*, written to give my sons as much of their family history as I could articulate, I gumshoed details about my father's final years in California, in and out of prisons and state mental hospitals, on the dole or on the lam.... But till now I'd kept my distance from pretty La Jolla and from San Diego and from up close and personal memories of my terminal pileup with my dad.

So I was unprepared for the vividness of my recall of that summer, of the effect on me of finding our apartment near Windansea Beach, of searching for the San Diego city jail (since torn down) where I last saw my father, of bringing all this back so that maybe (fat chance!) I could get it buried for good.

— **"LA JOLLA 1962,"** Geoffrey Wolff, May 9, 1996



San Diego Reader, May 14, 1981

Five Years Ago

Re: Anne Albright's "Everybody Stop Whining" ("Kid Stuff," May 3). I can only hope that next year the Easter Bunny puts some birth control in her basket.

Five kids under the age of ten? Your kids are probably starved for attention, Anne, not Easter chocolate.

— **LETTERS: "LOATHES ALBRIGHT,"** David Rizzuto,
May 10, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

A friend of mine I'll call Sheila tells white lies. I invited her to a dinner party, and she said she and her husband couldn't make it because they had to visit her elderly aunt who was seriously ill. Weeks later, her husband mentioned to mine that on the night in question they went to some jazz clubs. No mention of aunts, sick or otherwise. Okay, fine — that's a small social fib. But here's something more problematic. Our sons, who are good pals, are in the same fifth grade class. During a recent phone conversation Sheila asked how my son was. I said that he brought home a report card with several 'D's. I was quite upset about it. The next day my son comes home from school, slams his backpack down, and storms into his room. When I go in and ask what's wrong, he says, "Jesse" (Sheila's son) "came up to me at school and said in front of a bunch of people, 'I heard you got two 'D's on your report card.' You blabbed my

grades to his mom and she told him." I was guilty as charged. My son felt humiliated and betrayed. I couldn't blame him. I apologized, told him I was in the wrong, and that I wouldn't do it again. When he went out and I had some privacy, I called Sheila and asked why she'd told her son about the 'D's. She denied telling her son anything. But there's no other way her son could have found out. My son was ashamed of his grades and told no one. I asked him if anyone could have seen his report card and he said 'no,' because he hid it. I wasn't mad at Sheila for telling, because that's an honest mistake. But to lie to me about telling her son seems crazy. I don't know how I'm supposed to remain friends with someone who lies like this.

WISE TO HER LIES IN OLD TOWN

Dear Wise,

The way I see it, you have two choices. If you value this friendship and want to try to salvage it, confront your friend gently but firmly. Let her know that you're disturbed by her untruthfulness because it erodes trust and makes friendship difficult, if not impossible. Tell her you'd appreciate it if she'd be honest with you from now on, even if she's uncomfortable. That's the only way you feel you can remain friends. If you're too disgusted with her and don't want to bother, you can pull away and be polite but distant. You can decide that this is a person with whom you

have a relationship only because your kids are friends, but it's a limited, bare-minimum relationship. No more confiding in her. And if she really did lie about telling her son your son's grades, I don't think that's a small white lie. It's a Technicolor whopper.

Dear Saffron,

I'm in high school, and I'm afraid all the time. Not slightly afraid but kind of petrified. For no reason. I don't know what's wrong. I can hardly sleep at night because all I can think of are really bad things happening to everyone I care about. It's like I can't use my mind for other thoughts anymore. Sometimes my heart is beating so hard it feels like there's an earthquake, but it's just me. Sitting in class I often feel like I can't breathe, even though there's plenty of air. I told my mom a little bit of this and she said that's how all teenagers feel, and I'll grow out of it. I don't think I can wait till I grow out of it, and I also don't think my friends feel this way. It's like I am far removed from everyone I know now...doing a bad impression of a normal person. I don't know if you can give me any advice for a weird problem like this, but could you try? Any ideas at all about something I can do to feel better would help.

FRIGHTENED SENIOR IN HILLCREST

Dear Frightened,

I am so sorry you feel this way. You're right: This not what all teenagers go through.

Something is up with you. Tell your mom or dad or both that you don't feel well and that you need to go to the doctor. Don't let them dismiss the problem by saying it's just growing pains. You have to insist. Then tell the doctor everything you wrote to me. There are lots of things that could be causing you to feel this way, and there are many different solutions you can try, depending on what's causing your intense anxiety. But you need to go see the doctor right away, and please don't take no for an answer.

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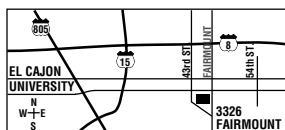
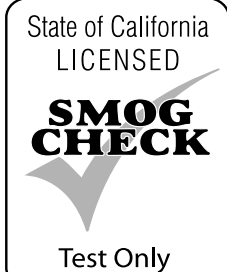
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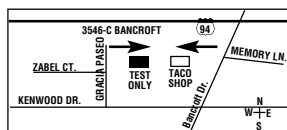
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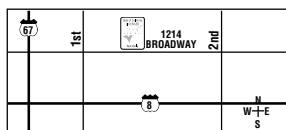
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On a dreary Saturday with rain in the forecast and nowhere to go, Rhiana and I decided to practice dancing for our wedding. I queued up the music files in the computer, spun the volume control up, and guided my mouse to the “play” button.

“I think we should use this one,” I told Rhiana. “Let’s dance!”

I can’t imagine what our dogs must have thought of us. It must be alarming for them to see their masters with bodies flailing about, going back and forth toward each other, and interlocking arms. It was obvious that both dogs were in a tizzy over the situation. They did not approve.

Letting us know what he thought, Buca scurried off the couch, approached cautiously, and let out a scrappy growl. Enraged, he spun around, tucked his tail down, and bolted to the other end of our basement living room. He found that there was little room to run, and he turned and raced back to us. The shiny black coat along his neck and back was standing on end. He retrieved toys out of the bluish plastic tote that is his toy box. He flung fuzz-less tennis balls and decaying “indestructible” toys about in an attempt to draw our attention.

Rhiana reached out her hand to let him know everything was okay.

It was too late. He had spun around and was headed for another lap around the basement.

At first Kayla thought we were playing. A dog’s natural reaction to a playing situation is to get in “puppy play stance.” (That’s when the dog crouches down with their front legs, but their hind legs remain standing. It’s how puppies tell other puppies that it is time to play.) Kayla tried the “stance” three

or four times to let us know she wanted to be involved. When her attempts to play went unrequited, she became nervous as Buca had. She turned sideways and attempted to separate us by squeezing in between. She burrowed between us with her nose and threw all 65 pounds of her body into me. Realizing that we were unfazed, she started “plan B” for getting our attention — jumping.

“Kayla!” I barked, commanding her audience. “No jumping!”

Her front paws stuck to the floor before she ran over to Buca, barking objectionably.

“Should we stop?” I asked Rhiana.

Laughing, she replied, “No, they’ll get over it.”

“I hope the reception isn’t this chaotic!”

By this time the dogs had joined forces and were side by side, barking in unison.

“Are they barking to the music?” I joked.

Having enough of the situation, Buca scampered through another lap around the basement and then lurched into Kayla. Poor Kayla had been reprimanded for jumping and now was

the target of a run-by-dog-ging. Confused and uncertain, she went back to barking at us and started growling at Buca.

“They’re going to sleep well tonight, huh?” Rhiana pointed out to me.

“It would be hard for them not to. Maybe we should practice a few more songs?”

“This song goes on for-



ever.” Rhiana said after the fourth or fifth chorus. “How long is it?”

I danced over to the glowing flat screen that was displaying a list of media files. “It says here about two and a half minutes.”

With her cheeks turning red, Rhiana said, “Two and a half minutes? It feels like we’ve been doing this forever. The dogs are losing their freaking minds!”

Clicking “pause,” I concluded the dance. “Yes, let’s stop.”

The dogs were unsettled, though the music had stopped. Buca pranced back toward the couch to pick up a rubber ring. He continued moaning and whining. With her tail spinning in circles, Kayla stopped barking, raised her head up, and moved toward Rhiana.

“OHhhh, it’s okay, Kayla,” Rhiana said sitting down in one of our reading chairs. Kayla leaned in and continued wagging her tail as if she were cracking a whip.

“Buca, get over here!” I said corralling him into my lap while sitting in the creaky

desk chair. He put his head down on my knee and let out a short grunt, as if to voice his final statement of disapproval.

I looked at Rhiana, who was consoling Kayla. Rhiana looked in my direction and smiled, “I guess they don’t like the chicken dance.”

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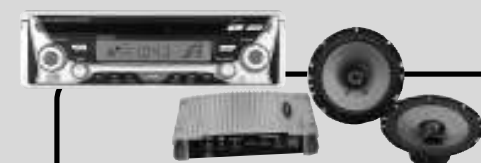
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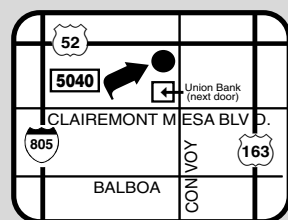
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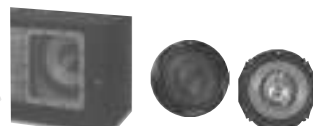
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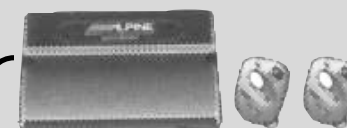
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Incident: Sheriff's Department received reports of someone shouting, "He's stabbing me!"



Deputies contacted and detained a cab driver [who] had driven a woman to the residence.

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FELONY EVASION

Location: [9900] Via Daroca, Rancho Peñasquitos
Time/Date: 9:32 a.m. on 5/1/06

Incident: Poway Deputy David Dorroh attempted a traffic stop on a BMW X-5 sport utility vehicle. Dorroh initially observed the vehicle to be obstructing traffic. As Dorroh approached, the driver fled the area in a reckless manner. A vehicle pursuit was initiated westbound on Scripps Poway Parkway. The BMW was displaying a Virginia license plate.

The pursuit traversed several areas of Scripps Ranch and Rancho Peñasquitos. San Diego Sheriff's Department ASTREA and San Diego Police Department ABLE heli-

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At times the pursuit included Interstate 15 and State Route 56. The driver of the BMW eventually abandoned the vehicle and fled into a house at [9900] Via Daroca. San Diego Police and San Diego Sheriff's Deputies surrounded the house and detained four subjects inside the home, two of whom were arrested...the driver of the vehicle, Brian K. and an associate inside the home, Erich W., who was found to have an outstanding felony drug warrant. The vehicle was determined to have been stolen from the driveway of a Scripps Ranch resident approximately two weeks earlier. The BMW had a false Virginia license plate attached. K. was currently on parole at the time of this incident.

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Location: 295 E Street, Chula Vista
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Officers located R. as he tried to flee from...the home about twenty-five minutes after the robbery. A search of the home revealed cash...and a machete.

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Location: 10445 Chubb Lane, Santee
Time/Date: 7:45 p.m. on 4/29/06



Report: An unknown suspect broke into Homestead Continuation School [and] stole about \$600 worth of electronic equipment from a classroom. The suspect ran from the school carrying a large black bag and had blue spray paint on him.

On April 30, 2006, at about 1:55 p.m., Deputy King was patrolling Shadow Hills Park in Santee. A male was acting strangely and causing a disturbance in the park. Deputy King noticed the suspect was carrying a large black bag and had blue spray paint on his hands and face. The suspect, who identified himself only as "Flip," showed Deputy King the contents of his black bag. Deputy King found all of the stolen property from the school in the bag. The stolen items still had the property stickers attached with the school's name on them.

MULTIPLE ROBBERIES

Location: 899 Broadway, etc., Chula Vista
Time/Date: 2:59 - 4:29 a.m. on 4/21/06

Investigation: Chula Vista Police responded to a call of a robbery in progress at the 7-11 store at 899 Broadway. A suspect armed with a handgun robbed the clerk of money and fled in an unknown direction.

At approximately 3:33 a.m., officers responded to a report of another armed robbery at the 7-11 store at 7 Naples Street. A suspect matching the description from the earlier robbery entered the 7-11 with a handgun, demanded cash and fled in an unknown direction.

At 3:50 a.m., Officers responded to yet another robbery in progress call, this time at the 7-11 store at 913 Otay Lakes Road. In that robbery, a suspect matching the earlier descriptions entered the store with a handgun, demanded cash and fled outside towards the rear of the store. A clerk followed the suspect outside and was able to copy a license plate even though the suspect fired at least two rounds from a handgun. The clerk was not struck.

At 4:21 a.m....another call of an armed robbery in progress [came in] at the 7-11 store at 899 Broadway. The same suspect returned and robbed the clerk a second time before fleeing in an unknown direction.

Nine minutes later, the fifth robbery in progress call came in at the 7-11 store at 290 I Street. The suspect robbed the clerk with a handgun and fled eastbound on I Street in a black Chevrolet Blazer.

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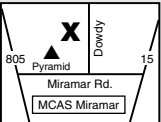
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In the shower, your skin reddens under the searing water, and your arm props you up against the slick cold tile of the wall. A couple coughs to get the lungs working again and you're out.

It isn't until you're sitting on the bed with your grubby jeans on and you look down to put your socks on your feet that you really feel dread. Dread for a day spent making someone else rich while your body gets slowly bashed and battered into a rounded, bruised stump of a thing. Your feet are halfway there. Dread feels like pinched shoulders and a sore back and the red lines that your boots cut into you.

When the boots go on, you know the next time you take them off is going to be 13 and something hours later. They're going to be filled with little pebbles and your socks are going to be crusted with dust and hard with the pasty sweat, and when you get them off it's going to feel like God himself removed them.

But, that's 13 hours from now. The next 12 hours are going to be spent pulling strands of wire or helping the guys unload those sacks of concrete. If you want that money, if you want to drink beer with your friends all weekend and take a girl to dinner Saturday night, then you better hump that load of pipe up those stairs.

When you're on 12-hour days, you better have a good girlfriend. One that'll come over and cook you something and maybe even start a load of laundry for you. Because when you're on twelves, the only thing you want to do when you get home is eat some lasagna and crack the top of a couple cans and sit and watch TV until you're tired enough, until you're neck is loose enough to let your head slip down and doze off with the news on the tube.

And the next morning you'll get back in the truck and drive down the alley past the Chinese ladies in the donut shop and the tranny hooker in front of the Laundromat, and you'll get a greasy egg sandwich and coffee from the fast-food drive thru, and you'll get to the job-site and do it until you go back home to watch TV and get up in the morning to shower.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 11
SURVIVOR: PANAMA — EXILE ISLAND
CBS 8:00 P.M.
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NGC 8:00 P.M.
This is probably just idiots and storms, but it sounds dirty, doesn't it? Twisters and chasers sounds like there are leopard print undies, scented oils, and highball glasses involved. Rawr!

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LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED, WHITE & BLONDE (2003)
FOX 8:00 P.M.
I once ate a donut that I'd found on the side of the road. That night I had a fever, headache, and a terrible case of the scoots. I think I'd rather relive my roadside donut experience than watch Legally Blonde 2.

SATURDAY, MAY 13
FAR AND AWAY (1992)
USA 11:00 A.M.
Mass production of the toothbrush didn't start until 1855, and the act of brushing one's teeth every-

day wasn't common until World War II. Now that you know this, you'll never be able to watch a kissing scene in a period movie again.

WHAT'S UP THAILAND
AZNTV 8:00 P.M.
One night in Bangkok, I was accosted by a deaf hooker. She followed me around the bar, writing dirty messages and drawing dirty pictures on a tablet of paper. I mouthed the words, "N O. I ' M S U R E Y O U ' R E A V E R Y N I C E G I R L A N D A L L, B U T..." I finally gave up and walked out because I'm sure she couldn't understand me. While I was trying to explain to her that I wasn't going to pay for her services that night, she stood there making lewd hand gestures, pointing to me, and winking.



Legally Blonde 2

SUNDAY, MAY 14
PRIDE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
FOX SPORTS 9:00 P.M.
VS.
TAN TOWELS
HSN 9:00 P.M.
Hmmm...Pride Fighting on FOX Sports or Tan Towels on the Home Shopping Network. PRIDE Fighting or Tan Towels. I can't decide. I'll have to tape one and watch it later.

MONDAY, MAY 15
OPRAH WINFREY'S LEGENDS BALL
ABC 8:00 P.M.
Too...many...jokes. Can't...think...clearly.

TUESDAY, MAY 16
WILD THINGS
PBS 9:00 P.M.
Just so you know, this is not Neve Campbell and Denise Richards make-out wet and naked in a pool *Wild Things*. This is kitties and hawks and ground squirrels *Wild Things*. I don't want you to experience the same disappointment that I did.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
LOST
ABC 9:00 P.M.
So there are people stuck on this island. There was a paramilitary presence because they built a bachelor pad under the ground with an alarm system thing. There are "other" people on the island. There are balloons crash-landing, and polar bears have been introduced into the environment as a scientific experiment. This island is busier than Oahu. There are more comings and goings and people and things all over this crappy little rock, but somehow a rescue operation hasn't been attempted. Some nights I stand in front of my TV with the blood of rage hot in my neck and my fingers curled up and the only thing I can do is yell, "GAH! GAH! GYAH!" at this stupid show.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
CONJOINED TWINS: ERIN AND JADE
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“Steak Satisfaction”

By John Brizzolara

“Well, what did you *think* your Friday nights would be like?” one might well ask of oneself if one were in the habit of that sort of thing. Friday nights in San Diego cannot be characterized any differently than Friday nights in any other good-sized city with a few large colleges, quite a bit of retirement and military money (though most of the latter is not, theoretically, going for kicks and giggles, that is, leisure), and throw in a lot of water and beaches and boats, and then the more than usual amount of sun. Other than that...well, you certainly can't say we're just Cleveland with palm trees, but neither are we Venice emerged, if you know what I mean.

Occasionally I feel surprised, disappointed, or unexpectedly pleased at how I am enjoying myself on, say, a Friday night and if I were to ask myself that opening question. If I sort of mentally squint and travel back in time to Brooklyn, New York, May of 1980, I might imagine my Friday nights in my new life in California 25 years down the road something like this:

I'd be at the BBQ grill around 6:30 p.m., waiting to put the half dozen steaks on. (I would always grill the steaks myself when it was my turn to entertain that month, and not, say, one of the others in my small, but tight circle of friends.) Sometimes the grill or hibachi would be set up in the cockpit of the ketch and sometimes on the dock. I can picture my 30-year-old self squinting through cinematically falling calendar leaves, trying to imagine what I will look like at, holy shit, 55!

A picture was summoned (oh, and I did think about it, don't you?)

of a thinning, gray-haired, Ben Franklin-looking paunchy guy; doddering (whatever that is, exactly) and wheezing, bespectacled, cackling over a barbecue, a whisky clutched in one hand because that would be the one constant, the one friend who would never die or leave or reveal himself, Mr. Jack Daniels, as a fainthearted liar and thief of something more precious than dream.

Am I serious? Barbecue? What else, golf? No, no, it's just that — I'm in Brooklyn, remember? Carroll Gardens. Used to be Red Hook before the real estate Yuppies. A barbecue grill is as swank as a boss short, say, a '67 Mustang, and I do love grilled meat. Back then I had the esophagus and teeth for anything as well.

Anyway, I've got one of those cordless phones that look like WWII (or even 'Nam era) combat radio units, only smaller, and I dial or punch in or speak, maybe thumb-in, fingerprint-code/cortex implant/nano-second com- placement (however they'll be worked in the early 21st Century) the number for my closest friend since I moved to California. Doug, I'll call him.

I don't want to name drop, so I'll refer to the famous that hang around with me with pseudonyms. Doug (say his real name is something like, oh, Michael Chabon or, well, it doesn't matter) jokes around, “Say, John, I believe you should bronze your marinade baster and place it on your award shelf...you keep doing, what do you call it? — “Steak Satisfaction”? Like this: perfect every time.”

“Well, here's the old rooster himself. He might have something to say about that.”

Mike Jagermeister, a pretty famous rock and roll singer, arrives, walking up the dock, his arm around an unlikely drinking buddy (the tabloids would never believe this, but here they are); Mike in at least sensible ballet shoes for a boat's deck and Davis Desaris, the humorist from *The New Yorker*, out of sheer perversity, no doubt, wearing Nudie cowboy boots. “Well, hello, or avast or whatever you say,” Desaris cracks. “Smells great, would you look at that sunset! I should say something cynical and witty about how they're always perfect in San Diego, I suppose. But I'll save it for the crack of Doom if everything goes well tonight.” He squeezes Mike's backside in canary leather hot pants. In Jagermeister's equally perverse fashion sense, the short shorts are two sizes too big, and his suspenders give him that hilarious Tyrolean thing. The man must be almost 60.

The joke about Doom is an inside Hollywood crack about Mike starring in the movie adaptation of my best-selling novel of the same name: a kind of wacky, offbeat bedroom farce about AIDS and the Brazilian rain forest (the profits from which went to pretty much saving the whole rain forest thing and the now famous Creamsicle cure for HIV!).

Surfacing from below decks is Diana Rigg, now more famous for her successful 25-year cryo-suspension than her once lively acting career. She is languidly adjusting her bikini strap. What strap? What am I saying? Heh heh, in



fact, what bikini? Yeah! What bikini!?!

Six steaks. That's me, Diana, Mike, Davis, Doug and....

Who am I kidding? Even 25 years ago I would never have thought of cock-tailing on a yacht with Mick Jagger or any other celebrities (maybe a writer I'd always wanted to meet), but the truth of it does not make for what one of my editors calls “lively writing.”

The truth would involve me in my spacious home library next to my private home movie theater. I already have something sort of like that, but the term spacious would not apply. Then as now, I would prefer, if socializing came into it at all, a small group of friends, say, no more than five. And I still enjoy a good steak but only find the idea appealing once every few weeks rather than nightly — if I had once had my way there.

But whom would that sixth steak be for? A lot of entries come to mind that might provide a chuckle or two for the column reader; but the one I am most comfortable with is my son, a man who would have been eight years old at the time and now an adult: whole, happy, and every bit as much a friend as anyone else there. Today, at present, we're working on getting there, but we're not, by any means there, not today. Some days it seems merely around the corner and sighs and prayers of relief are at the ready. It would be grand if one of those days were this one, this Cinco de Mayo as I write. It is not.

But then, there's always (am I saying this right?) Seis de Mayo, isn't there?

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