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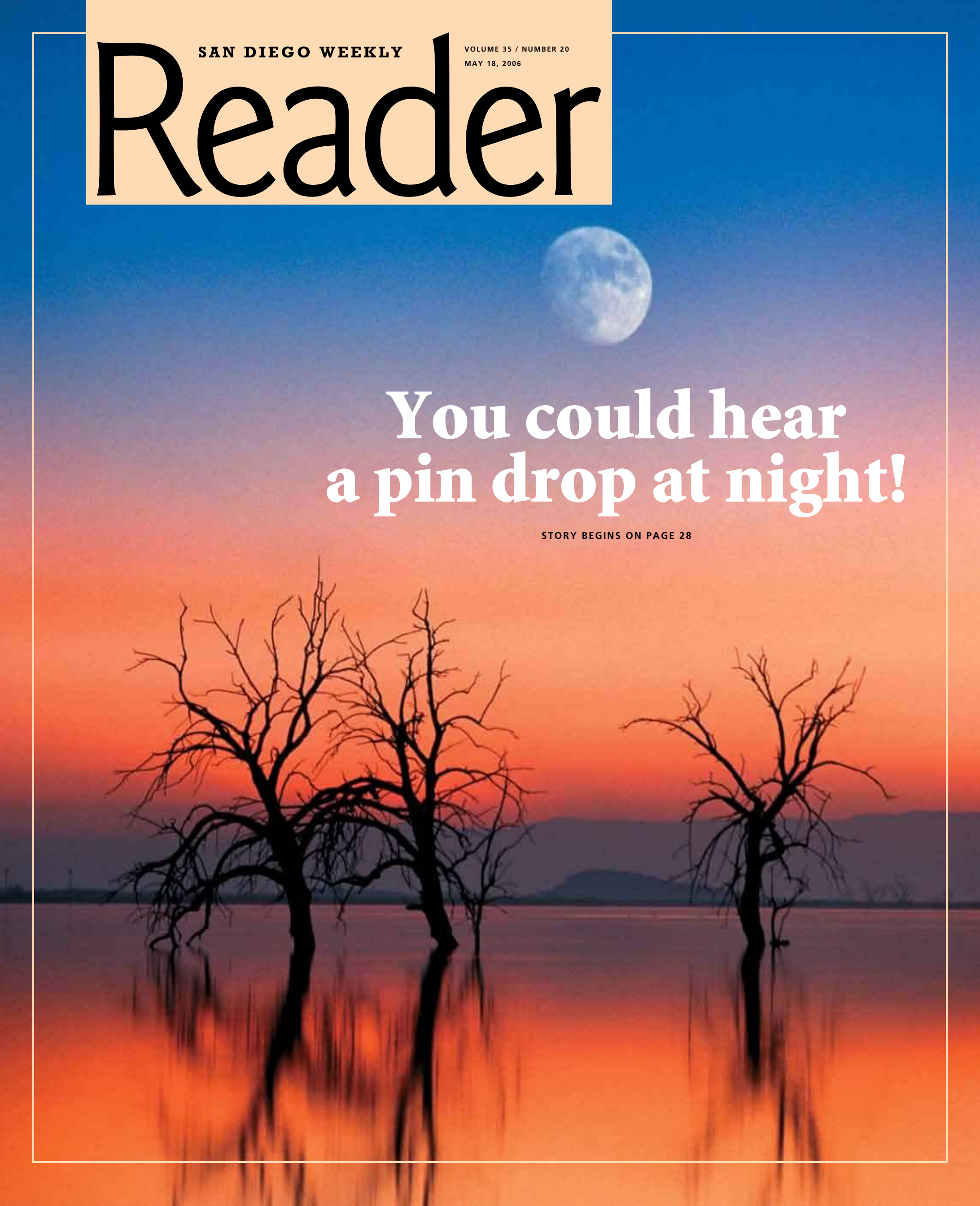
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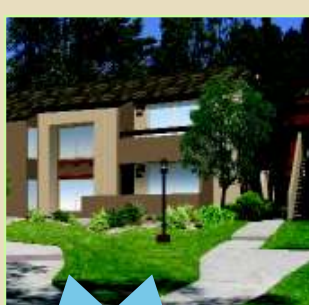


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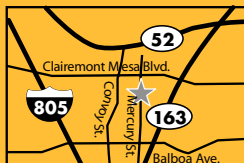


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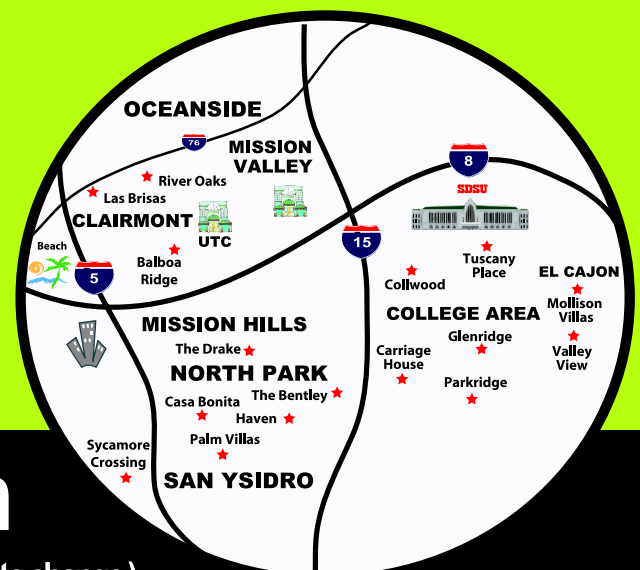
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Bad PR A popular part-time teacher of advertising in the School of Communication at San Diego State University has been dumped, and he claims it's because old-line professors



Stephen Weber

were upset that he criticized the system that guarantees their jobs. But there may be another reason, having to do with the byzantine politics surrounding SDSU president **Stephen Weber's** development plans for Adobe Falls in Del Cerro. "The fact that they are getting rid of me has nothing to do with my performance as a teacher! My student evaluations are the highest in the School of Communication," said **Howard Oleff** in an e-mail to supporters last week. A veteran advertising and marketing executive, Oleff currently serves as "new business development consultant" at Channel 10. "So why are they getting rid of me?" the e-mail continued. "It is because I dared question the tenure system!"

According to the SDSU website, communication school offerings include undergraduate majors in communication, with a focus on advertising or public relations, and journalism. Oleff teaches Advertising 496, a hands-on preparation for the annual American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition, in which colleges compete to create an advertising and marketing program for a company that agrees to sponsor the contest. In the 2004 contest, Oleff's class placed first in regional finals.

That was the year SDSU cut funding for the class, blaming budget constraints. Oleff, ever the promoter, fought back, raising \$4000 from the San Diego Ad Club to defray expenses and using his large e-mail list of local media contacts to generate a wave of protest to SDSU administrators. The university backed off, and he was later given a three-year contract, but the ill will toward Oleff, who says tenured professors aren't in touch with today's advertising business, went on unabated, resulting, says Oleff, in last week's termination.

He was given the word in a May 10 e-mail from **Diane Borden**, the school's interim director. "The University Senate yesterday gave final approval to a proposal for the School of Communication to separate into two distinct academic units," says Borden's missive. "As part of the restructuring, the faculty in a newly created School of Journalism and Media Studies has decided to take the next year to reassess its curriculum and make any necessary revisions." The class Oleff taught had been canceled, and, wrote Borden, "There is insufficient work for which you are qualified."

Oleff was not happy. "Right now, many of these tenured professors are not preparing their students for the real world. We all know that, but no one does anything about it," according to his e-mailed statement. "They will continue to push out anyone that wants to bring the real world of advertising into the classroom, and has a passion for the business of advertising, because it threatens these tenured professors."

He adds that another force may also be at

work. Oleff, who worked at Channel 10 for many years before retiring as sales manager in 1997, remains there as a consultant; he's also a member of the station's editorial board. A resident of Del Cerro, Oleff says he authored a station editorial blasting controversial plans by SDSU president Weber to develop a hotel and condo-style faculty housing in the neighborhood, across I-8 from the SDSU campus, a move rapidly opposed by residents there.

"Disregarding objections from residents as well as the City, the Fire Marshal and CalTrans, SDSU intends to push forward with the development of a massive 540-unit apartment and town-home complex which it will site at the end of two Del Cerro cul de sacs," the editorial maintained. "To add insult to injury, SDSU refuses to mitigate safety hazards the additional traffic will create on the winding Del Cerro streets, even in the vicinity of two elementary schools." It ended, "No private developer could get away with this, and neither should SDSU."

In a telephone interview last week, Oleff said he was positive that the editorial had something to do with the loss of his teaching assignment. "Absolutely," Oleff said. "They are retaliating because I took a stand on Del Cerro." A spokesman for Borden said the university could not comment on Oleff's allegations.

Droopy Despite a bit more reportorial enterprise and jazzy Sunday front pages, circulation at the *Union-Tribune* continues its long decline.



According to numbers released last week by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, in the six-month period ending in March, Monday-through-Friday circulation fell 3.8 percent to 317,217, while the Sunday

edition's falloff was even more precipitous, plunging 7.4 percent to 408,392. Other Southern California papers experienced a similar trend. The *L.A. Times'* daily numbers fell 5.4 percent to 851,832, and Sunday eroded 1.8 percent to 1,231,318. Escondido-based *North County Times* fared better, with daily circulation down 2.7 percent to 90,981 and Sunday down 1.1 percent to 92,073.

But *U-T* sources say that the paper harbors a hidden skeleton in the form of the "other paid" circulation category — papers that are given away in various promotions by big-box stores, including Target. If the 31,130 "other paid" number is subtracted, the *U-T's* Sunday circulation falls all the way to 377,262. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, which is gradually cutting down on promotional copies in an effort to present a more accurate picture of its readership, saw its circulation drop 15.6 percent, the largest decline in the country.

— Matt Potter

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Pro Football Too Corrupt for Sin City?

By Don Bauder

Las Vegas is trying to woo the Chargers. Sports reporters say there could be a roadblock: major professional sports leagues claim

they are reluctant to see teams relocate to Sin City. The gambling industry might be a negative influence on the purity of pro sports.

in Interstate Commerce, known as the Kefauver Committee, noted that gangster money poured into pro football, baseball, and basket-



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Alex Spanos

Ha ha ha ha ha ha.

Pro sports and the gambling industry have been living in sin since the leagues began. Back in the early 1950s, the Senate's Special Committee on Organized Crime

ball — football in particular.

Verily, pro football was born as a vehicle for gambling, and its owners and players have long been connected with organized crime and gambling, according to the

1989 book *Interference: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football* by investigative author Dan E. Moldea.

Hypocrisy reigns. The National Football League warns that "associating with gamblers or with gambling activities in a manner tending to bring discredit to the NFL" will lead to severe penalties, including a life suspension from the league.

Ho ho ho ho ho ho. "Betting has made football, and the NFL knows it," writes Moldea. "The underworld has infiltrated every level of the NFL."

You want some names? George Halas, founder of the Chicago Bears in the 1920s, received loans from an associate of Chicago's "Scarface" Al Capone family, says Moldea. Tim Mara, who paid \$500 for the New York Giants in 1925, was a bookie. Charles W. Bidwill, "a bootlegger, gambler, racetrack owner, and an associate of the Capone mob," says Moldea, bought the Chicago Cardinals in 1933. The team is now in Arizona and still run by a Bidwill. Big-time gambler Art Rooney bought the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1933. His son still runs the team. Horse-racing enthusiast and gambler George Preston Marshall bought a team

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Sanders Reps Our Town in Big Apple

By Joe Deegan

During last fall's election campaign, Jerry Sanders told voters that if elected mayor he would take a positive message about

San Diego on the road. In late March, Sanders traveled to New York and Washington, D.C., the first major trip of his mayoral tenure. Planning for the trip had begun by February 22, when the mayor's government relations director, Andrew Poat, sent an e-mail to several city staffers seeking their assistance. That same day Poat wrote to Marek Gootman of the Washington public relations firm Patton Boggs to help arrange a meeting for the mayor "with our congressional delegation." According to a July 13, 2005, posting in the online newspaper the *Hill*, "Mega-firm Patton Boggs has its finger on nearly everything on Capitol Hill. Increasingly, it has turned its attention to local governments.... San Diego pays Patton Boggs \$200,000 a year, but one local official says the firm helps make money in the end by helping its congressional delegation secure federal earmarks."

Poat broadened his requests to Gootman on March 1, saying that the following day he wanted to discuss a "political contact" at the Department of Homeland Security and possible meetings for Sanders at various agencies and the Pentagon. He also proposed "a 'wow' event (White House?)." Gootman responded with a request to put off the discussion one more day. "We're still being crushed by [Appropriations].... We're basically pulling all-nighters," he wrote.

Complicating Poat's efforts, word of the mayor's upcoming trip was getting out, at least to San Diego County Supervisor Bill Horn. During the noon hour on March 1, Poat wrote to Sanders's director of community and legislative services, Kris Michell: "FYI — his office called wanting to know when the Mayor's meeting at Homeland Security will occur, as Horn wants to attend. I didn't want to push

back — assumed Mayor has discussed this with him." In the end Horn did not make the trip.

By March 6 Poat was thinking about the trip's more precise details. An opening plan had the mayor flying first to New York, arriving on Sunday, March 26, and then taking Amtrak to Washington two days later. Poat wrote to the Museum of Modern Art's Katy McDonald and to attorney David Caplan in New York. "I thought I would touch base and see if either of you has any ideas on a Sunday evening dinner if [the mayor] gets in early. Are there any big companies with San Diego operations in New York City? Other movers and shakers that would be appropriate dinner invites? We will obviously be looking at the financial market people as well...." McDonald e-mailed in return, "He should absolutely come to the Museum for dinner. I'll put my thinking cap on about companies. The most important San Diegan in NYC is David Caplan, however!"

The San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation helped shape Sanders's New York activities. In fact, the organization had taken the lead in what would become the trip's New York theme. "Think of Paul Harvey's 'Rest of the Story,'" the corporation's president Julie Meier Wright tells me by phone. "We have gotten only negative publicity for the past several years. The rest of the story is all the good things about San Diego." In March 2006 the corporation launched a public relations campaign called "San Diego Works," with advertisements in *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Business Week*, and several other national magazines. "We invested \$220,000 in the ad buy," says Wright, who calls her organization's cooperation with Mayor Sanders a "convergence of interests."

The economic development corporation is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting the business interests of the San Diego area. Its website states that it is "funded by a coalition of private-sector investors," the city, the county, the port district, Chula Vista, "and several other cities in the region." The City of San Diego provides more than 40 percent of its revenue.

As he continued to organize the East Coast trip, Andrew Poat stayed in touch with the economic development corporation. On March 16 he wrote to the corporation's vice president of investor relations and development, Lauree Sahba: "Security is wonder-

don't want to be rude — [understand] the appearance of asking people to come to him — [but] if they offer or you think it appropriate, I know that would be easier on the Mayor."

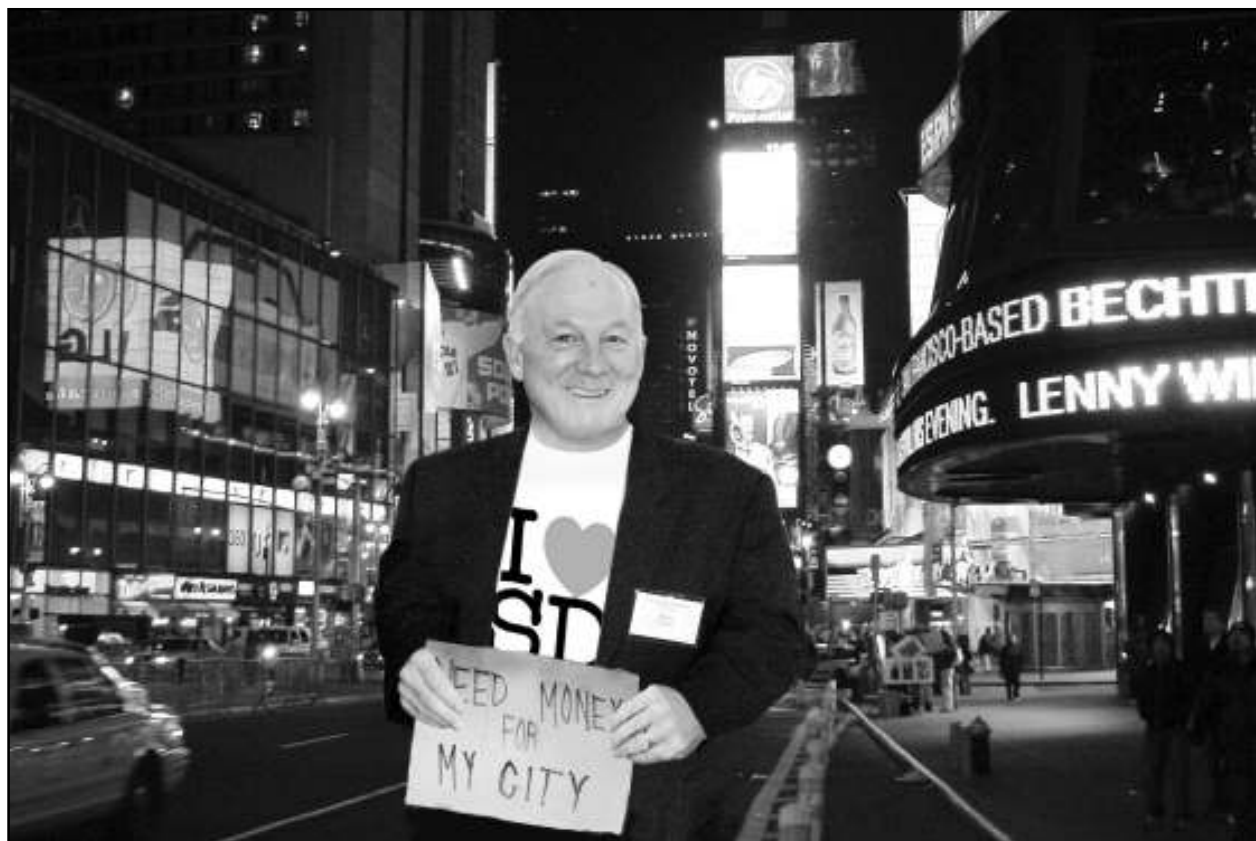
It turns out that the security sought for the East Coast visits was two officers from the San Diego Police Department's executive protection detail. Their names are blacked out in the e-mails. Poat contacted Sahba again on March 20. "The security guys want their own car. I will ask them about someone riding along with them. They will have a [New York Police Department] lead car to get them to the right place."

for the two officers, Sergeant Shaun Donelson of the police executive protection detail wrote a March 27 memo to San Diego police chief William Lansdowne. He told the chief that on the East Coast trip Sanders would need "assistance with ingress/egress and security." Donelson estimated the officers' participation in the trip would entail the following expenses: airfare, \$1823.20; Hertz rental car, \$589.52; Amtrak, \$336; meals, \$280; hotel (three nights in the Hyatt Regency in Washington), \$675. The total was \$3703.72. "The travel expenses will be paid from the Executive Protection Detail/Chief's Office budget," wrote Donelson.

corporation's president, Julie Meier Wright, inquiring about New York weather. "It's cool but sunny," she wrote back from the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. "Truth be told, I am still in my pj's. Had breakfast in the room (\$46 for bacon and eggs, juice and coffee!!) and will head to the gym in a little while."

But "there was no downtime when we got to work on Monday," Wright tells me. She says her team spent the day in meetings with CNBC, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and other media organizations.

The development corporation was joined on Tuesday morning by Sanders, his communications director Fred



Jerry Sanders in New York photo illustration

ing if we know likely locations for [the mayor's] meetings — even if we don't know times. They are trying to figure out logistics. (1) Do [you] have addresses for the targets? (2) Wild fantasy. Any chance we could have the mayor stay at the hotel and have the mountains come to Mohammed?"

The following day Poat wrote in a similar vein to San Diego's chief financial officer Jay Goldstone, scheduled to accompany Sanders to New York. "In the interest of the Mayor's time and logistics," wrote Poat, "if it is possible for any of the meetings to be conducted at the Mayor's hotel, that would be appreciated. I

The officers came up in a discussion between Poat and Patton Boggs's Marek Gootman about possible restaurants where the Sanders delegation could have a group dinner in Washington. On March 23 Poat wrote, "Security guys will attend — but not eat with us. Usually at an adjoining table." In response to Gootman's recommending the restaurant Two Quail, "if you don't mind the charge," Poat said, "I liked Two Quail — but haven't been there in a decade. If \$500 is the minimum, that isn't too bad. That's only \$50 each, which we can cover."

To formalize the request

By this time a firm itinerary for the Sanders trip was in place. The mayor would not be in New York on Sunday after all, instead taking an economy-class red-eye out of San Diego on Monday evening, March 27. He would arrive in New York at 5:31 Tuesday morning. Sunday was still on in New York, however, for several members of the economic development corporation team. Members of the delegation included former mayoral candidate Steve Francis and San Diego Padres president Dick Freeman.

That day Andrew Poat, still in his San Diego office, wrote to the economic development

Sainz, and chief financial officer Jay Goldstone. The city officials' itinerary for the day included a meeting with Ambac Financial Group. According to Hoovers Online, the company's "flagship Ambac Assurance writes municipal bond insurance and insures municipal and structured finance obligations. Ambac Financial also provides triple-A investment contracts to states and municipalities."

Briefing notes were prepared for each of Sanders's New York meetings. Those for the Ambac meeting state that the company "insures the Petco Park Bonds." Goldstone, sched-

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in Boston and moved it to Washington, D.C., in the 1930s, says Moldea.

After World War II, the

All-American Football Conference was formed to rival the National Football League. Many of the owners were high rollers, says Moldea. Del E. Webb was a partner in a New York team in the new league. Webb was the contractor

whom mobster Bugsy Siegel handpicked to build the Flamingo, the first major hotel-casino in Vegas. Webb had a 10 percent interest in that casino and later built and owned other gambling meccas in Nevada. Ben Lindheimer,

whom Moldea labels "the overlord of Chicago's race-tracks," bought into a team.

The classic owner was Mickey McBride, owner of a racing newswire, whom the Kefauver Committee called "public enemy number one,"

in part because he was paying the Capone family \$4000 a week. McBride launched the Cleveland Browns. When things got too hot, other gamblers bought the team.

Finally, Art Modell purchased the Browns. Modell

was a partner in a horse-racing stable with Mushy Wexler, whom the Kefauver Committee said was one of the "leading hoodlums" in McBride's racing wire service. Modell also got married in the home of the president of Las Vegas's Caesars Palace. I was living in Cleveland at the time. The story of the wedding ran on the *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* society page. Cleveland was so mobbed up that nobody thought anything about it.

San Diego's reputation is hardly spotless, either, and this book points it out. Barron Hilton purchased the Chargers and moved the team to San Diego in 1961, after a lot of arm-twisting by Jack Murphy, sports editor of the *San Diego Union*. "A long-time gambler, Hilton was a top executive of the Hilton Hotel chain," writes Moldea. Hilton was a close associate of Sidney Korshak, described by law enforcement agencies as "the link between the legitimate business world and organized crime." Hilton also had close ties to Gilbert Lee "the Brain" Beckley, whom Moldea describes as "the Mafia's one-time top layoff bookmaker." (Bookies lay off bets with other bookies to protect themselves from big losses, rather the way insurance companies spread risk around to other companies.)

Hilton's company also controlled two major casinos in Las Vegas. While he was in the process of selling the Chargers to Eugene Klein, Hilton ran into some trouble — later smoothed over — when trying to put a casino in Atlantic City, because of the Korshak ties.

Klein, who also had ties to Korshak, bought control of the Chargers in 1966. Although he was a big swinger in Los Angeles, he eventually moved to Teamsters-financed La Costa in Carlsbad to run the team. In March 1970, Klein was registered in the 21-room Acapulco Towers in Mexico, not knowing he was under surveillance of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation. Registered at the same time were notorious hoodlums Meyer Lansky and Morris (Moe) Dalitz. Klein told Copley newspapers it was a coincidence and he didn't know Lansky.

Allen R. Glick of La Jolla plays a major role in Moldea's

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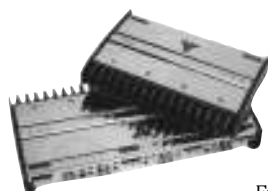
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Sin City football

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book. In the early 1970s, several Charger players became involved with Glick enterprises, even though at the time he was the second-largest casino owner in Nevada. According to the book, Glick and his partner Dennis Wittman operated several partnerships with former Chargers Lance Alworth, Steve DeLong, Sam Gruneisen, John Hadl, Ron Mix, and Walt Sweeney.

According to the book, Mix later filed a fraud and breach of contract suit against Glick and his cronies, claiming that they reneged on an

agreement to pay Mix a \$105,000 finder's fee for introducing Al Davis, the controversial Oakland Raiders owner, to Glick and the boys. The case was eventually dismissed. Davis and Glick were involved in a major shopping center investment at the time Glick was being probed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Pete Rozelle, who was league commissioner (and later became a San Diegan), didn't like the partnership but didn't force Davis to get out of the deal, according to the book.

What about current Chargers owner Alex Spanos? He is described as "a horse-racing enthusiast."

Now Indian casinos are discussing ways that they might

invest in a new Chargers stadium. They already have promotional relationships with both the Chargers and Padres.

This book has many details on questions that frequently enter into pro football discussions. For example, it delves into the suspensions of two stars, Paul Hornung and Alex Karras, for gambling. It tells about other players and their associations with professional gamblers and what the league did or didn't do. It talks about how players shave points to beat or not beat point spreads. It discusses whether Super Bowl III, in which the Jets upset the Colts, was or was not fixed. (Many say it was.)

The National Football League has always denounced

Moldea's book. Critics will no doubt say that because it was published in 1989 it is no longer relevant. Oh? The book delves into the DeBartolo family of Youngstown, Ohio. Its company built shopping centers and operated racetracks; the centers were sold a decade ago. Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. was listed in the Justice Department's Organized Crime Principal Subjects List. Moldea says the senior DeBartolo had ties to such hoods as Lansky and was a big-time gambler.

After several unsuccessful attempts to purchase pro baseball teams, in 1977 he purchased 90 percent of the San Francisco 49ers and gave control to his son, Edward J.

DeBartolo Jr. The senior DeBartolo helped finance the gift. The younger DeBartolo then launched gambling businesses in the Bay Area. In late 1997, he was caught giving \$400,000 in cash to a former Louisiana governor as grease to get a casino license. The ex-governor went to prison, and young DeBartolo got two years of probation and a hefty fine. The National Football League banned young DeBartolo for life. So his sister and her husband took over the team. The league likes to keep things in the family.

As Moldea's book shows, Sin City may be too virtuous for the National Football League, not the other way around. ■

Sanders in Big Apple

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uled to make a presentation at the meeting, hoped to get Ambac to reconsider the city's "request to refund the 2002 bonds PRIOR to audited financials," say the notes. "One 'free' refunding (i.e. no insurance payment required) was included in the original transaction, but has been conditioned on audited financial statements." A sheet attached to the briefing notes, referred to as the Ambac meeting's "talking points," has Sanders telling the company, "The irony is that San Diego has one of the strongest regional

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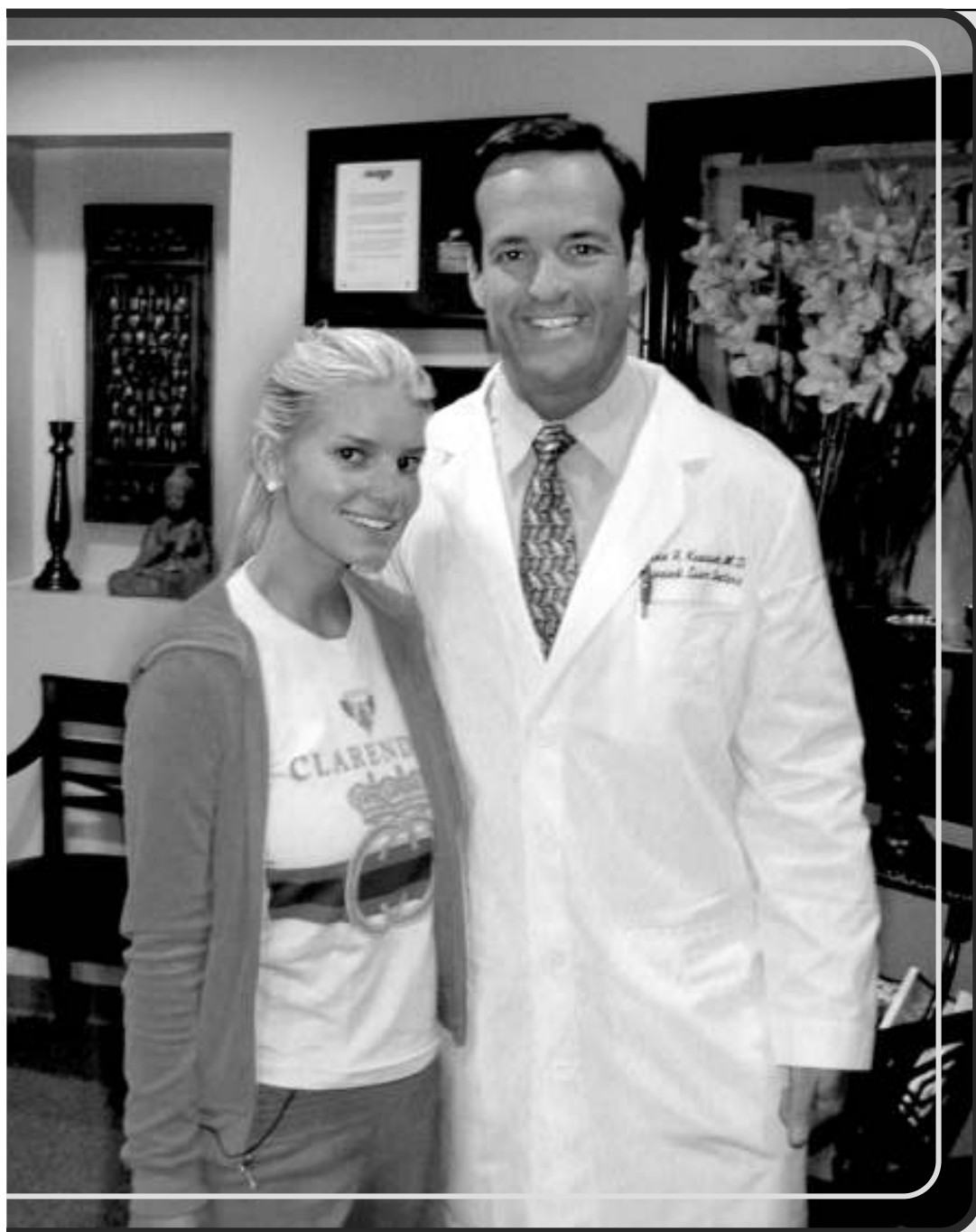
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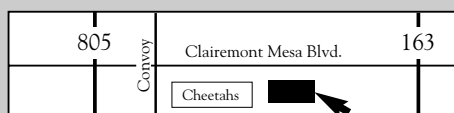
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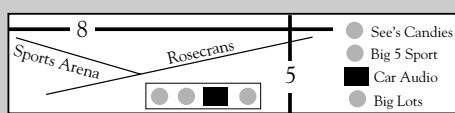
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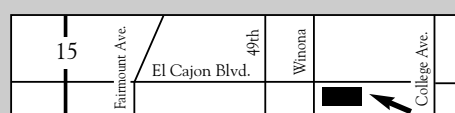
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Sanders in Big Apple

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economies in the country — it is booming.” The sheet states that Sanders is at the meeting “to tell you about my reform efforts at City Hall.” He is to say, “I am the city’s first strong mayor” and advertise that his administration will have the first chief financial and ethics officers. “My budget, due April 14, will be honest and accurate (unlike

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those of the past).”

Sanders’s Tuesday itinerary also included meetings with media organizations Bloomberg News, *Fortune*, *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*’s Dow Jones Newswire, and the *New York Times*. Scheduled to attend the *Times* meeting was economy writer David Leonhardt. The newspaper ran a September 7, 2004, article labeling San Diego “Enron by the sea.” The briefing notes tell Sanders that for the meeting “you will be accompanied by the entire

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traveling EDC delegation of business people.” The accompanying sheet of talking points asks Sanders to point out that “the ONLY national news coming out of San Diego over the past two years has been the embarrassing financing and ethics scandals at City Hall.” The sheet states that “that news constitutes less than 1% of the total ‘San Diego story.’ We’re here today to tell you the other 99%. And for me to tell you about my plans to clean up... City government.”

In between meetings that day, Sanders was to give live interviews to San Diego radio talk show personalities. On the schedule were KOGO’s LaDonna Harvey and Dave Mason, KUSI’s Dan Plante and Susan Lennon, and KFMB’s Rick Roberts (called tentative).

The itinerary had Sanders, Fred Sainz, and the two security officers boarding Amtrak at six o’clock Tuesday evening for close to a four-hour train ride to Washington, D.C. At 6:30 the next morning, the mayor was to take a short walk from his hotel to Capitol Hill. ■

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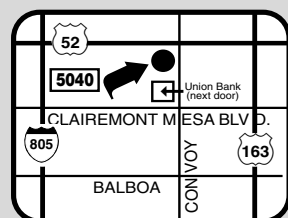


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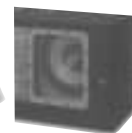
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Loved Anti-Kenny Rant

Regarding Mike Whisler's letter (May 11) about sax players: 1. Kenny G's music is insipid. Insipid music has always had a better chance at commercial success than meaty music. Wide popularity doesn't make his music any better.

2. Pat Metheny's anti-Kenny rant, which I loved, was an entirely appropriate response to Kenny G's towering temerity in putting out a record of his insipid playing overdubbed with the playing of Louis Armstrong. I say no more.

Don Ridgway
El Cajon

From Conjoined Twins

I'm writing in regards to my ultimate disgust with your "remote king," Ollie Ballie boo-boo. As a conjoined

twin and a lover of tan, as a color alone, but especially pertaining to towels, I find great offense to his latest review ("Remote Control King," May 11). First of all, as an American, I have a God-given right — no, responsibility — to consume. To believe that a "righteous" person would rather watch "blood lust" beefheads battling instead of useful, fluffy, fresh-scented, easy-care tan towels displayed for quick purchase is just short of insane. Second only to that disgrace was his opposite-of-informative blurb on the conjoined-twins episode. Not only did he not even mention what the actual special was about (quite informative for us "conjons," an insider nickname), but to add insult to massively debilitating deformity, my sister and I have an ear smack in the middle of our two shared craniums.

P.S.: My sister was so crushed by this she wouldn't be part of this letter, so it has all been written one-handed. I hope you're happy, Ollie. Holly and Carol Natividad via e-mail

Correcting Bauder

Re "Henderson Suit Gets Padres One Dollar Bill" ("City Lights," May 4). Mr. Bauder got most of the story right but forgot some details few have considered. First is the power and revenue loss

to the Sixth District that the Padres move caused. With hundreds of Qualcomm Stadium dates taken off the calendar, the chance of revenue generation to Sixth District businesses was severely diminished. Also was the loss of a power play card in maintaining civic infrastructure around a highly used public venue/space. This was the district of former councilman Henderson. Maybe we owe him four additional years of salary, although I doubt he would take it.

Many seem to have forgotten that, most of all, Stallings was a sellout to her own district. The move caused a huge loss of jobs, revenue, and political power. Not to mention the added expense to the district's Padres fans to travel outside the district into a much more costly environment. Then don't forget the new costs to the constituents (of all districts) to build the new stadium.

But maybe we can turn this all around for the district when the Chargers leave (their choice to city "shop," not ours). Much of the land could be used to develop affordable housing atop retail and commercial businesses. Leave the southern portion for additional park, recreation, open space while creating the much-needed affordable housing that was not developed downtown. As it is city land, and there is a pot of "in lieu of" funds already, it could be a quick way to develop a responsible project that will help rather than hinder our housing crisis — one with jobs near (next to) the housing while still being on a public-transit corridor.

Daniel Beeman
via e-mail

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So Ollie thinks he's so cool with his tattoos, drugs, booze, and hookers? FEH! That bastard watches TV all day, and *you* pay him good coin to spout his drivel. I can picture him now jabbering away, hopped up in some coffee shop, about *Oprah*. If I had to *pay* for the *Reader* I'd be enraged; as it is, I use his column as a lining in my parrot cage. If I ever meet him, he'll wish he was an iguana.

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BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hey, Matt!

Baby animals are so cute I am sad when I eat them. It's fun to watch them play. What about the birds and the bees? Do hatchling insects, ornithoids, and reptilians play?

— Fireball, Hathaway Pines, CA (a PB escapee)

We've sent the elves out to see if they can find a butterfly with an Xbox or a June bug with a pool cue. Couldn't scare up any info on playing bugs. The science guys might say this is due to their tiny life expectancies and tinier brains. And they can say this with some certainty because play behavior is a hot biological topic. Not just studies of apes and man and familiars like cats and dogs, but life forms like birds, turtles, lizards, kangaroos, and octopuses. There's a whole academic association for the study of play (called, uh, the Association for the Study of Play), but they're in Florida and probably specialize in primate behavior during spring break.

Unfortunately, Fireball, a lot of questions still exist about the definition, evolution, and purpose of play; but at least we can give you examples of the animals that science has annoyed in pursuit of the answers. Your ornithoid things are represented best by ravens. Ravens are notably curious and learn fast. Juvenile birds are particularly fond of manipulating new objects in their environment, nipping at domesticated animals, doing aerobatics, and generally acting up spontaneously for no obvious reason in that particular environmental context. And having "fun" doing it, since they keep on doing it. The theory goes that play is an extension of general exploratory behavior and helps birds, etc., become familiar with their territories and learn what to fear/eat and what not to fear/eat. One noted scientist opines that play behavior also is an outlet for pent-up energy.

The octopus is the only invertebrate that has been studied for what the science guy defined as "play" behavior. The experiment involved six octopuses, an empty plastic water bottle tethered to a rock so it bobbed under the surface, and a Lego piece that was buoyant but didn't actually float. After the octopuses were through manipulating the "toys" and trying to open them as they would a tasty clam, they began to "play" with them. Push-pull games with the water bottle, towing it around in circles, passing the Lego piece from arm to arm to arm to arm to arm....

One scientist wanted to study the prehistoric origins of play behavior. Figuring that turtle-y things have been around for at least 40 million years, he thought they'd make good subjects to find "play" in our genetic roots. Dang if he didn't see young turtles nipping at their pals, manipulating objects, and generally behaving in a playful manner.

The Alices were lucky enough to watch several generations of kit foxes grow up in a back-yard canyon. Talk about a playful pile of furry things. Today's hip young experimenter would say the kits (and your puppies and kitties) engage in group play fighting not to sharpen their physical predatory skills but to condition their brains in coordination and to learn to judge what the other guy's thinking. The old theory that lion cub play teaches them how to later attack antelopes has been chucked into the biological Dumpster, apparently.

Bomb? Bong? You Be the Judge

We admitted it was an educated guess, that exploding Gatorade bottle answer two weeks ago. But all signs pointed to our unfortunate Alicelander having encountered a dry-ice bomb: closed plastic bottle, cap blown off with significant force, escaping cloud of odorless vapor/smoke/something. But we always leave room for dissenting voices. "Hey, Matt, you pinhead...."

Heymatt:

I believe the man picked up one of my "Recyclable Gatorade BONGS." The white cloud that escaped was the uninhaled part of the last hit of my "UNPATENTED" invention. I just use it for a week, then go buy another, untwist the cap, and...WALAAAA! A new one to use. I think the guy might have hallucinated about blowing off his thumb. (I think he just inhaled some of that escaping gas of my last "hit.") All the power drink caps are the same size, so when I'm in the mood for something a little different, I get some Powerade or any of the similar. So here's to the environment and NOT to the "Gatorade Dry Ice Bomb" but the "Gatorade Herb Bong."

— The Unknown Gator-bong'r

We're pretty easygoing here at the Matthew Alice Center for the Preservation of Real Old-Fashioned Baked Ham and Other Universal Truths. Everyone's welcome; nobody's a crackpot. So we print this reply simply for your consideration. Personally, I think the Herb Bong would fulfill almost none of the criteria mentioned in the original question. And I'm hard pressed to believe our questioner "hallucinated" an explosion. But at least Unknown and his bong got their two column inches of fame.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Story Time

Can you bring to mind the best story you've ever heard? On demand? Here's mine?

David was a curiosity. First, his appearance, which begins, and it will stop you, with thick spectacles, the thickest glasses I've ever seen. Impossibly thick. Coke bottle thick. He had matted brown hair and a peculiar, for a heterosexual, swish gate that did not fit with his menacing homicidal grin, which, when combined with his malevolent chortle, and those alarming coke-bottle glasses, was truly unnerving.

David was 28 when I heard his story. We were sitting on the floor of a two-bedroom apartment across the street from University of Nevada, Las Vegas. David and I got there by different means, each one picking up a UNLV coed at the Office Bar. Turned out the girls were roommates. I'd never met David before.

So, here we are, passing a joint around the circle, and I'm eager, as only a 25-year-old male is eager, for this ritual to finish so Karen and I can trot into her bedroom and commence the mating and deflowering business.

David had been to Nepal, which was the gold standard in those days. He began his story by describing Katmandu, the squalid room he rented, the narrow streets, the colorful food stalls where he purchased meals for something like three cents. The girls smiled politely.

I'm thinking, "Stop with the little Asian people and their bug-infested gruel!"

And then David describes the festival of Dashain, a ten-day festival celebrating the goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahisaura. How this was the biggest festival of the year. Nepalese commerce stops, government and businesses hand out Dashain bonuses, usually a month's pay, to their workers. Families gather close and celebrate with huge meals, citizens fly colorful kites until the sky is crowded with them, everyone dons new clothes.

I almost scream, "STOP THIS BULLSHIT!"

David continues, there is the 8th Dashain Day, or, more precisely, the night of the eighth day called Kai Ratri. The merry people of Katmandu go into the streets, this time accompanied by their buffaloes, chickens, and goats. The coeds sigh. Then, David says, celebrants slit their animals' throats, just slaughter the beasts on city streets. There are carcasses, guts, blood all over the place, hard to walk down certain thoroughfares as a matter of fact. Hell of a problem with rats and flies. The killing, the blood and guts are sacrifices to Goddess Kali and Goddess Durga, David says.

This is followed by the 9th Dashain Day called Nawami. On Nawami, David says, the Taleju temple at Hanuman Dhoka (a historic compound of temples, palaces, and courtyards in Katmandu), is opened to the public. This only happens once a year. Thousands of Nepalese attend, as well as tourists and the diplomatic corps. This is big time fiesta. To mark it, hundreds of black water buffalos are brought into the temple courtyard, paraded around, and then slaughtered to honor Goddess Durga. Cannons are fired, military bands play patriotic tunes, and the courtyard fills with blood, ankle deep. Attendees laugh and clap their hands.

The girls' eyes bang open. What happened to all the happy brown people?

And then David talks about the cave. The cave he found on a long hike one afternoon and moved into the following day. Other Westerners found his cave and moved in. Two Americans, one German, an Australian, a New Zealander, and two French girls. Now there were eight living in the cave.

David moves on to smoking Nepalese black hashish, its high quality, how it was legal and accepted there. By now David's voice has grown strong. The sound starts low in his gut, you can see it move up to his stomach, actually see his skin bulge like there was some living, moving thing inside his belly, now traveling into his chest, up through the veins of his neck, into his face which puffs up like an enormous blowfish, turns scarlet, and then those monstrous eyes, imprisoned behind coke bottle glasses, cross and bulge, the bulge hideously magnified by coke bottle glasses, and now David expels air with a huge, malevolent yowl, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*

LSD shows up in the cave. Turns out the Germans, who were the last to arrive, had quite a stash, and what a righteous cooking of LSD it was, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*, and how the eight began taking LSD twice-a-day, for many days, maybe a millennium, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*, and how the eight learned to fly, first around the cave, then into Katmandu, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*, then around the world, to Cairo and Toronto and Madagascar, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*, and then, of course, into the universe, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*, into other universes, *HAHOPP HEEE HEEE HEEE!*

By now the girls understand that David is insane, that they have let a crazy person into their home, someone who is a stranger to them, and bedtime is near.

The Vegas Line

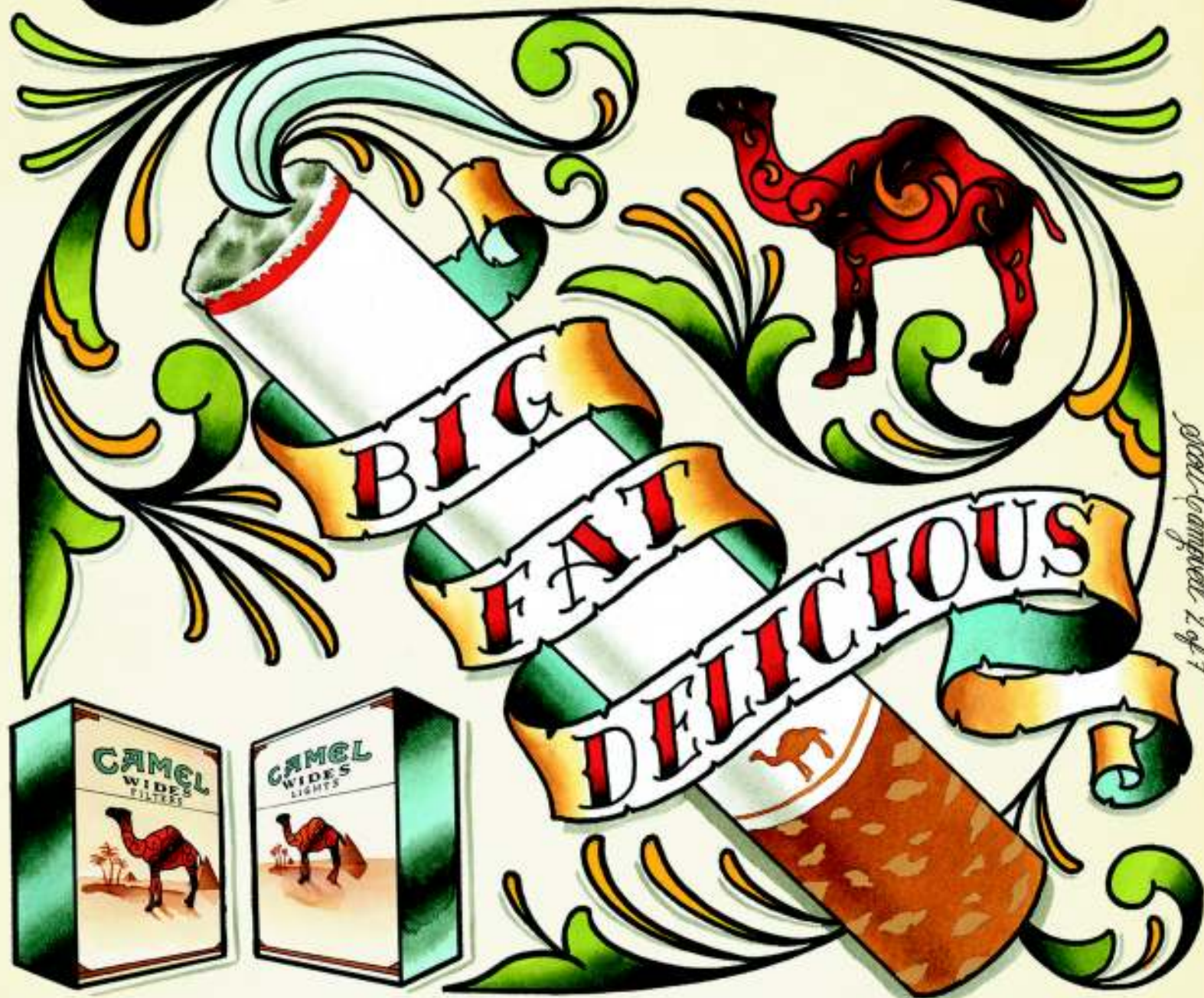
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Annual budget: \$3.6 million in operating expenses in 2005
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: yes
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Diversity: mostly Caucasian
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Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Website: www.foothillschurch.org

"This is what I like worship to be like," said one teenage boy to another before the service began. "A guitar solo in every song."

He was right. The opening 25 minutes might have been a Christian rock concert: dimmed house lights, colored spotlights, upraised arms and closed eyes, praise music that filled the air before settling down into a couple of power ballads ("Who am I/That you came to earth for me/To die on a tree?"), and big, almost soaring guitar solos. The melodies had a sing-song quality that made it easy for people to sing along near the tops of their voices. And they sang.

The lights came up when Pastor Dave Hoffman took the stage and placed his tea in the cupholder attached to the lectern. "I don't drink any of that frou-frou herbal stuff," said Hoffman. "I want real, black tea — with kick in it!"

Sunday was Mother's Day. Following the welcome and announcements, Hoffman asked the mothers in the congregation to stand, and the ushers handed them copies of *A Mother's Garden of Prayer* as "an appreciation gift, so you know how much we do value you as a church." The congregation applauded, the collection was taken, and Hoffman read off a comic bit on "The Evolution of Mothers," to wit:

"First baby, you spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the new baby. Second baby, you spend a bit of every day watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby. Third baby, you spend a little bit of every day hiding from your children." He got huge laughs.

The sermon recounted Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, concluding with her response, "Behold the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." Hoffman said that "what separated Mary from the ordinary, and I would have to believe it is the reason she

became the mother of Jesus, is that Mary was willing to submit to God's will for her life...even if it meant overturning all her plans.... There was no argument, no complaining. When was the last time you obeyed God...and said, 'Yes, it doesn't matter what others say, what the consequences are, I just want to follow God.' She trusted God with reckless abandon.... She understood that obeying God and fearing God would ultimately bring blessings to her life." He suggested that "perhaps, if God isn't real in your life...you're not trusting him with reckless abandon. James says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you'...Romans 10:11, 'Whoever believes in Jesus will never be disappointed.... You want to feel close to God? Submit your life to him.'"

Bringing it back to the day, he said, "A mother's success in raising her children will be in direct proportion to her submission and trust and faith in God." He held up his own mother, who continued to pray for him when,

as a teenager, he left both his home and his faith. He quoted presidents on their own mothers, including this from Abraham Lincoln: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." That is the testimony of my life," said Hoffman. "My mother's prayers have followed me. To be blunt, I couldn't get away from them!"

He reminded us that Mary was a wife and mother. "First, there was her relationship with God, then her husband, then her children." He reminded husbands to teach their kids to love their mothers, that on Mother's Day, mothers wanted "some token that means they are really loved.... I know that my mother's influence continues in my life.... Dave Hoffman, before he

knew Jesus — and quite frankly, long after — was a jerk. I was very, very selfish. But Mom, your constant prayers for me, and believing the best, had a great impact on my life. I want to thank you for your love, your discipline, your Godly example."

The lights dimmed, the guitars started in strumming, and Hoffman sounded the altar call. "We ask the Holy Spirit to come and minister." To the struggling, to the wounded, to those who were strangers to faith, he said, "God will meet you here. The God of the universe. God will break out from eternity and meet you up here. This isn't just some fairy tale. This isn't a myth. This is the way it is."

What happens when we die?
"If you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior," says Hoffman, "you're in trouble on judgment day. It is what it is. Paul says not to be ashamed of it, and I'm not."

— Matthew Lickona



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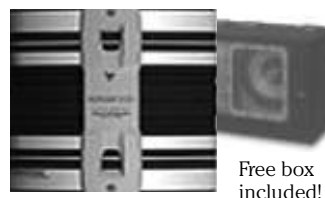
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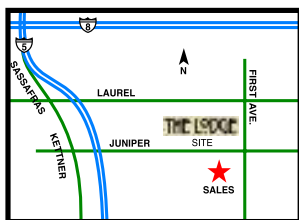


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—EVE KELLY

Bernice's furniture has had a hard year. Half of her dining room chairs collapsed. "I think it's because of my hubby's beer belly," she jested. A few months later, the dining room table lost a chunk, a casualty of her two-year-old's wooden sword wielding. Then that same busy child carved a personal etching into her bed and the matching hope chest sitting nearby. "We are in serious need of some new furniture," she moaned to me, "preferably indestructible."

Bernice was doing her complaining from a 15-year-old teak deck chair that still looks great and is as solid as the day I bought it despite heavy use. "Maybe I could find someone who sells great teak indoor furniture," I offered.

I found just such a place at Homeliving Furniture (858-586-2184) on Miramar Road. "The teak wood that we bring in is from Indonesia," said owner Peter Bragg. "Teak is a hard wood; it has high density and a high resistance to moisture. By nature, the A-grade teak, the highest quality teak, is an oily wood. Which also means that here in California the termites hate it. Mahogany is a sweet wood so the termites love it. But teak is a bitter wood, not that I have bitten into any teak lately. And it is a precious wood; it will last a lifetime."

Usually, teak furniture comes from old-growth forests in the Asian tropics or from teak plantations. But Homeliving Furniture uses reclaimed teak. "Reclaimed teak means it has had a former life," Bragg continues. "It has been a Javanese building, or a bridge, or a door. Some of our wood can be up to 200 years old. Part of our philosophy here is to be environmentally friendly. So none of our wood is from freshly cut plantations. The beauty of reclaimed teak is that teak by nature is an oily wood. Sometimes, as it dries out, if it is not dried out correctly, it will crack. So an advantage of reclaimed teak is it has already aged. A lot of outdoor furniture out of Indonesia, the drying process is just leaning it up against a fence or a wall and letting the sun dry it out. All of our furniture, even though it is reclaimed, we still computer kiln dry to bring it to the right moisture content to minimize the risk of cracking in dry climates."

What about colors?

"The grayish color is an aged teak. When teak is freshly harvested, it's generally green, and then it will be kiln dried. What we do for indoor teak is we stain everything. There are six different colors from light right up to black. It's all custom stained. A customer comes in here and likes a piece of furniture, we have color references for them."

"All of our furniture which we have in our showroom we have designed. We buy direct from our factory in Indonesia. If some-

"We've made teak banquet tables, 10-foot-long banquet tables out of 200-year-old Indonesian doors."

one comes into the store and they see a piece that they like but it's a little bit too big, or they have a specific requirement to change the dimensions, we will custom design it for them. From the time they sign off on the final design, it generally takes about 8 to 12 weeks.

"What we are finding is a lot of people, particularly in San Diego, have smaller living environments. There is a huge need for storage. So our furniture reflects the needs for the local San Diego community. Our beds [starting at \$699] can accommodate storage underneath. We do hope chests [starting at \$499]. A lot of customers want benches [starting at \$399] for their kitchen tables [starting at \$499] instead of chairs [starting at \$99]. We make storage benches for them, which the top of the seat comes up for more storage. We also have a lot of customers coming in who want to design their own entertainment system cabinets.

"Some of the more interesting items we have done are the unusual hi-fi cabinets, the media centers. We do specific carvings on the doors for media cabinets. We've made teak banquet tables, 10-foot-long banquet tables out of 200-year-old Indonesian doors. We also have smaller tables, six feet long, which can be

done in round, square, or rectangle. The dining tables have antique hand-carved inserts in them. We have the carvings taken out of an old gate or an Indonesian place of worship. And the highlight of them is the center of the table. An antique hand carving that has been hand-painted, it's...history. They are conversational pieces."

How would you describe the style of your furniture?

"It's a little exotic," Bragg answered, "it has very clean lines. We don't do heavy-looking furniture. Some teak furniture from Indonesia is heavy-looking, or it is very traditional. Our teak has very clean lines, it's very contemporary."

What about maintenance for the furniture?

"We recommend wax and polishing twice a year, depending on use. We do say to keep away from aerosol sprays because that tends to build up layers and after a while it can get sticky. And also it could take off the original beautiful finish."

Bragg recommended checking to make sure that the furniture you are buying is solid wood. "There is a lot of misconception in the furniture industry of what people are buying and solid woods and different types of woods. In some discount department stores, you may not really be buying 100 percent teak."

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THOUSANDS OF JARS OF MAYONNAISE

by Josh Board

I was invited to a Cinco de Mayo party at the Wave House in Mission Beach. The producer of a radio show on Free FM 103.7 called and told me that I would be able to hang out in the VIP area with "the Triplets," who were broadcasting their talk-radio show live. Frosty, Heidi, and Frank — the Triplets — talk about human interest stories and weird news events of the day.

It was overcast and cold when my friend and I arrived at 9:45 a.m. My friend spotted the 103.7 vans with Tom Leykis's face painted on the side. She said, "I've never wanted to key a car so bad in my life."

As they checked our IDs at the door, I asked where the VIP area was. The bouncer at the VIP area said I didn't have the right wristband on to enter. I had to go back to the main entrance and wait in line to get the proper wristband, but the doorman said my name wasn't on the list. However, I was able to talk my way into getting the wristband.

There were chips and salsa, rolled tacos, and enchiladas on the food table in the VIP tent. We grabbed



the free chips and bought a couple of margaritas. We couldn't see the area the DJs would be broadcasting from, and my friend said, "This has to be the worst VIP area ever. We can't see anything, and we're paying for drinks." The tables and chairs were set up in a sandpit. I told my friend it reminded me of how Brian Wilson had a sandbox in his living room with a piano in the middle of it. She said,

"If you are on drugs now and look to your left, you'll see a huge wave."

"Must've been a bitch to vacuum in that house."

There weren't any people in our area, so we decided to join the rest of the crowd around the DJs. When the Triplets started their show,



Top: Mariachi band at the Wave House on Cinco de Mayo; Bottom left: Heidi and Frosty, two of the "Triplets"; Bottom right: Surfer riding a wave at the Wave House

everyone went wild. Frank, the most rebellious of the DJs, took a shot. When he was ready for another he said, "Here's to the French, for being pussies!" He then wiped his face saying,

"Damn, I have tequila dripping down my chin."

One of the first stories they discussed was how drugs wouldn't be legalized in Mexico. As Frosty was reading that story, the wave machine

was turned on, which created a lot of noise. We all looked toward the wave pool and Frosty said, "If you are on drugs now and look to your left, you'll see a huge wave."

They had four of the nation's top-ranked surfers riding the waves. Frank said, "Now I know where the bathroom is!"

It was a live broadcast of their show, and when commercials were airing, a mariachi band came out to entertain the crowd. My friend hummed along to one tune, and I said, "You must eat at Alberto's a lot." She replied,

"No. I just know some of the songs."

Fans of the show were taking pictures and getting autographs of the Triplets. A few guys drove here from Phoenix to be at the event. One brought a shirt printed with one of the Triplets' catch phrases — "Take that, Jesus!" Frank put one on and said, "We'll call him 'Hey-seuss' today."

Pinatas in the images of the radio hosts were brought out. Since everyone gives Frosty a hard time about his weight, his pinata was filled with pudding and cheese.

Frank, who has a reputation as a ladies' man, had a pinata filled with condoms. Heidi's had candy bars, which she tossed to the crowd.

They talked about how their boss in L.A. didn't like it when they drank on the air. "He's in L.A.," they agreed, "so what can he do," and then they took a shot. Frank yelled, "Happy Cinco de Drinko."

They told a few jokes mocking Mexicans that seemed in poor taste, but the crowd — 50 percent of which was Latino — loved it. Frosty said, "I've never seen this many drunk people before

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11:00 a.m." And he was right. Many in the crowd were hammered. One guy in a drunken stupor told me that he listens to the Triplets every day. Another guy was yelling obscenities to be funny, but it just made it difficult to hear the show.

Someone made a hat out of Miller Lite boxes, which Heidi put on her head. A few fans asked Heidi to make out with their girlfriends.

Prizes were awarded to people who put their heads in a box of beans and could grab a ping-pong ball with their mouth. Those who were able to do it received \$50 gas cards. One woman complained about a bean going up her nose. Frosty commented, "Maybe this game would be more interesting if the beans were cooked, and it was hot and boiling." Before the next contestant went, Frosty said, "Watch out for the deadly scorpions we put in there."

My friend and I went back to the VIP tent for food, which was almost gone. We heard the crowd go nuts when Heidi showed off her long tongue. I asked someone what it looked like. "Just imagine if Gene Simmons were blonde." As I wrote that down, this heavyset Latino approached me and asked, "Do you want some notes about Cinco de Mayo? Those are my people, dude." He then started to tell me this long story about the *Titanic* being filled with thousands of jars of mayonnaise that was going to be shipped to Mexico. The story took ten minutes, before he said, "That's why it's Sinko de Mayo." He looked at me, surprised, I think, that his story didn't make the few of us standing nearby double over with laughter. He then said, "No, seriously man, here's the deal. It's not Independence Day; that was from Spain in

September. It was fighting the French, in 1862, with Napoleon. But I don't think it was that Napoleon, but another." He talked for 15 minutes before I escaped to get a Coke.

When we tried to walk out, the bouncer wouldn't let me leave with a drink in my hand. I said, "It's just Coke." He said it didn't matter. We walked to another exit and left with the soda. As we passed by the bouncer who wouldn't let me leave, I said, "I should hold up my drink and taunt him." My friend said, "You don't want to get a bouncer mad."

"Why?" I replied, "What's he going to do, throw me in?" ■

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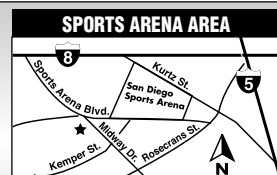
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by Barbarella

Mr. Bling

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— Nelly, from his song “Grillz”

Each beat of the bass line reverberated deep within my chest, the noise made even more tangible by the rhythmic vibration of my pant legs. I thought of the cup of water in that scene from Jurassic Park in which T. Rex

I grabbed the palm-sized, diamond-studded medallion hanging from a platinum chain around his neck and said, “I see you brought your bling.”

approaches the Jeeps — BOOM, ripple, BOOM, ripple. My clothing fluttered to the music, making my body tingle. I remained with my back to the wall, watching clubgoers shake, bump, and grind. The most I could do was bob my head to the music — hip-hop songs are too slow, the beats spread too far apart for a techno-raver like me to find my groove.

An abandoned glass, filled only with ice and a small black straw, fell from a narrow ledge by my shoulder

and shattered at my feet. After a quick look around, I deduced it was the resonant baseline that had knocked the glass from its precarious perch. A moment later, two of the girls from my group made repetitive hand gestures indicating a desire to perform fellatio. *Remember who you're with, Barb*, I told myself. *These are good girls, not like the kind you used to party with.* I smiled and followed the six women to the bar to fetch the drinks for which they'd actually been gesturing.

“We're in!” Jane said as she handed me my lemon drop cocktail. In response to my raised brows, she elaborated, “We can sit at a VIP table! I made a friend and he has a table! He's really nice!”

We had been on the list for a table (a friend of a

friend of Jane's friend Jen is a “high roller,” and our weekend at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel was fully comped, VIP style), but, according to the suit at the door, some “major players” were in town and thus we were bumped to the club's version of coach class. That was, of course, until Jane “made a friend.” She glided toward the section from which we had been turned away less than an hour before, and beckoned us with one hand to follow her perky red dress.

Standing over a small booth the length of four narrow asses was Jane's new friend, a 6'3" solidly built man with skin the color of dark chocolate disappearing beneath a gleaming white casual Fubu suit.

“This is my sister, Barb!” Jane called up to her new friend.

He smiled at me, revealing a sparkling set of grills — teeth covered in gold and diamonds. I grabbed the palm-sized, diamond-studded medallion hanging from a platinum chain around his neck and said, “I see you brought your bling.” He nodded with pride.

Sitting in the booth behind him was another man, just as large, but dressed like a dapper college kid from the 1930s in an argyle sweater with a matching page boy's cap. Next to the seated fellow were two scantily clad women, one of whom I was convinced was a transsexual. As there was no room for anyone else to sit, the rest of us stood awkwardly in the center of the room lined with six black-

leather booths, each fronted by a small table topped with one bottle of alcohol (Grey Goose Vodka on ours), mixers, ice, and a handful of glasses.

Mr. Bling eyed my sister and licked his lips, like a wolf savoring the thought of devouring Little Red Riding Hood.

“Jane, we're not misleading these guys, right? I mean, they're not expecting anything, are they?”

Indignant, Jane said, “Of course not! These guys are nice! I told them I had a man and a kid, and they said it's cool that we hang out, like friends!” My sister is not an idiot. But she can be naive.

The rest of the girls had retreated back to the bar, perhaps feeling uncomfortable beneath the ravenous gaze of Mr. Bling. Jane ran after them, all smiles, to replace her empty glass with a full one. I decided to slough off some of my jaded casing and attempt conversation with the diamond-studded man.

“So, where are you from?”

“Michigan,” he answered, placing his hand on my hip. I took one step back.

“What brings you to Vegas?”

“Coming out to have some fun,” he said, stepping forward and resting his hand on my ass. He smiled, and I stared at his mouth, mesmerized by the reflection of the strobe light from the dance floor flashing on his shiny grills. “Why don't we take a little walk?” As he asked this, he pressed himself against me, and

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I cringed, realizing he'd taken his Viagra before coming out to party.

Remembering a line from one of my favorite rap songs, I said, "Honey, I gotta man."

"So? This is Vegas, baby. You can do whatever you want," he said, now swaying back and forth, in case my left leg had missed the message his third leg was clearly trying to impart.

"So, I'm a taken woman."

"That doesn't bother me, baby. Let's take a walk. Damn, that's soft," he said, squeezing a handful of my buttocks.

"Yeah, I know it is, but it's not for you." I guided his hand back to his side.

He grabbed my wrist and said, "Here, I want to show you something."

Jerking from his grasp, I said, "Do you think I'm a fucking idiot? Like I don't feel that *thing* thwapping against my leg? I'm flattered, really, but come on, man, have some respect. No."

"You could make my Vegas fantasy come true," he said. Now I was amused. The thought of me actually caring about whether or not Mr. Nasty Dry Humping Bling Man's fantasies came true put a smile on my face, a smile that was misinterpreted.

With a tilt of his head, he directed my attention toward the two "women" in the booth who had begun eating strawberries out of each other's mouths.

"Friends from Michigan?" I asked.

"No, that's a little girl-on-girl action. You know what I mean?" *Ah, hired girls. At least one of them, that is; the other has got to be a hired tranny. More power to her.* "You do that?" His hand was back on my ass.

Sighing with exasperation, I said, "If you mean have I ever been with a woman, the answer is yes. If you're asking whether I'll be with one tonight? No."

There were those grills again. *He thinks I'm teasing him.* When he tried to pull me by the arm toward the exit, I realized more extreme measures of rejection were required; I had to somehow

make him lose interest in me, and fast. "I'm a dominatrix, you know," I said. "I have a thing for strap-ons."

Misconstruing the direction I was headed, he perked up. "Oh, you don't need none of that, baby, I got all you need," he cooed, once again

pressing himself against me, as though to prove his point.

"No, I don't think you get it," I said in a forceful tone. "I would like to *wear* a strap on and use it on *you*. That's what *I'm* into; that's how I roll. Would you like that? Huh? Because we could

do that."

As he processed my words, and most likely what he found to be an undesirable image, he let go of his grip on my arm and sat down next to his friend and the two "women" hired to kiss each other.

"I'm going to go find my crew," I said. Mr. Bling nodded blankly, his grills no longer visible, and waved me away.

I made my way to the dance floor where Jane was performing the moves she'd been practicing for Snoop's

new track, "Drop It Like It's Hot." I planted my back against the wall, and, as my clothing pulsed to the heavy beats, I watched my sister as she danced, smiling and laughing, and probably thinking, "Gosh, everyone here is so nice and friendly." ■

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I've flown over the Salton Sea many times. From the air, it doesn't look real. The blue expanse and the green fields of the Coachella and Imperial Valleys that butt up against the sea's northern and southern banks are anomalies in the desert tan. The sea looks clean and inviting from the air, but that is illusory too.

I've also been drinking the Salton Sea, in a manner of speaking. So have most of us who live in San Diego County. In December 2003, the first of the Colorado River water that would once have wound up in the Salton Sea was diverted to San Diego. During 2006 the flow will be a relative trickle,



"Maybe we should sell our house, buy a place there,

only 40,000 acre-feet out of the total 650,000 to 700,000 acre-feet that San Diegans will consume. But the annual supply will increase in the coming years. By 2021 it will amount to 200,000 acre-feet — enough water to

supply 400,000 families of four for a year.

The political deal that brought that water to San Diego had huge implications for the Salton Sea. Among other things, it created a \$300 million fund to help rescue the sea

from the ecological catastrophe that's been threatening it for decades. The money hasn't been spent yet; competing resuscitative plans are still being devised. But in the hearts of some of those who love the sea, there's now a

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glimmer of hope it could once again become a vibrant aquatic playground.

That's earned the Salton Sea recent media coverage, as has the fact that it celebrated its 100th birthday in 2005. Amid

the publicity, mention has been made that the cheapest land in Southern California surrounds the Salton Sea.

Although I'd never visited the sea, this caught my attention. It made me want to go there at last, to wig-

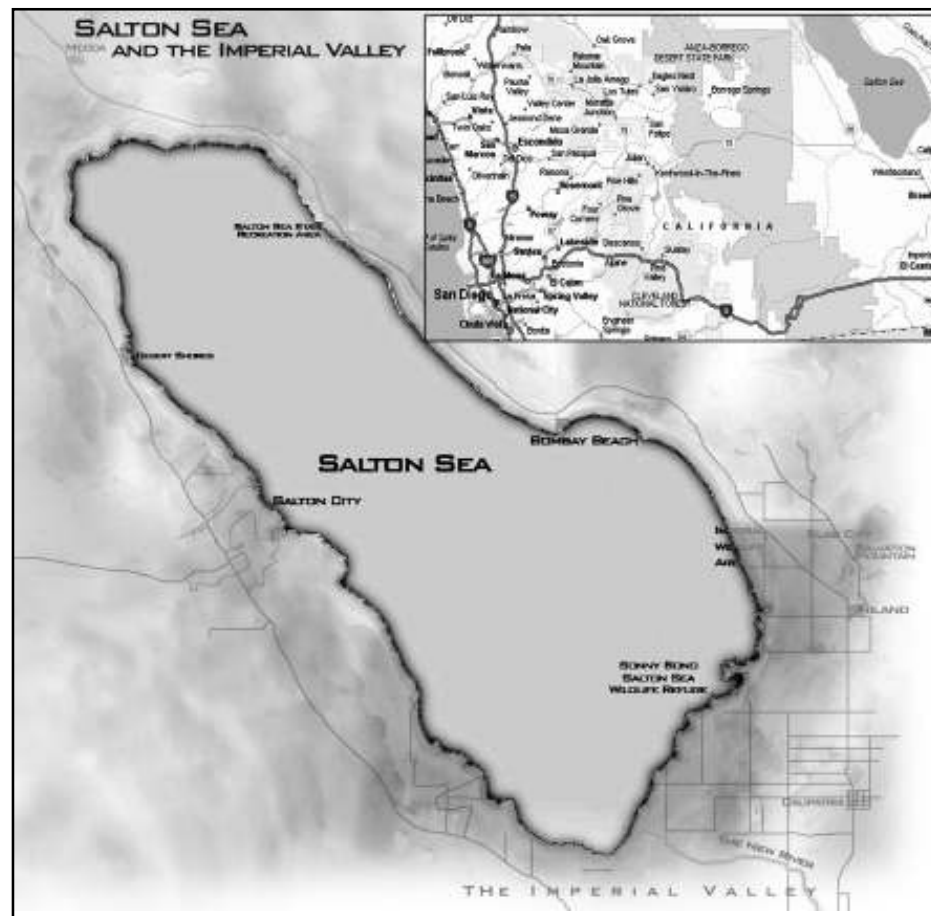
gle my toes in the super-salty water and look for property bargains. "Maybe we should sell our house, buy a place there, and live off the proceeds of our obscene profits," I suggested to my husband.

Steve was skeptical.

Unlike me, he'd been to the Salton Sea once, as a teenager in the 1960s, the glory years for the sea, a decade when its visitors at times exceeded the number at Yosemite. Streets and sewers and electrical utilities had been installed in Salton City by then and thousands of lots laid out. Steve has hazy memories of a ditzy realtor burbling to his parents about the doctors and lawyers who had already bought pieces of the action. In the end his parents resisted the allure of a waterfront seat on the new Lake Tahoe, a decision that struck Steve as sensible. Still, he agreed to accompany me, and on a cold, drizzly morning in November, we headed east.

We drove through Poway, Ramona, Santa Ysabel, and Julian, then down the Banner Grade. The clouds disappeared. In the desert, we continued east on 78 in the direction of Ocotillo Wells. Two hours and 20 minutes after leaving our house in Pacific Beach, we crossed the Imperial County line. I stuck my head out the window and sniffed. We were close to the sea, I knew, and friends had warned about the putrid odors it sometimes emits. All I smelled was a subtle ripeness suggesting that fertilized farmland might be near.

The two-lane road dead-ended at Highway 86. Across it, far in the distance, we could make out a line of trees, probably the shoreline, we guessed. A dirt road led in that direction, but it soon became mucky enough that we worried about bogging down. So we drove north on 86,



squinting to our right through hazy air, trying to make out a telltale band of blue.

We still hadn't glimpsed the water 12

miles later when we turned off the road at Salton City. The billboard erected next to the highway sends a message of hospitality — "Wel-

come to West Shores of the Salton Sea" — mixed with despair, the white paint of its background diseased and peeling. A small cluster of commer-

cial buildings — a burger joint, a Mexican restaurant, a tiny market, the office of the Salton Community Service District — showed signs of life, but we drove past them, following Marina Drive, the community's main artery. Dozens of smaller streets branch off Marina, their green signs displaying names like Shore Manor Street, Sea Gem Avenue, and Rainbow Drive. For the most part, these streets wind through shrubby desert plants and sand. Here and there we passed double-wide trailers or unadorned single-story stucco boxes. But it was the open spaces that impressed us. "Just think," Steve reflected, "Pacific Beach looked like this once upon a time."

The road curved, and the vista we'd been seeking opened up: water that almost matched the blue of the sky; so much water,

under air so misty, we could barely make out the Chocolate Mountains, looming beyond the distant shore. We found a boat-launch ramp and drove to the end of the long jetty next to it. Not a single craft was in sight, nor were any other visitors. Ripples played across the water's surface, along with a suggestion of wavelets, products of the cool, fresh breeze.

Taking in the grand landscape, it was hard to imagine the colossal blunder that created it. The catastrophe has its origins in the mid-1800s, when people first began to understand the geological legacy of the Colorado Desert. Millions of years ago, the Gulf of California extended 150 miles farther northwest than it currently does. Over time, rising mountains on both sides helped to lift the area, and eventually the delta of the Col-

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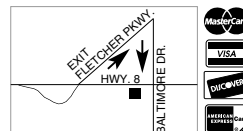
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orado River cut off the northern reaches of the gulf and transformed it into a salt lake roughly 100 miles long by 50 miles wide. This later evaporated, leaving behind a lowland today known as the Salton Sink. At various times over the millennia, the Colorado River would change its course and refill this depression, delivering vast quantities of silt in the process.

In the late 1850s, the area once again looked like a wasteland. But some folks saw the promise of agricultural bounty in the valley's rich sedimentary deposits, if only water could be brought there. For more than 40 years, various schemes foundered; then in 1900 a former U.S. Reclama-



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tion Service engineer formed a partnership with a civil engineer and irrigation expert named George Chaffey. Chaffey had built several success-

ful projects near Los Angeles and in Australia, and less than 14 months after he signed on to the project, the water began to flow westward

through a cut in the river near Yuma.

Chaffey turned to the next challenge: getting people to buy and farm the land. He incor-

porated the Imperial Land Company and began advertising. "[I]n order not to scare off settlers and small investors by using the ominous word 'desert' and 'Sink,' they changed the name of the basin that they proposed to irrigate, calling it 'The Imperial Valley,' " according to a Salton Sea history published by the Coachella Valley Historical Society. The strategy worked. By 1902, some 400 miles of irrigation ditches were in place, delivering enough water to irrigate 100,000 acres. By 1904, 10,000 pioneers had flocked to the valley. Under their cultivation, the land began yielding marvels. "Grapes, melons and garden vegetables matured in the Valley earlier than in any other

part of California; barley was a profitable crop; alfalfa could be cut five or six times a year; and the finest quality of long-staple Egyptian cotton yielded more than a bale (500 pounds) to the acre," the history states. "Experiments proved also that the climate and soil were well-adapted to the culture of grapes, grapefruit, oranges, lemons, olives, figs, dates, apricots, pomegranates, peaches, and pears."

The man who had engineered this miracle fared less well. Mired in financial and legal quarrels with other members of the California Development Company, Chaffey by 1902 had sold his stock and left the enterprise. He thus wasn't on hand two years later

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when the young water company needed an engineering wizard's decisive leadership. Silt from the Colorado River — the source of the Imperial Valley's fertility — began clogging the irrigation canals and restricting the flow of water. Farmers' crops began to fail. Dredging the canals might have solved the problem, but the cash-strapped water company opted for a cheaper fix, cutting a new channel from the river four miles south of the Mexican border. The fact that they lacked permission from the Mexican government to do this didn't stop the company's directors.

It was the worst possible time to weaken the western bank of the Colorado River. The rainy season that followed unleashed two floods in February 1905, and an unprecedented third flood in March made the water company uneasy

about the river's growing height. Still more inundations obliterated a couple of dams made of timber pilings, brush, and sandbags that the company had hastily thrown across the southern channel, and by mid-June, the 60-foot channel had almost tripled in width. Through this breach, the mighty Colorado thundered — 90,000 cubic feet of water per second racing across the valley to collect in the Salton Sink.

The inflow drowned hundreds of thousands of acres of cropland, and the water kept rising. Several attempts in 1905 to return the river to its original course failed, and another flood the following year sent a ten-mile-wide deluge toward Calexico and Mexicali. When the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line east from Los Angeles was threatened, the transportation giant

added its muscle to the fight, but even this was almost no match for the power of the river. Toward the end of 1906, the railroad, which by then had already spent well over \$2 million, mounted a final desperate effort. It sent 2057 carloads of rock, 221 carloads of gravel, and 203 carloads of clay to the riverside, dumping the materials from two trestles that had been built across the breach. Although the river ripped away the trestle pilings three times, the bank was finally restored, and the river once more began flowing to the Gulf of California.

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less in the ensuing years, and by the early 1920s, it was clear that this sea was not about to vanish, as its ancient predecessors had. In addition to the sporadic runoff from the surrounding mountains, the newly created

Salton Sea enjoyed a source of aquatic bounty the valley had never seen before: the water that drained from the farmers' fields. Today that drainage amounts to approximately 1.3 million acre-feet per

year. That's enough to offset the water evaporated by the broiling desert sun.

The sea's chemistry has always been fickle. Salts in the seabed began dissolving in the water almost immediately, and

by 1913, the salinity was high enough to kill the fat freshwater carp and bass that had ridden in with the raging Colorado. The California Department of Fish and Game nonetheless believed that the sea

could become a recreational resource, and in the late 1920s and early '30s, fishery managers began stocking it with saltwater fish and something to nourish them — pile worms imported from San

Diego Bay. The fish died, but the invertebrates thrived, and a renewed effort to jumpstart the sea as a sport fishery took place in the early 1950s. This time dozens of species were trucked in from the Gulf of California. Gulf croaker, corvina, and sargo seemed to love the place; in the years that followed, their populations exploded, and fish reached amazing proportions. Some corvina weighed more than 30 pounds.

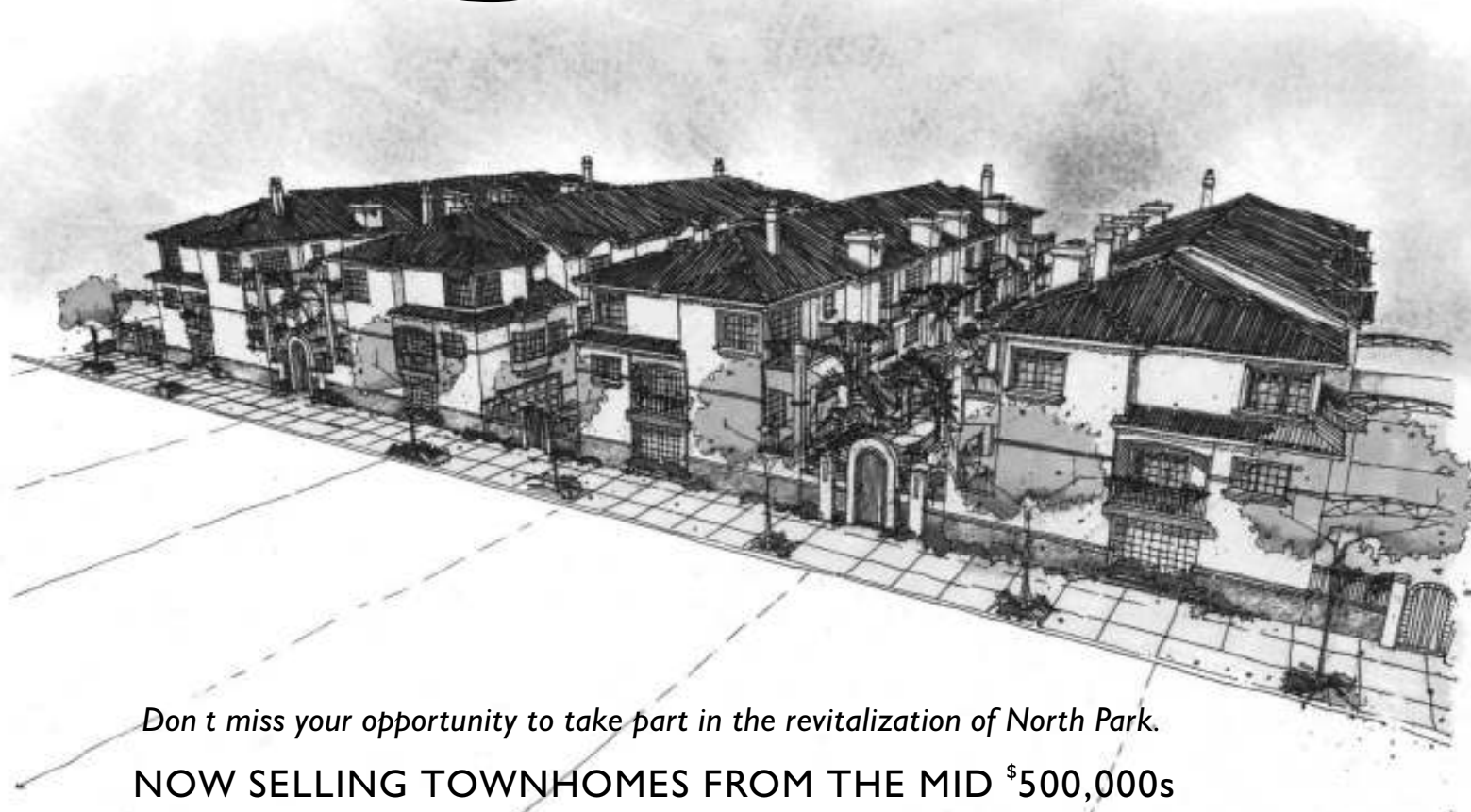
The fishing was one reason people flocked to the Salton Sea in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Power boating was another. As early as 1929, speed records had been set in competitions there, and the sea's boosters claimed that the combination of the dense salty water and high barometric pressure made it possible to go faster than on any other body of water in America. When water-skiers joined the boaters zooming under the desert skies, a host of developers and promoters went on a spree. A dozen marinas were operating on the shores by 1963, and a \$2 million yacht club constructed at North Shore Beach counted the Beach Boys, Jerry Lewis, and the Marx Brothers among its patrons. On the western side of the sea, Desi Arnaz, Harry James, and Johnny Weissmuller practiced their swings at a championship golf course.

Hammers and saws and the jingling of cash registers weren't the only sounds to be heard at the Salton Sea in those halcyon days. The first talk of impending doom was also being voiced. Eyeing the sea's climbing salinity levels, the California Department of Fish and Game in 1961 predicted that the fish might disappear by as early as 1980. Saltwater fish can tolerate only a certain

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level of saltiness, and the salt in the Salton Sea was threatening to exceed that limit because of a simple equation: the water that evaporates leaves salt behind, while the runoff that replaces the water brings in more salt — an estimated 400 million tons a year. That's because the salts in the Colorado River water, which are high to begin with, become even more concentrated in their passage over the fields as water evaporates off the ground and additional salts in the soil dissolve and are carried along.

The fish got a reprieve in the 1970s, a decade in which the Imperial Irrigation District dumped a lot of excess irrigation water into the sea. This coincided with a wet weather cycle that brought two back-to-back “100-year” storms, Kathleen (1976) and Doreen (1977), to the Imperial Valley. The



FROM GREETINGS FROM THE SALTON SEA BY KIM STRINGFELLOW

Illegal dump, southeastern shore of the Salton Sea, 2002

additional water raised the height of the sea so much that it drowned numerous shoreside businesses and dwellings, a catastrophe from which many developers and property owners never recovered. Some sued the water district for its part in their

losses, and when they won in court, the water district changed its practices to control the drainage more tightly. The rainfall levels returned to normal, and the sea's shoreline more or less stabilized. But its salinity levels began their inexorable rise again.

Today the sea contains between 46 and 47 grams of salt per liter — making it more than 30 percent saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

Along with the salt, the drainage brings to the sea fertilizers and municipal wastewater containing nitrates and

phosphates. All those nutrients constitute the bottom of an intricate food chain. Phosphorus and nitrogen feed algae that in turn are consumed by filter-feeding rotifers; a tiny, fast-swimming crustacean; barnacle and pile worm larvae; and other minus-

cule creatures. Fish eat the planktonic algae and animals and the bottom-dwelling pile worms. A dozen or so species of birds feed on the fish. Alas, when it comes to nutrients, there can be too much of a good thing. When algae die, decomposition and other microbial processes release hydrogen sulfide, a toxic gas that under normal conditions quickly combines with oxygen and turns into a harmless ion (sulfate). But in the oxygen-free bottom waters of the Salton Sea, hydrogen sulfide can build up to very high levels. When a windy spell stirs up the bottom, a death wave of sulfide rises, killing the fish and plankton it encounters and robbing oxygen from even the surface waters. The chemical reactions produce tiny crystals of gypsum that make the water appear bright green; the air reeks of sulfur, and

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huge numbers of dead fish soon wash up on shore.

Periodic fish die-offs have been a part of the Salton Sea's history almost since its inception, but the ones recorded during recent years rank among the worst ever. Tilapia had a terrible time in 1999. An African species that invaded the sea in the 1960s or 1970s, this fish became so abundant by the late 1970s that park rangers joked about being able to walk across the water on their backs. In February 1999, however, more than 2 million tilapia died in one episode; six months later an estimated 7.6 million more turned belly-up. More than 14 million Salton Sea fish perished in 2000, followed by 21 million in 2001. Among some of the birds, the picture has been equally depressing. More than 8 million eared grebes were estimated to have

visited the sea in the late '80s, but in recent years the number has plummeted to about 20,000.

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Standing on the jetty in Salton City, Steve and I could see the crumbling skeletons of little fish on the beach. They didn't stink; their decomposition was too far advanced for that. When we climbed back into the car, though, and drove through more of the town, we got whiffs of something else: a building boom in progress. We hadn't noticed it at first; the expanses of undeveloped property, interlaced with roads and street signs, had grabbed our attention. But now we spotted a construction site here, another one four blocks along, another across the way. We jotted down the phone numbers on the realtors' placards. Out near the highway again, a larger sign pointed to

"LOTS FOR SALE — Model Homes," and after a lunch of chicken quesadillas at the Alamo Mexican Restaurant, we set off in that direction.

Garish posters and flags signaled the presence of the "Salton Sea Estates" model home, one modest story on a corner lot with a two-car garage protruding from its front. A thin strip of turf had been laid down in the front yard, and the sidewalk stopped well short of the street that ran up one side of the property. The rest of the lot looked scraped, denuded but for a few dusty weeds.

Inside the carpeted living room, a half-dozen builders and realtors congregated. A tall, middle-aged woman with shoulder-length brown hair whose name was Marlin took charge of us. Of the models she had for sale, the cheapest was the three-bedroom, two-bath, 1300-square-

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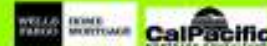
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foot "Sea Gull." At \$216,000, it would include "Alpine cabinets," granite countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms, bull-nosed corners on the walls, a mirrored sliding closet door in one of the bed-

rooms, an automatic garage-door opener, and a front sprinkler system. The "Otter" (four bedrooms, three baths) cost \$244,000, she informed us, and a "Jack Rabbit" (four bedrooms, three and a half baths, 2390

square feet) topped the price list at \$369,000.

Even Marlin seemed to think \$369,000 was pushing the limits of financial prudence. "I'll be honest with you," she confided. "I'm surprised that I'm selling homes at

\$369,000. I was, like, 'Wow!' I tell people, 'It might be a good investment.' " She looked dubious. "But I wouldn't spend that kind of money myself right now. I'd just stay in the twos."

Marlin lived in Palm

Springs, she disclosed. She had started making the commute to Salton City in February 2005 and had already bought two houses for herself in the seaside community. When she'd first arrived, she recalled, the water-

front lots had tantalized her. "At that time, I could have picked one up for \$50,000. Now it's \$80,000 to \$120,000."

"For a lot?" I gasped.

She nodded. "But everyone said, 'Don't do it, Marlin! You don't know if the water's gonna end up covering it or not. And when the wind blows, it's gonna blow into your house so bad you're gonna wish you're not there.' " It gave her pause, she admitted. "I changed my mind about being right on the water, even though I hope I don't regret that one day." But she also wasn't one to be brainwashed, she continued, so she had put her money on two properties east of the highway (the sea side), even though her fellow realtors didn't consider that to be "the prestige area." She'd bought a four-bedroom place just a few blocks from the high school. "There's a lot of big families here. I thought it'd be good to rent." Her other purchase was a three-bedroom house in the part of Salton City known as Vista Del Mar. That was a gamble, she admitted. If the sea is revitalized "and things do good, I will have made it," she predicted. She said nothing about the alternative, so we blurted it out: what if the sea is allowed to dry up?

"There's no way!" the realtor declared. Just the previous week it had "come out" that "Citi-corp" would be funding a billion-dollar cleanup effort, she informed us.

Steve and I exchanged glances. On the drive over, I had read him a recent article from the *Los Angeles Times*. It reported on the latest plan announced by the Salton Sea Authority, a joint-powers agency formed in 1993 to revitalize the sea. The article said that the authority's billion-dollar vision for saving the sea would be

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That didn't sound to me like a billion-dollar cleanup effort. But I wasn't there to argue

with Marlin, who was rattling off more rosy tidings. "Stater Brothers is also coming out here," she continued. "I don't know if there's a Stater Brothers in San Diego. They're a grocery chain. They're gonna be right

on the corner of South Marina. Rite Aid has bought property to come out there too. And also Marriott's gonna put in a Residence Inn because the casino's coming in."

"Is the casino a sure

thing?" I asked. Steve and I had seen a big billboard on the other side of the highway announcing the casino. It said, "Coming Soon." "People say maybe, maybe not," Marlin admitted, adding that she didn't expect to see it open "for at least two years." But she expressed confidence it would be built sooner or later. "If you come in before all these people," she said, "you know you're gonna do well."

She said she had another model home she could show us — a three-bedroom, three-bath 1700-square-foot place that was "one of the most popular models I've ever sold." It was across the highway. We followed the SALT C2 license plates on her Mercedes-Benz sedan and stopped on a street just a few blocks from the high school, one of the only two-story structures in town.

This house had a larger kitchen and a bigger back yard. "You know how much the owner paid for it? One hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars. In February [2005]," the realtor declared. Now, in November, the same model (at other building sites) was commanding a price tag of \$269,000, she said. When we wondered why the house we were standing in was still empty, Marlin said the owner was renting it for \$1300 a month to Coldwell Banker to be used as a sales office.

She was an independent contractor for Coldwell Banker, she explained, one of four agents who were selling the houses of a group of local builders. "We started off in February with two. Now we're up to nine," she said. All the real-estate agents working with those builders had themselves bought property in Salton City, she claimed. "We believe in it. That's what it takes.

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A few of the builders were “very, very adamant” about not selling to speculators, she said. “People do come in. They’re, like, ‘We’ll take ten.’ And I’m, like, ‘I’m not gonna give you ten.’ Because then I’d be fighting against myself. There’d be For Sale signs everywhere, and it’d be bad, and there’d be no comps, and it wouldn’t work out.” She’d sell one or two to an investor. “But I won’t sell, like, ten to one guy in one street. We scatter them around.”

She also handled the occasional listing for a resale, Marlin told us. Just the other day, a resident with a double-wide mobile home had told her he wanted to list it for \$205,000. “I was, like, ‘Okay. You want 205? Fine. I’ll try.’” But why would anyone spend \$205,000 for an old mobile home when they could get a brand-new

Moving Water

Both the Imperial Irrigation District (which supplies water to Imperial Valley farmers) and the Metropolitan Water District (which provides the San Diego County Water Authority with most of our current water supply) pay nothing for the water they receive from the Colorado River. So why do Imperial Valley farmers pay only \$17 an acre-foot for their water, while San Diego City residents pay between \$608 and \$853 an acre-foot? The main reason is that it’s expensive to move water here. “The cost is in the transportation and the facilities and the power costs to get it to where it’s needed,” says Gordon Hess, director of imported water for the San Diego County Water Authority.

Hess points out that the Colorado River isn’t far from the Imperial Valley, and the flow through the canals is all downhill, so no pumping is required. On top of that, the falling water powers five hydroelectric plants on the All-American Canal, generating energy that helps offset some of the costs of maintaining the canals. In contrast, the water delivered to San Diego County through the Metropolitan Water District’s Colorado River Aqueduct has to be lifted at least 1800 feet as it makes its way from the river to the Diamond Valley Reservoir in western Riverside County. Still more pumping is required to move it to the San Diego County water districts, and then it must be treated, unlike the Imperial Valley agricultural water, which flows to the fields raw.

Why the Imperial Valley’s farmers get three-quarters of the Colorado River water allocated to Southern California is another story, one rooted in history and law. The valley’s original developers were only the second group to divert water from the river, so they established “a very large water right,” according to Imperial Irrigation District spokesman Ron Hull. Individual farmers don’t have deeds to the water; rather, the irrigation district holds the right to 3.1 million acre-feet of Colorado River water in trust for the benefit of all Imperial Valley water users.

In the water deal that was struck in October 2003 (known as the Quantification Settlement Agreement), the San Diego County Water Authority agreed to pay \$258 per acre-foot to the Imperial Irrigation District initially, plus another \$258 per acre-foot to the Metropolitan Water District for transporting the Imperial district’s water here. (Annual price increases are built into the agreement.) The Imperial district also agreed to sell up to 1.6 million acre-feet of water to the state of California for \$175 an acre-foot, with the understanding that the state will then turn around and sell that water to the Metropolitan Water District for \$250 an acre-foot. The profit the state makes on the exchange could amount to up to \$300 million over the life of the contract — the pool of money that’s been earmarked for restoring the Salton Sea.

exclaimed as we stood on its front porch, peering through the windows.

From the porch, we could see the sea, a thin strip of blue a half mile distant. “That’s why I bought on this side,” she commented. The sight of that blue in the desert was refreshing, while the view across the street reassured her: another cluster of half-framed boxes. “I like the idea of a lot of neighbors,” she told us. She particularly enjoyed hanging out with some of the long-time Salton City residents. “You have people here from, like, 1940 or whatever it was, when there used to be all the boating and all the action was happening.” Some of them still fished in the sea, they told her. “They go bathing and sunbathing there. They still use it.” She wouldn’t, Marlin divulged. “But realistically — it’s Southern California. It’s the

Sea Gull for \$216,000? “I told the guy that,” she said.

The agent offered to take us past one more

new home, this one in the Vista Del Mar neighborhood where she had bought her second investment home. Priced

at \$289,000, the model she led us to had a double garage with a ceiling fan over the workbench and fancier floor tiling

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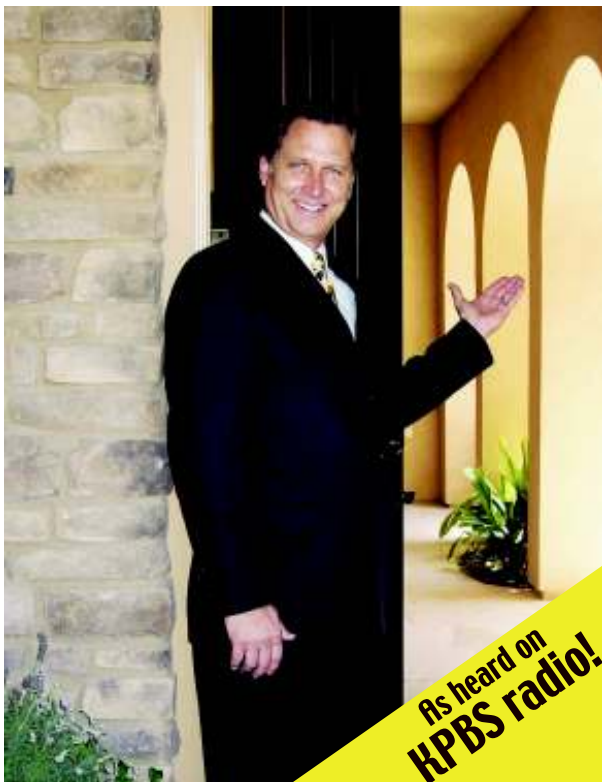
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She sped off, and Steve and I climbed back into our car. A few blocks away we came upon another model home bedecked with flags fluttering in welcome. Inside, a slim young man with a high-wattage smile was attending to a Hispanic family. The heavysset matriarch looked worried. She seemed to be fretting over whether the \$206,000 price tag of the 1090-square-foot model — the "Salton" — would rise if the family failed to put down a deposit immediately. With some reluctance, she and her brood withdrew, promising to return soon.

The realtor stuck out his hand and told us his name was Jered; his business cards were still being printed. After selling Palm Springs real estate for a couple of years, he had just opened the Salton City office two weeks earlier. "It's amazing how much foot traffic I'm getting!"

Jered launched into a capsule history of Salton City, recounting how the infrastructure had been built 45 years ago and the lots sold, but then the houses hadn't materialized. "This ghostly neighborhood just sat here," he said. Now, "With all the bills that were passed to revitalize the area, and all the stuff that's finally moving forward, the builders came in, and it's all set up."

"What turned things around?" I asked. He reflected for a long moment and declared that it was Sonny Bono. "You know he started the Palm Springs film festival to raise money to save the sea. He got the ball rolling, and Mary Bono [the singer-turned-politician's fourth wife, who succeeded him to the U.S. House of Representatives after his untimely 1998 death from a skiing accident] has been really active with it. And then all these things have been passing at the federal level lately, and Citi-group is backing this \$1 billion revitalization effort. And all these birds were classified as endangered species, which is gonna necessitate a lot of federal funding. It's good

stuff!" He beamed. "They even have this idea that they want to dredge a canal from here to the Gulf of California. That's far-fetched, but it'd be really cool! I mean, imagine cruise ships! But they'll go to any length to prevent the sea from drying up," Jered said. "Because if it dried up, all this toxic stuff would blow over Palm Springs, Indio — we can't have that happen! They would never allow that to happen."

Jered told us 350 families would be living in the Vista Del Mar neighborhood by the end of 2005. "It's cool beans!" Most of the homes were being bought by people working in the string of desert communities extending from Palm Springs to

Brawley, though some of the buyers came from farther afield. "I just sold two Saltons to a couple from L.A. who came in looking for lots."

We asked if the real-estate action at the other communities located around the Salton Sea was as hot as it was in Salton City. The town of North Shore had potential, he replied. "That was kind of the social hub, when Frank Sinatra was here and everyone. There was this big card room/bar that's now closed down and taped off, and there are some nice, big homes. But new construction hasn't started happening yet." As for Bombay Beach, located almost directly across the sea from Salton City, Jered confessed that he needed to

get over there and find out "the particulars."

The large Hispanic family reappeared at the door looking anxious, so we released Jered to attend to them. Although the sun was sinking, we decided to drive north on Highway 86. It's an empty stretch of road, relieved only by signs that announce where water pours off the Santa Rosa Mountains during storms: Virgo Wash, Aster Wash, Godetia Ditch, Zanthé Ditch, Calyx Ditch. I wondered who had cared enough to name them all. About seven miles north of Salton City, we passed the "Travel Center" built by the Torres Martinez Indian tribe — gas station, truck stop, convenience store, Subway. (We



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saw no indication of where the future Indian casino might take shape.) A little way farther, we turned off the highway at the sign for Salton Sea Beach.

Unlike Salton City, with its eerie open space, Salton Sea Beach feels only a bit less crowded than a trailer park. Its few dozen streets are arranged in a grid next to the water, and they're filled with mobile homes that haven't moved in decades. Makeshift sun shades, sheds, ladders, and other trappings have overgrown them. Flagpoles and antennas rise from the sprawl, poking up at the cobalt sky.

On the shore, we found a line of ratty, palm-thatched windbreaks, each sheltering a decrepit picnic table. We parked next to one, stripped off our shoes, and headed for the water. The stuff that had looked from a distance like sand turned out to be crumbled seashells that pressed into our feet like tiny shards of broken glass. Stepping into

the lukewarm water felt better, but we didn't wade far. Blue in the distance, the sea up close was the color of iodine.

The community of Desert Shores, which lies just north of Salton Sea Beach, is the oldest town on the sea. Here Steve and I found at least a hint of onetime aspirations for elegance. A few canals long ago had been dredged next to the waterfront, and two or three houses overlooking the canals intrigued us: substantial two-story structures surrounded by trees and equipped with boat docks. But none of the houses looked new, and many of the neighboring canal-side lots were empty. Away from the water, the jumble of trailers on the town's side streets seemed indistinguishable from what we'd found in Salton Sea Beach. If there was a real-estate boom in either town, we couldn't find it.

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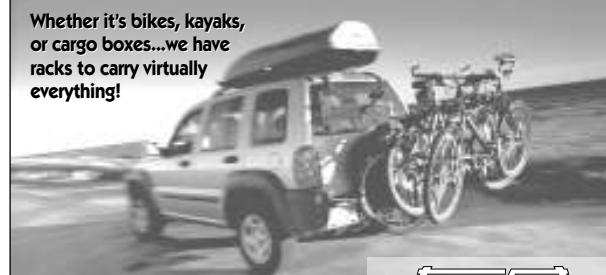
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tiny but cheerful Ray and Carol's Motel by the Sea), we struck out for the far side of the sea the following morning. No road runs along the northernmost shore. You have to drive several miles beyond it, then double back and go south on 111, a two-lane highway that meets up after a while with the eastern shore. The narrowness of the road makes the landscape feel more forlorn. We saw few other cars on the highway, but hundreds and hundreds of double-decker freight cars rumbled alongside us on the old Southern Pacific rail line. Most of the cars bore Chinese-sounding names. "There's the federal trade deficit in action," Steve muttered.

"*Bienvenidos a North hore,*" a sign greeted us after the highway approached the

water. A few signs announced lots for sale, but even more eye-catching was the garbage strewn everywhere: soiled paper plates and plastic grocery bags, fast-food wrappers, abandoned furniture, broken toys, busted beer bottles, worn-out tires. We wondered if North Shore residents had opted to forgo a central garbage dump in favor of dispersing their trash. It seemed possible: North Shore residents could be creative. We saw at least one home where wet laundry had been pinned to the chain-link fence rather than a clothesline. In North Shore we also found what we assumed was the abandoned nightclub Jered had mentioned the day before. On the water, it stood at the end of a wide driveway lined with palm trees, several of

which were dead, their fronds missing, their trunks leaning drunkenly. "Aces & Spades" had been painted in nautical blue script on the façade of the building, which bore a slight resemblance to an ocean liner. Like so many restaurants, nightspots, and hotels around the Salton Sea, the Aces & Spades had long ago shuttered its windows, and rust had eaten into its doors.

The next attraction on the road leading south is the Salton Sea State Recreation Area. We were happy to find a friendly park ranger at the front gate, but she informed us that the visitors' center was closed. The volunteer who ran it had the day off, the ranger explained. She waved us past her without charging admittance and urged us to look around.

In contrast to greater North Shore, the enormous parking lot inside the grounds was immaculate and deserted except for three motor homes, each parked at some distance from the others. What we could see through the windows of the visitors' center looked modern and well-maintained. "What's That Smell?"

asked one educational poster in prominent letters posted over a discourse on the algae. We found an even more compelling display of the phenomenon in the little harbor behind the visitors' center. At first glance, the basin appeared to be paved in beautiful moss-green and gray stepping stones. Up close, we realized they were blobs of algae, floating in a charcoal broth. They gave off a pungent, sulfurous odor that drove us back to the car.

On our way out, we commented to the ranger that we hadn't seen a single fishing boat on the water. "Fishing hasn't been great this year," she agreed. The population of tilapia was "way down," she added. "But they're coming back. I call them the rabbits of the sea."

The smell of decaying algae had faded when we reached Bombay Beach, the last major outpost on the sea's eastern shore. The strangest thing about Bombay Beach is that part of the town lies below the level of the Salton Sea — which itself is 227 feet below the level of the Pacific Ocean. An earthen dike holds back the water. We wondered what the point was. Bombay Beach had "a different style of squalor," Steve observed. The mobile homes looked even older and shabbier than their counterparts in Salton Sea Beach and Desert Shores; many lacked even the flimsiest of sun shields. Snarling dogs barked as we drove by. If we wanted to start a meth lab, Bombay Beach would be our neighborhood of choice, we concurred.

But again, we'd judged too soon. Across the street from the Seaside Baptist Church, we spotted a For Sale sign on a tidy homestead that would have fit right into

one of the nicer blocks in Clairemont. Freshly painted yellow and white stripes brightened the exterior of the house, while in the front yard a wooden seagull roosted on a fake wishing well. "Yoo-hoo! Are you looking for something?" a stout blonde woman called to us. She bustled through her front gate, smiling. We asked if she'd sold her place yet.

"I had a buyer for it, but I turned it down," she replied, talking fast. She was 81, she explained, and her husband had died recently. She'd been asking \$150,000, and when someone offered her \$100,000, she'd said okay. "I had six months to get out. But I have so much stuff!" When she thought about the work of packing it all up, "I just panicked," she confessed, and she'd backed out of the deal. Still, she

was leaving up her For Sale sign in case the right buyer came along and offered her the right price.

Her name was Mary Rogers. Over the course of the next half hour, she talked nonstop. More than 35 years ago, she and her husband had come to Bombay Beach from Orange County, where in the postwar years they'd bought their first home for only \$13,200. Surrounded by orange groves, it sold for 30-some thousand dollars in the late 1960s, when Mary's husband had decided to retire from his work as a construction superintendent. "Can you imagine? After we'd lived there all those years! And today that same house is selling for \$450,000!"

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tearing up the plumbing and all that." Besides, the couple had a boat, and they'd fallen in love with Bombay Beach. "The fishing was *tremendous* then," Rogers enthused. "Oh, honey! The corvina! They didn't even smell like fish! They're like a white sea bass and absolutely delicious!" Rogers and her husband had a boat that they kept at the local marina, and on weekends they would come out to build their house. They'd work all day, fueled by Cokes and candy bars. "Then I would take one of those old racks that come out of the refrigerator, and I'd build a fire and barbecue baked potato and a piece of top sirloin. We'd have a salad, and that was our only real meal of the day!"

Rogers couldn't believe the way people were now buying up property at Bombay Beach again. "You'd be surprised at the people who buy property here from Oregon and all over. They use it as a winter home." She pointed to the place behind hers. It was being remodeled by a fellow who worked as a chef in a big French restaurant in Hollywood, she claimed. "He makes real good money! He's a single guy, and he loves hunting. He wanted him a place down here, 'cause the hunters like it. He's getting ready to stucco his place. Oh, he's put a lot of money into it!"

If we were looking for a little fixer-upper, we'd have lots of choices, she encouraged us. "I'll tell you about a mobile home that's for sale now. It's one of the cottage types, and it's got a big, beautiful screened-in porch onto it. They've put a little garage onto it. It's *real* nice." The owners were moving to "Beaumont or Banning or something — because he wants to be close to a doctor's," and they had confided to her that they

would let their place go for \$75,000. Utilities cost almost nothing, she added. Even with all her palms and oleanders and other trees, her highest monthly water and sewer bill had never exceeded \$30. Her highest-ever electric bill was \$130 in the summertime. But winters ran her less than \$40.

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come here, don't think about" — Rogers lowered her voice — "all the junk." She darted a glance at some of the properties around her. "Don't even think about that! I love it here! I've been on cruise ships and

everything. I don't *have* to live here. But I *love* it! I like to look at the sky at night. I went out and sat on my patio the other night for two hours, looking at the sky and what God has put here. And the peace. You

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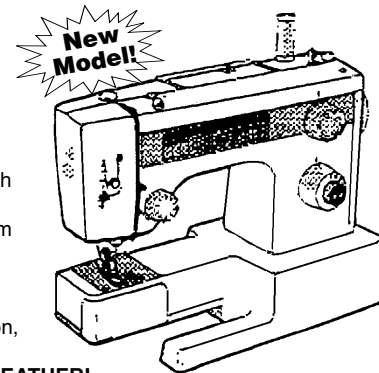
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could hear a pin drop at night!"

Rogers told us we shouldn't miss the "spas" fed by the hot springs about five miles down the road from Bombay Beach. We took a quick look at a few of them, but we're not sun-worshippers, so we didn't tarry. We're not bird-watchers either, so we didn't search for the entrance to the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge at the south end of the sea.

Instead, we finished our circumnavigation, and back in Salton City, we walked into the office of the Salton Community Service District, where two helpful ladies behind the counter explained that because Salton City wasn't really a city, there are no city taxes. Residents do pay county property taxes that help support the schools. School enroll-

ments have doubled over the last two years, the ladies told us. When we asked if it were true that Rite Aid and Stater Brothers were on the verge of transforming Salton City into a commercial hub, the ladies rolled their eyes. "We've heard rumors for months and months," one said. But they knew of no definite plans.

We asked what they thought had caused the local real-estate boom, and one mentioned the expansion of Highway 86 from two to four lanes. That was completed in 2001, she said. "It's the NAFTA Highway — between Mexico and L.A." It made it much easier for someone to consider commuting from Salton City to places like Palm Desert. Beyond that, she added, "They're building so fast and furious at either end of the valley.

We're the last place to develop. And some of the developers were able to pick up Salton City lots at tax auctions for as little as \$500." The word around town was that similar lots were now selling for \$35,000.

Driving back to San Diego, Steve and I talked about investing in Salton Sea property. We couldn't live there ourselves; we're city folks. But for all the garbage and rust and abandoned buildings, we'd been impressed with the vistas of desert and water. If it were possible to boat on the sea, pull huge fish from it, and watch thousands of birds every morning — and if the dreadful odors could be quelled — we could imagine local property values continuing to climb.

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logical problems, I talked with Stuart Hurlbert, a professor of biology at San Diego State University. No one knows more about the ecology of the Salton Sea than Hurlbert. He first began teaching students about it in 1978, as part of a field course on the Colorado River delta region. Then, after becoming an expert on salt lakes in the South American altiplano region, he turned his attention to studying the local salt lake. In 1996, he and graduate students began visiting the sea regularly to monitor its various populations. Today Hurlbert's office is crammed with the master's theses that have resulted from these efforts.

Hurlbert told me that he can be "sort of a loose cannon" when he thinks bad decisions are about to be made. At the time that we spoke, he'd

been giving grief to the directors of the Salton Sea Authority for their talk of spending \$12 million or more to equip the sea with about 300 "SolarBees" — solar-powered machines designed to circulate the water column by sucking water up a tube and then dispersing it on the surface. "These things will work fine if you've got a small pond," Hurlbert said. But the company that makes them had not offered "even back-of-the-envelope calculations or tests" to show that the gadgets would work on a body of water the size of the Salton Sea, he complained. "Even to a layman, when you are scaling across that many orders of magnitude, you know intuitively that things are not going to work the same. You get waves that are six feet tall in the Salton Sea when you get a windstorm."

Hurlbert questioned how long the toxic coating on the SolarBees would prevent barnacles from forming (and sinking the units). He wondered how the sea's currents would affect the machines' operation. "And if you need one for every 50 or 100 acres to make it work, then the amount of money you'll be spending will just be tremendous" — not to mention the impact of transforming the sea into a slalom course.

He sounded more sanguine about the likelihood of the sea's most pressing problems being solved. "I think there are the outlines of good solutions out there," he said. The Salton Sea Authority for some years has been pushing a plan that would divide the existing sea into halves by means of an eight-mile-wide rocky barrier. Under the plan's current

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iteration, the inflows of water would be directed into the northern half and a section of the southern half along the southernmost shore. The salinity in those areas could thus be reduced to the range of seawater or less, while most of the southern half of the lake would become a combination of salt flats and salt marsh, with salt-tolerant vegetation. Hurlbert approved of this basic concept, although he pointed out some of the serious problems likely to result from such a change. Someone will have to figure out a way to prevent any exposed areas of lakebed from spawning dust storms. Otherwise the air quality in the Imperial Valley, already bad, could become intolerable. Selenium levels in the fish, already high, may grow higher, endangering both the birds and the

people who eat the fish. He thought rechanneling the inflow is likely to cause a tremendous increase in vegetation that will have to be controlled. Mosquito populations may skyrocket, posing subsequent human health risks.

Hurlbert seemed to think these problems were soluble. He sounded more concerned about the political struggles over the sea's future. The 2003 deal that allowed the San Diego County Water Authority to acquire water from the Imperial Irrigation District named the California Department of Water Resources as the agency that will select the best plan for how the sea should be revitalized, a choice the water-resources department is supposed to make by the end of 2006. The water deal also envisioned that

the revitalization efforts would be funded by a \$300 million state fund (see sidebar). It gave the Salton Sea Authority no control over that money. But the authority has nonetheless continued to lobby for its plan for saving the sea (the double-sea approach, whose cost is now projected to be almost \$1.3 billion). This would be mainly funded, in the authority's current vision, by profits generated from the sale of adjoining federal lands and tax-increment bonds. Another group based in Imperial County was pushing for another approach to reconfiguring the lake.

Because of the rivalry between the competing power interests, "There's no open process going on," Hurlbert complained. "There's nobody saying, 'Look, let's get the scientists and the agencies and the

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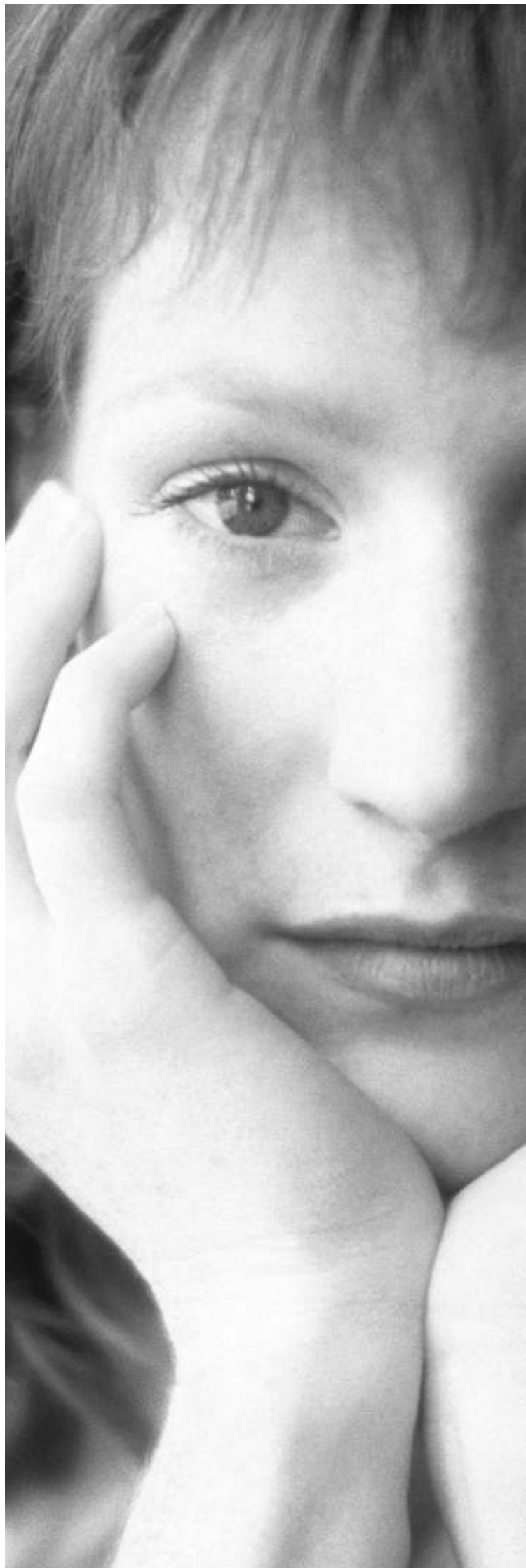
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political people together and have some sort of open process for designing something that could be good for the wildlife, good for the regional economy, good for agriculture, good for recreation..."

The other San Diego State faculty member who's most familiar with the Salton Sea is Rick Gersberg. A professor of environmental health who specializes in water-quality research, Gersberg has spent less time studying the sea than Hurlbert, but he's a more diplomatic fellow, and he was invited to sit on a Salton Sea scientific review panel assembled by an office of the U.S. Geological Survey. That group met almost every month from the spring of 2005 through last December. The scientists weren't asked to formulate or even review any sea-revitalization plans,

Gersberg said. Instead, they were responding to questions about salinity, selenium, wildlife habitat, and other issues.

Based on that experience, Gersberg told me he couldn't predict which plan for revitalizing the sea would ultimately be selected, though most of the proposals he'd heard seemed reasonable. Most recognized that the Salton Sea would probably shrink anywhere from 25 to 50 percent as agricultural water was diverted to the cities. Given that, "They're trying to maximize the habitat and minimize the problems," the professor said. "There's no single proposal that answers all the questions and gets rid of all the problems. I think they'll have to do some combination."

Gersberg pointed out that the ecological engineering that will

have to take place at the Salton Sea is on a scale that's never been tried before. "The sea is not natural to begin with, but it's been around 100 years, and it's large, so it has come to some sort of a natural state. And when you change something on this scale, it's hard to predict all the ramifications." It will never be mistaken for Lake Tahoe — "a big blue lake, perfectly clean, and the same size or shape as the current Salton Sea. That's not going to happen," he said.

Gersberg did think the sea would wind up being preserved as a wildlife habitat, and I asked if he were tempted to buy land out there, to get in on the boom. But he shook his head no. "It's hot," he said. I couldn't argue with that. ■

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HEN PEOPLE ask about my friend Ray, I tell them he is crazy. I tell them that with a bit of discomfort, even guilt. Ray is not really crazy, not in a certifiable sense. Psychiatrists and psychologists, the self-appointed experts who tinker with the complexities of the mind, do not always know exactly how to delineate the boundaries between sanity and insanity. More than once they have released from confinement some axe murderer whose response to this forced liberation is to head for the nearest hardware store to get a new axe. There are those, as well, who lurk in the foggy no-man's-land between lunacy and genius, and those of us who have met such people know that it is often impossible to decide just which side of the border they reside on. Ray is no axe murderer. He is just...different.

Ray has declared war on society's norms. I'm not sure that he is even consciously doing it, or that he sees it as a battle. To Ray, conflict is normal, and a typical day is one that has him at odds with nearly every conformity he comes in contact with. For instance, Ray has fought a long war with the authorities at San Diego Stadium. Because there was a rule against bringing bottles and cans into the ballpark, Ray saw it as his duty to sneak all the bottles and cans he could into the games he attended. So he rigged jugs and coolers with false bottoms and filled them with beer cans and bottles. He had a jacket with deep pockets, and he knew just how to hold it so that the searching squeeze of the usher would miss the hidden pint of tequila. Last year, when the stadium outlawed jugs, coolers, and other such containers altogether, Ray took up the challenge. He fitted his parka with pliable plastic containers for liquids — the kind that backpackers use — and with catheter tubes and even a small enema bag and hose. These he filled with the alcoholic drink of his choice, and into the stadium he went. The ushers thought they were squeezing a bulky jacket.

Ray always insisted that we sit in the general admission seats in left center field. Out there with the drinking, the pot smoking, the cursing, the belching, the shouting, and the fisticuffs, Ray was in his element. It took him hours to customize that jacket, and it took him a long time to clean it after the games, but it was part of his life's work. In the end, though, Ray could not enjoy his victories over the stadium authorities. He'd sit there, sipping from his enema tube, and say to me, "You know, it isn't

as much fun to get away with this if they don't *know* I'm getting away with it. At least last year I could leave the bottles lying here so that they knew I got them in." Knowing Ray, someday he will mail them that jacket.

Women love Ray. "Ladies love outlaws," goes the line from the old country-western song, and Ray proves it. In the film *East of Eden*, Julie Harris finds herself inexorably drawn to the wild and dangerous James Dean character, leaving behind his good brother, the solid citizen she had been engaged to.

women feel challenged to "tame" someone like Ray, to save him from himself. Many have tried, none has succeeded — at least in Ray's case. Susan stresses that this tendency to be attracted to men like Ray is almost exclusively restricted to younger women. The more mature a woman gets, says Susan, the less she desires the problems that such men bring.

Ray's way with women brought certain wind-fall profits to those of us who went carousing with him, because the women always seemed to be out in clusters. On Friday nights Ray and I played rac-

WITH A FRIEND LIKE RAY

My friend Susan, who knows a lot about her own gender, gives two reasons for this phenomenon. One is that a great number of young women find life — and most men — very boring. Guys like Ray offer excitement and even danger. Another reason is a sort of "missionary complex" variation:

quetball and then went to TGI Friday's in Mission Valley. On other nights it was Lehr's, Diego's in Pacific Beach, Monterey Whaling Company, or Andy's Saloon up near SDSU. At other times, though, Ray was a lone wolf, and he went off by himself to look for a female. One of his favorite haunts was a

Ray rigged jugs and coolers with false bottoms and filled them with beer cans and bottles.

BIPOLAR DEPRESSION



Do you...

- Feel sad or anxious
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- No longer have interest in once pleasurable activities

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place in Mira Mesa that was known to be frequented by "Westpac widows" — the lonely wives of navy men who were away on seven-month deployments. Ray is a predator, a night stalker with hot blood and a smooth delivery. I've seen him work his magic on 16-year-old girls and 40-year-old women. He is especially attracted to women who have children. "It proves that all the parts work," he would say, and he would engage the ladies in pleasant conversation, hoping for a divorcée or a disenchanted housewife. He once spent a torrid afternoon in my apartment with a Clairemont housewife he'd seduced after flattering her in the Vons in Clairemont Square.

Of course, Ray left a trail of broken hearts and hurt, angry women behind him. A lot of the things he did I didn't like. He lied constantly, coldly. More than once we'd be back at Ray's house with a couple of

women after a night on the town and one of them would say to me, "Gee, I think it's terrible what Ray said happened to you guys in Vietnam" (neither of us was there), or "Are you guys really football players at USC?" Most of the time I played along; my own blood is not much cooler than Ray's at times.

Ray's popularity with women often translated into an unpopularity with the men who stood to gain nothing from his presence at a bar or party. Ray led us into our share of fist fights. Once, he got us into a fraternity party at San Diego State by having us wear bogus Greek T-shirts he'd had made and telling the brothers that we were frat brothers who were visiting from out of state. When he was discovered in an upstairs bedroom with the girlfriend of one of the brothers, everything came apart. We fought our way out of the house. Ray had a penchant for small, sleazy bars

that were fights waiting to happen. Sometimes we managed to get him out in time, and sometimes we took our licks.

Ray has ways of getting around almost anything. For a while he was using a handicapped placard in his car to park in the reserved handicap parking places. Not content just to park there, he also feigned disability. He could imitate palsy, polio, dystrophy, and a few other handicaps. He claims (though I never saw it) that he once tied his leg up under him the way actors do when they play one-legged roles and then went into a market on Convoy Street on crutches he'd bought at the swap meet. He was always getting into bars without paying the cover charge, and he could pay one admission to a four-plex theater and see all four movies. He has also been an accomplished shoplifter, though that is one of the places where I drew the line in our friendship.

Ray can be a terrible pain in the ass. He's done a lot of things that I can say I don't like and some things that I truly disrespect him for. I've taken some punches that were meant for Ray, and I've thrown a few that I really didn't want to throw because there was no other choice; Ray had taken me too deeply into a mess. He's lied and cheated, and I've seen him be cruel and even vicious. He has little respect, but great passion, for women.

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So why do I like the guy? Why do I call him my friend? I suppose that some of it has to do with the fact that when you go through a harrowing experience or two or three with someone, bonds form. Attachments built under fire like that are the kind that last. Another part of it, I think, is some of that same desire to escape boredom that women see in Ray. Life around him is never dull. Then, too, he is only cruel a fraction of the time. Most of the time he is thoughtful and a genuinely good guy. Some of the things he does are truly funny. He can also be very generous.

I know of nothing in Ray's past that could explain the way he is. His childhood was not strangled by divorce, abuse, death, or any such trauma. He was from a normal American family. Perhaps that normality became banal for Ray. At some point he began a revolt against normalcy that has not ended. Which is probably why many people, myself included, like Ray despite some of the things he's done. We secretly admire his revolt against the world at large, and we wish we had the guts to be more like him, more free. We are jealous of the possibility that the fire inside Ray makes him more alive than we are. Some day I believe that a woman will come along who will be able to handle Ray, for it will take a force as powerful as that to control him. Ray, despite his past record of abusing them, does not hate women at all. He just hasn't met one that is a match for him. When he does, San Diego will have lost a unique if somewhat troublesome spirit. But that has not happened yet. Ray is still on the prowl. ■

— Glenn Wallace

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Signs and symptoms:


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ANXIETY STUDY

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

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

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I WISH YOU COULD SEE SHIRLEY IN ACTION

Middle school jobs felt the most frightening, because each day would come a point when I could imagine myself a serial killer.

Middle school and I go way back. My mother taught eighth-grade English and social studies. I attended PTA meetings before entering kindergarten. On Friday nights, the principal would show up at our house and play bridge with my folks. I attended that school and vowed that nobody could accuse me of being pampered because my mom taught there. The vice principal and I became so well acquainted that after a few weeks, he declared that unless I changed my ways, I'd end up a bum in the gutter. Twenty years later, when my first novel got published, my mom sent him a copy with a note that said, "You blew at least one call, Sanders."

Either middle school helped turn my kids from innocents into felons or they coincidentally transformed during sixth grade. My son was an A- student all the way through fifth. Sixth he dropped to Cs. Seventh, Ds. Eighth, he didn't finish. First semester in high school, he made the honor roll. Middle school brings out the worst in some of us.

During college, I served a year as a noon supervisor at Spring Valley Junior High. The day I lost my big toenail playing water polo, I came to work in sandals. A fat kid, when he saw the bandage, climbed onto a bench and jumped off, purposely landing on my toe.

Later, I worked as a substitute teacher, and middle school jobs felt the most frightening, because each day would come a point when I could imagine myself a serial killer. My last day substituting, every time I turned around to write on the board, the kids would snicker. After a few times, I determined which kid had flipped me off and suggested that he step forward and perform the gesture once more. I would've flattened the runt. A year of wisecracks and derision had wakened the monster in me. So I quit subbing and found a job as teacher/principal of a



Lunch time, Black Mountain Middle School

small school at a camp for bad boys. They were 13 to 18, but it was a 13-year-old who torched a cabin and led the gang who ransacked a neighboring ranch house, stole an arsenal, and attempted a mutiny.

I theorized that seventh and eighth graders should be disarmed, gathered into large padded rooms, and isolated for a couple of years. Ironical that someone who views middle schools as a wasteland

is going to act as Black Mountain's Principal for a Day.

A cordial secretary named Dot shows me into the principal's office. Candace, the official principal, has red hair and slightly bashful ways. We talk for about a minute before the head custodian arrives to discuss a confidential labor issue that remains unresolved. The head custodian leaves and Peggy,

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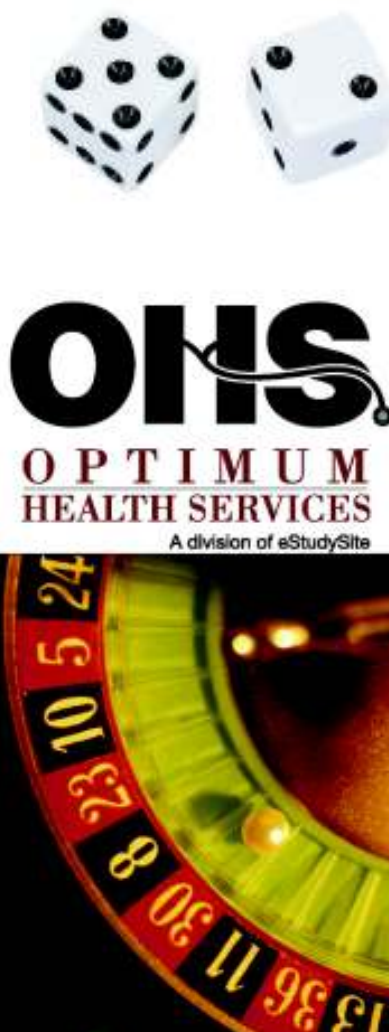
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- All study-related procedures, including psychiatric assessments, physical examinations, laboratory tests, monitoring and ongoing evaluations, and experimental study drug at no cost.
- Compensation for time and travel may be available.

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Do you or anyone you know have **SCHIZOPHRENIA or SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER?**

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This study does not involve a sugar pill, otherwise known as a placebo, and all the study drugs have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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the seventh-grade counselor, enters. She needs to talk about a kid whose parents had been complaining about the burden of homework a certain teacher had given. For my sake, Peggy recounts a meeting last week between the teachers, counselor, and principal. The parents contended the teacher was too demanding. The staff felt that the boy needed to prioritize and gain more effective study habits. Finally, Candace agreed to move the student to a different class.

"So that's how it ended," Peggy continues, "and then

a couple days later, the student came to me. He's a nice kid, quiet, yet he said, 'I'm upset that you changed my class without my consent.' I was proud of him, for being able to do that. He said he didn't like changes, and he thought his teacher was a good teacher, and he really wanted to stay in the class rather than change to a whole other environment. So I had to say that the decision was made by the principal after consulting with the parents and the teachers. Then he made an appointment to see Candace."

Candace asks what I would do.

Wondering if this were a test, I mumble, "He didn't have any say in this meeting, so you guys did something you wouldn't normally have done by making the change without consulting him, right?"

"We always invite the student to guidance meetings," Candace explains. "The parents, the student, and the teachers. He was invited to that meeting, but the parents chose not to bring him. I probably made a tactical error in not insisting that the student be there."

"Then how about telling the parents that you've made a mistake in not consulting the kid, and he pointed it out to you, which he was correct in doing, and now you need to rethink your decision in terms of his wishes, along with everybody else's?"

The principal and counselor each give me a nod of approval. A B-plus, I think, and wipe my brow while Peggy rushes out and a psychologist dashes in with some confidential stuff; then she hustles out, and

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Dennis, the sixth-grade counselor, enters. He's come to talk over a problem that arose at a dance they held the previous Friday night. "It was a Royal Court dance, and each student voted for one of their peers for the court, and then they narrowed it down to a king and a queen for each grade level. Well..." Some kids had rigged the election so that innocent people got their feelings hurt. "My concern is, I wonder if we need to be having this kind of popularity contest at this grade level."

The three of them look to me. I deliberate and find that anything which sets anybody above anybody else shouldn't be encour-

aged, at least on a social level. Call me Solomon.

The next person to gain an audience Candace introduces as Donna, "who began as an instructional aide and through sheer dedication, hard work, and intelligence has become one of the most important people at Black Mountain Middle School." She also had a problem with the dance. Apparently many kids who had been suspended, and thereby excluded, had gotten in. The three of us spend a few minutes brainstorming before the counselors and vice principal return for a scheduled "coordination team" meeting.

They pass around the weekly calendars; talk over

the intricacies of bus scheduling for field trips if it rains on Friday and if it doesn't; address the dance last Friday and the decision-making power that should be allowed the leadership class and the ASB; and whether there should be a dance after the staff-student basketball game. The vice principal reports that the Black Mountain Foundation just met and came up with goals and objectives about fundraising, primarily for technology and the arts, which are most under-budgeted. They discuss how to reorganize the rooms for next year to contend with the district's plans to snatch away several temporary classrooms and give them

to a more overcrowded school. And so on.

As the meeting adjourns, Dot announces a father and mother and their son, who got kicked out of a school in another district for possession of marijuana. He's petitioning to enter Black Mountain.

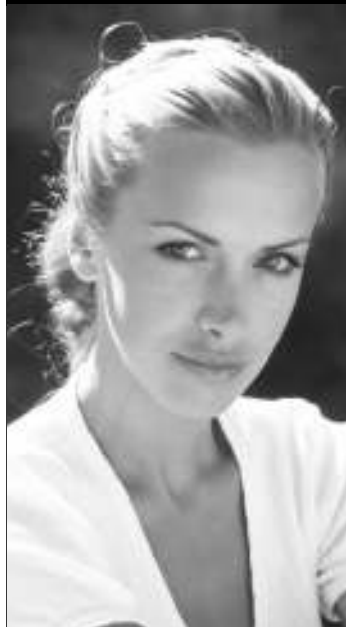
After some preliminaries, Candace asks the boy to tell what happened. He says, "Well, I was having problems at home and everything, and I couldn't cope. Because I have three younger brothers, and they needed more help with school and everything than

I did, and so they were getting more attention from my parents than I did. So I needed a way to get attention. I had been in plays and stuff. My parents would go and tell me I did a good job and stuff, but... I don't know. So I felt that if I did something like this, the

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drugs, I would get attention from them. I mean, there were a lot of people at my other school that were doing drugs, and I didn't even want to hang out with them. I mean, none of my friends did any drugs. They're against the whole thing. So am I. But this was the only way that I could go past reality, and I could be in my own place where I didn't have to listen to my dad and my little brothers just ignoring me. When I smoked marijuana, it felt

better. When I went to school, I was kind of hoping to get caught, so that I'd be able to tell my parents the way I was feeling, because I'd tried to sit down with them before and explain, and they said okay, but things didn't change much."

This kid's so conscious about his motives and all, he sounds more like 40 than 13. Candace remarks, "This is the first time I've ever heard a student say, 'I did this because I hoped my

parents would catch me.' Did you actually think, 'I'm going to smoke marijuana so my dad will pay attention to me?' "

"Yes."
"Wouldn't it have been easier to ask him? 'Dad, pay attention to me.' "

"I know, that's what I thought, but none of it was working. I tried a bunch of stuff. This is the only way I knew that they'd have to go and do something for me."

"Okay — but if this

was between you and your parents, why did you bring it to school?"

"At school it was a lot easier to get caught, because if you told a few people then it got around. And it worked too, because after I got caught I was able to say why I did it and everything, and now we get along fine. We're getting along super."

Candace allows herself a moment of silence. "Tell me, if this way of getting attention worked the first time, what's going to keep you from doing it again?"

"Well, because my parents say, now, next time you feel like that, just come up and tell us, because we don't want you to do anything like this again. And now I

know I'd get kicked out of school. I didn't really think they would do that to me."

Mom and Dad say their piece. Candace promises to consider all they've said. As they leave, before I get to play Solomon again, Sue the vice principal enters with comic relief. She closes the door behind her and flops into a chair. "I just had the saddest boy in my office. He asked to see me and then just sat there for a minute or two. I expected him to say that somebody died. But what happened — he was 'going with' a girl, and he'd been thinking of breaking up with her, and today he finally got up the nerve and told her he wanted to break up. She said, no, he couldn't.

And he wanted me to tell him what to do."

Sue updates us on a parent who has been pestering the school, at every level from the teacher up, to force the teacher to change her son's grade from B to A, as if this sixth-grader were already applying to Harvard Law School. While Candace and Sue look over the kid's grades in different classes, a science teacher appears. Sue runs off, and the science teacher reports that he'd recently attended a meeting in which the district's science people discussed adding a semester of science, and whether to offer it district-wide or at select schools, and whether it should be an elective elec-

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tive or a mandatory elective, and whether parents would object to this and that, and...I need lunch.

Candace and I sneak out, into the rain, and drive to a taco shop. Over chips and guacamole, we gab about last year's voucher initiative, which proposed that private schools be granted \$200 per month per student from the state. I confess having sworn that any other child I might raise would get spared the ordeal of a public middle school. I pose the question: Since it was not clear that the public schools would be in a worse financial position because of the voucher initiative, why did public educators get so crazy against it?

Candace speculates, "I think it's just the idea that private schools have so many advantages that public schools don't. They get to pick their students. If a kid doesn't behave herself, she's out of there. And the voucher wouldn't pay full tuition, so they're still going to get an elite whose parents have money and are willing to pay it."

"But if they did, and they got better education, and if meanwhile the public schools had more money per student, who loses?"

"Well, the voucher system would take away lots of the better students and make the public school harder to manage, because you do need a balance of kids. At Black Mountain we have a wonderful balance of high-achieving kids along with those who have more problems with school. The balance — I think it's good for everybody."

I give her a skeptical look and she says, "Let's go see."

On our way to visit classes, Candace boasts, "Our whole math department is wonderful. They're very forward-thinking, and one of the teachers trains all over the state for the UC Davis algebra project. But some parents say, 'They're not doing it the way we did it. Why aren't our kids doing math on paper with a pencil?' Parents have come to me or gone to board meetings and said, 'We know more than you do about this.' We want to listen. We do listen, but sometimes it's very frustrating for us.

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Down the hall we visit

a basic education class, three periods of literature, language arts, history, and social science. The teacher, Gary Kroesch, says, "We're doing historical investigation. The topic is slavery. We have nine different areas that they can explore. We have a lot of primary resources. Diaries, documents. As we go through the investigations, we start with ancient kinds of slavery, and we go all the way to past the Civil War. In the investigations, we'll go to the highest level, evaluations — where they can actually write poetry — and they'll do analysis and

application. It's an interesting process, historical investigation. We're going to start today with the reader's workshop. We'll read together from *To Be a Slave*, and the class will discuss that. Then we'll do journal writing and then fact organizing."

A student gets up and talks about investigating the feelings that a slave had while on a slave ship, then writing about those feelings from the slave's point of view, in a journal and a poem, all focusing on the theme of survival.

Another student speaks

about proving that there was exciting art and culture in Africa, and another speaks about learning that slavery was not just an American institution. The teacher clarifies that they're not looking at slavery only from the victimization angle, that some of the kids had written poetry from the point of view of the slave, but others had tried to go inside the heads of the slave traders and owners. Other students have explored the economics of slavery, and the problems of transporting slaves, and about shipping and ocean travel, and the con-

ditions that historically produced slavery and those that helped its downfall.

Outside, in the rain, a tall blonde woman is leading a rust-colored, long-haired dog across the lunch area. "Oh," Candace says, "there goes the dope-sniffer." As the woman and the dog disappear behind a building, we reach the door to Judi Hawkins's English class.

Judi says, "Basically what we're trying to do is get the different science themes in a cross-context unit, by articulating with the math and science teacher.

We constantly spring off of one another. Last summer we developed a unit that revolved around the Revolutionary War era, and we picked a real easy theme, patterns of change, and we developed a unit that interconnected across our areas. Who knows where it may go from here? We're now in the process of reviewing what we've done and seeing what improvements we can make. We found that the kids were getting a little sick of the one theme. So what we want to try is take four themes, because kids can manage that, and it

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won't beat the one theme to death."

Shirley Day teaches English as a Second Language. While her kids introduce themselves, I note the countries and how long since they had immigrated. Four years ago, from the Ukraine. Vietnam, three years. Russia. Philippines. Vietnam, five months. Mexico, one year. Vietnam. Philippines. A boy has just arrived from Korea. Another from Korea has been here five months. Two years, from Mexico. Philippines, two years. Philippines, four months. Korea, one month.

They're working in groups, writing commercials. We talk to a few kids,

then go outside, and Candace whispers, "I wish you could see Shirley in action. She was voted Black Mountain's Teacher of the Year a few years back. She's a magician. Everything in her class is charades. She has to act every word out, for the kids that don't know it. She uses other students to keep the new kids up in the subject matters by translating for them, while they're all here learning English at the same time. It's amazing what she can do.

"We used to have more ESL students, until last year the authorities closed a migrant camp in a canyon near here. There was a lot of controversy over closing



Shirley Day's ESL class

the camp. It was really a community of its own. It had been there for years

and years. But the powers that be decided to close it, and we lost all those kids,

and we really hated to lose them. They were great kids. They would climb up out of the mud on rainy days when you couldn't get a bus down there. It would take an hour and a half for them to get to school, but they'd be on time, and they'd still be clean and ready to work."

In Candace's office, she sifts through a pile and hands me a page of a story she'd written: "...It looked like all our bilingual students were sitting together in the quad, along with a few whose grandparents were born just down the block. Seeing kids from the Georgia section of the former Soviet Union, Mexican children from the

migrant camp, and seven other nationalities laughing together was one reason I stayed in this business. I recalled the visit I'd had from a 'concerned' parent the week before regarding health problems attributed to kids from the migrant camp. Forgetting for a moment that I should be diplomatic at all times, my reply was anything but. I invited him to come to class to meet our students and notice how spotlessly clean they were every day. I told him that no student on campus was happier to be there or worked harder than our Mexican students. Then I said, 'You might wish to examine your motives in

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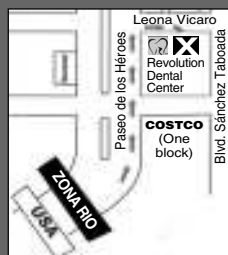
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trying to cause trouble for these children.' Of course, the district office heard from the 'concerned' parent within minutes. I thought he might even have used a campus telephone."

Sue, the vice principal, invites me to her office for a visit with Officer Dog. She explains, "The handler plants two or three synthetic forms of medication or whatever in every classroom and in one of the banks of lockers. Then she'll bring the dog in, and it will start sniffing someplace else, and when they get to that spot the dog just sits down

and looks at it. So if the dog finds something else that isn't supposed to be there, he sits and looks at that. She has a praise rag in her pocket. She hands the rag to the dog and really goes overboard with love and attention, in a high-pitched voice. That's the only form of reward.

"It takes five or ten minutes per classroom. The students have to go outside. They can't take jackets with them or caps. The dog doesn't search the kids, only the room. Today we went to three sixth-grade classes, three seventh, and three

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eighth. The only things that the dog responded to were backpacks belonging to two eighth-grade students.”

Enter Dusty, a golden retriever, followed by his handler, a young woman who explains to me that she works for a Modesto company that contracts with schools all over the West. Sue calls in a girl who looks and acts plenty innocent. The handler politely asks the girl for permission, then picks every scrap and gadget out of the girl’s backpack. Amongst the makeup, camera, notes, and all, she discovers the offending drug. Sudafed.

The other suspect had spent the night at a friend’s.

Her pack is stuffed with clothes and accessories, but no contraband, though her notebook features sketches of marijuana plants and mushrooms. She guesses that the dog sat and stared at her backpack because yesterday she had gone to a wedding, where a little wine got spilled on her backpack.

Back in our office, Candace is on the phone talking in strange jargon. She pushes a story across the desk.

THE WEIRD ONE by Carlitos Steinmetz

“He walks through the halls unnoticed, untouched, his

clothes out of style. The in-crowd passes by him without a glance. His hair, unmanaged, hangs monotonously, swaying in the breeze. He walks with a certain defiance.

“He is a tall, lanky person. He dislikes reading or any schoolwork but enjoys imagining that he is an astronaut, and he is in an astronaut academy. He pretends that his teacher is an astronaut briefing him on his flight plan, but he does terrible on tests and homework. One day he thought he was a wizard. He stood in front of my desk and ripped up my homework and said, ‘Now watch the paper come back together

again,’ so he pulled out a piece of paper from his pocket with some greasy stuff on it and shoved it toward my face and said, ‘See, I told ya!’ I was furious and turned as red as a beet with my heart pounding. The teacher told him to get into his seat with her air of authority and told me I could re-do the assignment. That was all he ever did to me, beside annoy the class. I can clearly remember the day that he upset the class terribly. On this day he walked into class with his usual defiance, took off his threadbare jacket and sat in the back row, where his seat was. He pulled from his patched up back-

pack a bag full of some kind of toy car and began to bang it against the desk. He was annoying the heck out of everyone in the class, even the teacher. I have no clue what that was all about, but all I knew was that he was weird. He would make whooshing sounds and walk in slow motion saying that he was walking on the moon! He was not quiet. In fact he would make such a clamor that the teacher would send him out of the class, and everyone would laugh as he left, including me, I am sad to say.

“One spring afternoon, the teacher explained to us an assignment: write an adventure you would like to

have. Everyone sat ready to see who the teacher would call to tell their story first. She chose him, the weird one. He walked up in front of the class, with his dirty jeans and unkempt hair swaying, sniffing as he went. Then he stood before the class, with his untied shoes, and gave the best story about an adventure to the moon anyone had ever heard. I had no clue he was so knowledgeable about space travel. Instead of laughing, people applauded him, and he sat at his seat with his defiant smile as he looked at his greasy old dirty paper with such a fascinating story.

“He left our school the next day for good, he was

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transferred to another school. It seemed as though he was a foster child and he was being moved to new foster parents. I learned not to judge a person because on the outside he was unpleasant but on the inside he was brilliant, but he was still weird."

The bell rang long ago. Candace and I decide to go somewhere and talk. She wants to hear my impressions and recommendations. On the way, I think about Gary Kroesch's class and the slavery issue, approached from all directions so that kids may learn that we humans are part devil, part angel. The begin-

ning of wisdom. To see kids glimpsing truth chokes me up a little.

I consider the math classes where problems get applied to the real world and the ESL class that welcomes kids from every nation. I'm hardly a flag-waver. Still, I feel proud.

When I studied tae kwon do, the master suggested, "You want to be good teacher, love your students." Remembering that comment, I think of people I met today, and of Miss Dedmen, a heavyweight eighth-grade math teacher who single-handedly kept me from getting expelled and thereby showering my mom and dad with a ton of unnec-

essary grief.

I remember Donald, a 13-year-old at the camp where I taught and administered. An orphan with frizzy hair and a croaking voice. He liked the camp, didn't want to return to L.A., where his brother had used him as a lookout for robberies. In L.A. or Compton, he always worried about getting killed, while at the camp he was learning to read because a teacher had given him a box full of Charlie Brown books.

I'm going to tell Candace about Donald, and how I wish that he and my kids had gotten to attend Black Mountain. ■

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"Wha...?" I balk at the non sequitur, then start waving my hand for Kim, the bar lady. She sees us and keeps on yapping with a group at the far end of the bar. I fall into my usual glaze and start wondering. Big as Cyprus? Bigger than Puerto Rico? Little ol' San Diego County? I try to imagine its vague square shape overlaid on a map of Cyprus. In the times when the Knights Templar ruled Cyprus, that was a fairly decent-sized kingdom. They'd have had fortresses everywhere to rebuff the Infidel, especially in the four corners....

"Hey," I start. "Why don't we drive around the county and see who lives on each of its four corners? See who's guarding the realm. See if this place is as different as you say."

Dave doesn't turn up next day. So I work my way alone down to Border Park, right next to the bullring by the sea, the one slap-bang against Mexico's northwest border.

What does it feel like for someone walking up from Mexico to "discover" North American civilization? A clump of Border Patrolters near the new iron fence ignore me as I dive down the cliffs and start walking north. A few horse riders pass me, but apart from that it's the lonely sea and the sloughs to the right. I imagine myself as one of those Spanish leatherjackets who came up from Baja in 1769. This was their last stretch. The sloughs' protected status keep them much as they must have looked back then, when Kumeyaay Indians also walked this beach north of *Ti Wan* (Village by the Sea), today's Tijuana, near the south end of the bay.

At the *boca rio*, the mouth of the Tijuana river, the final hurdle



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for most illegals, a sense of menace hovers. Used to be a lot of *coyotes* hanging around on the north side here. Helicopters always swirling above the treacherous waters, not actually hunting illegals, making it look like a war zone as they practice take-offs and landings at nearby Rheam Field.

I don't swim across like the families I have seen, babies above their mothers' heads, clothes stripped, except undergarments. I'm too worried about the sewage. Instead I go back and around, trying to capture the feeling of thousands who have trampled up before me.

Coming up the other side — past the Border Patrol wagons, the helicopters, the isolation, except for Least Tern preserve notices — you suddenly get beyond the sandhills and like a long-lost Ancient Mariner you see... a house. A house! Surfers! A distant pier. People, ordinary suburban Americans, walking their dogs. Jogging. Surfing. No-man's-land is suddenly... California! What a sight for travelers from *El Sur*.

And then I see it. A door. I knock on The First Door in America. Do the inhabitants realize the *significance*, the *responsibility* they bear here?

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"Yes?" Dave answers the door. "What took you so long? We're

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“It’s the only noise,” Marilyn says. “There’s nothing else. There’s the sloughs on one side and the ocean on the other. We’re a little island, and believe me, coming back from a day of social-worker caseloads, this is just what I need. And every day is different. Foggy days we get the fog horns, and it feels like an English moor. Nights, the ocean and the stars are indescribable. Storms, you feel the power of the ocean. I tell you, people call Imperial Beach the end of the line like that’s a bum rap. But it’s the best thing about it!”

“Just breathe in the smell of the seaweed and the salt,” says Marilyn’s co-worker Carolyn, who’s staying here on vacation from New Mexico. “At sunset you get great flocks of seabirds, egrets from the sloughs, pelicans flying in formation like bombers, dolphins playing out at sea, whales up and down, spouts and tails. There’s a guy here who surfs with his dog. It’s an antidote to our other lives. The sounds a fetus hears are like this! No wonder I’m so happy when I’m here.”

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measured the waves and talked it through as to how they're going to conquer it today. It's a regular ritual. And a rare day they don't jump in."

Outside, on the rocks near the first sand dune, a surfer stands sentinel, a telescope to his eye. It's Ken Palmatier. He's 53. Been surfing here since 1955. "That's the Tijuana Slough," he says, pointing towards Mexico. "Great surf. When it's going, it's up there with Hawaii and Lunada Bay and Maverick's and *Todos Santos*. What makes it break is the river. Its outpouring has created a cobblestone shelf out into the ocean. When you get a north swell com-

ing down from storms up in the Aleutian Islands — they have to keep going for a week to really start pump-

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ing the energy down here — they come and hit that shelf. It shrinks the wave. Compresses it so it's slow in the middle and the sides wrap

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He takes the telescope down. "We haven't had decent waves for the last ten years; '67 was a great year, '76, '78. I think it might be since the Mexicans built the

Rodriguez dam behind TJ. The river doesn't have the flow anymore."

He decides he'll come back tonight (after putting in a day at his barbershop in Chula Vista) to see if the waves have improved.

"A lot's changed," he says, getting into his car. "This used to be a dirt road to the *boca rio*. It was Lovers' Lane, where the young lovers would come or have beer keg parties. And I used to sneak on over the border and catch lobster. Not now — the wall at the border. And you can't trust those lobsters anymore. But we've still got the sea. A lot of guys my age had to quit [surf-

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Marilyn Moore, Imperial Beach

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ing], but I can still stay out
five or six hours. I can't give
it up."

Before the soothing tape
loop of the ocean murmur
hypnotizes us, we get into
Dave's car and head inland —
east.

* * *

Southeast corner. Out

beyond Boulevard, on the old
abandoned Highway 80. I
knock at a wooden door to
a stone bungalow. The mur-
mur of the ocean has been
replaced by the muffled roar
of a distant Highway 8.
Behind the isolated house,
sitting off Highway 80,
golden-bouldered outcrops
of mountains lump into the
sky.

I knock again. A cho-

rus of yelping dogs rips the
crisp air. I look to the right.
This has to be the last place.
One sign says "Overnight
Guests" outside the main
house. Another sign, just
down the road, announces
the start of Imperial County.
Beyond that, looking like
an upside-down sky itself,
is the Salton Sea, down in its
below-sea valley. Even with
the dogs, there's a stillness

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here. I notice a few cats wandering around and rows and rows of gallon-sized plastic milk bottles filled with water. "Please take one if your car needs water," says the sign. Must be a Good Samaritan gesture for all those folks finishing the long climb out of the Imperial Valley. Here, on the edge of San Diego County, it feels like a Great Divide.

"Getting cold," says Dave, jumping up and down. "What if nobody's home?"

But a heavyset man appears. "Just let me get the dogs tied up." A minute later we're inside this mysterious old house: a roaring fire; ancient black-and-white photos on the walls; a long, varnished wooden bar.

"This," says a middle-aged woman who introduces herself as Lucille Sheridan, "is not only the last piece of private property in San Diego County, it was also once a legendary bar, the Oasis. A tough old crone named Carrie Franson ran this place with an iron fist till she died ten years ago. See those slats underneath the bar? She had a pistol behind there and wasn't afraid to use it where it hurt most."

"People would stop here because they had to," says her partner Terry Craig, who is gradually restoring the place. "By the time they got to the top of the hill from the Imperial Valley, everyone's engine was boiling over. They had to wait for it to cool off. Even bikers didn't mess with Carrie. They drank what she told 'em to drink. When the new sheriff came out to see this little old lady, she came out shooting into the air. She was playing with him, of course. But she had to be tough. She was raising three little girls alone. Often snowed-in. There was no one else to help her up here."

Terry and Lucy bought the place about seven and a half years ago. Although Terry's been working on turning the bungalows into cabins for paying guests, the two have continued their work in San Diego. "Terry and I have commuted 86 miles for the last five years," says Lucy, who worked at San Diego State until she retired last June. Terry used to design interiors of luxury boats.

"Living on the edge of San Diego County like this, we have to do extra things

like vote by absentee ballot," she says. "We don't get a polling place. We're the last official customer for SDG&E. We get all their power surges. And our neighbors across the line in Imperial County pay a lower rate

than we do."

"But it's worth it," Terry says. "Clean air, pure water, the stars at night. This is another world out here. Coyotes, rattlesnakes, and wild horses. A lot of horses came up three years ago from the

Mexican wildfires. They needed water. One mare had a foal while she was here. Pretty soon those horses owned us. They'd stand outside my window here, waiting. The foal would poke his head right through. They

accepted favors, but you were never in doubt. They were independent, their own masters. It was beautiful."

"We periodically have one or other of my grandkids up here," Lucy says. "Give them a break when

they're at war with their parents."

And the highway people. "Their cars are always breaking down," says Terry. "The Polish consul broke down the other day on his way back from San Felipe.

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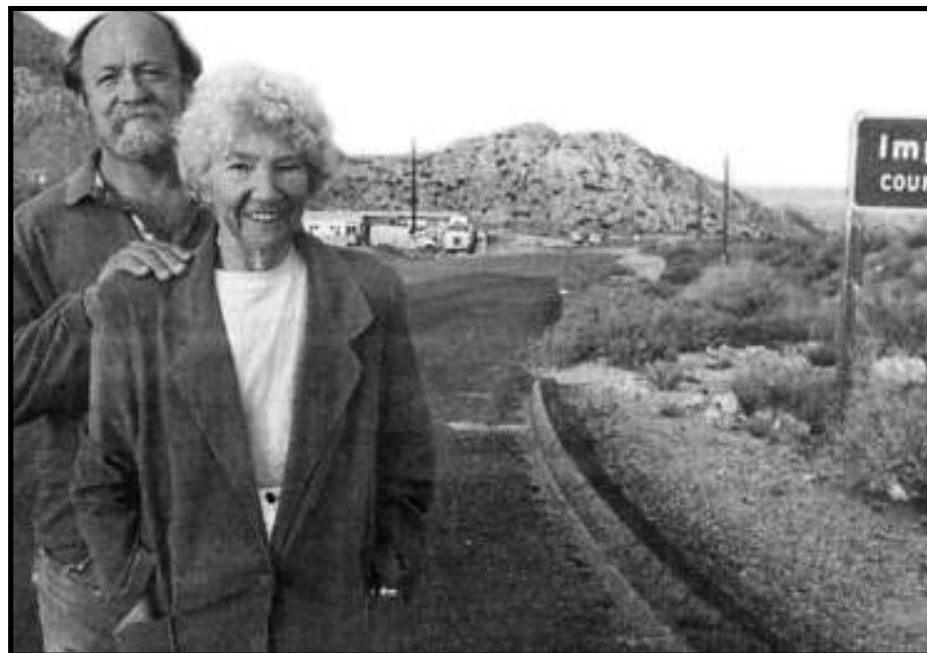
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Terry Craig and Lucille Sheridan

So we had a party out back on the lawn. When Two-Bit Tow arrived, that guy turned out to be Polish too. So the party continued. That's always happening."

"Thank you so much," reads a note Lucy shows me, "for your gracious hospitality. I'm the artist you let sit in your living room for four hours in March. You fed me a wonderful corned

beef dinner while I waited for the tow truck. You two are heaven-sent!"

"People think you get away from people up here," Terry says. "But the truth is, if you don't like people, there's no point in your living here. You've got to remember, this is the old Butterfield Stagecoach route. Everybody has always come up through here. We've had

to entertain some pretty weird characters."

"Like the guy called Joseph," says Lucy. "A huge young man, three-foot shoulders. Appeared one day — me in jammies. He said, 'Can I stay here with you? I'm hungry. Could I have a meal?' I said sure. I microwaved him something, leftovers from Thanksgiving, I think, then I noticed how he was

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struggling through his entire dinner with a spoon. Even though I'd laid out knives, forks, the whole spread. I thought immediately about prisons where no sharp objects are allowed. But he thanked me, put his backpack on, and left peaceably."

On the sideboard are various photos and dedications to her from the Democratic Party.

"Always been involved with them," says Lucy. "I once traveled with Eleanor Roosevelt in Montana. 1958. I was a reporter. She was on tour promoting the United Nations. After her speech in Bozeman, she spent three hours shaking hands. Three hours, nonstop. In the high school restroom, where we were washing our hands together, I said, 'You must be tired.' 'Oh no, my dear,' she said, 'I had a good rest.' And she showed me her hearing aid in her glasses. She'd switched it off. With each handshake and polite piece of praise, she'd just smiled back, conserving her energy."

I spot another testimonial on the wall. "To Lucille A. Sheridan, a good

friend who has stood behind us and the Party for many years. Thank you." It's signed "Bill Clinton" and "Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Also on the wall are old black-and-white military pictures. "Royal Australian Mounted Police, 1874." "Prince of Wales Light Horse." "Sixth Queensland

Imperial Bushmen."

They belong to Terry, who's appeared around the corner with a can of Bushell's tea (an Australasian brand) in his hand. "This is *real* tea. Not that teabag stuff. My dad's side of the family is Australian. My grandmother and her family still live there."

As we sip the orange

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Matt and Pat Burke, Anza-Borrego

pekoe-flavored tea, I try to imagine the scene back in the days of the notorious Carrie Franson and her three daughters. The noisy drinking around this bar. The dark-stained pillars clogged with business cards (they're gone, but you can still see the pinholes). The customers waiting for Kerry to come out with one of her famous strings of profanities. That gun on the other side, waiting for trouble.

Terry says this place has been a café since the '20s,

but I suspect earlier — since immigrants first started coming west. I know from a plaque down the road that a couple of old opportunists named Peter Larkin and Joe Standliff hired teams of oxen to pull wagons up what was then a 30 percent grade from the Imperial Valley floor. The stone house nearby, where they kept the oxen, later became a toll booth for the San Diego and Fort Yuma Turnpike Company in the 1870s. This was the bottleneck everyone had to

negotiate to get to the coast. During World War II, when soldiers occupied the Pioneers Memorial Tower (in Imperial County, just a half-mile from here), on watch for an invasion, they must've come here to find company in the silence of the high desert nights.

Outside, before the background of the boulder mountains, color changes from gold to purple as the sun sinks and the air chills. Terry has a patch of magnificent roses planted in the

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middle of a heavy wood corral. "That's to keep the wild horses out," he says. "They'd eat them in a heartbeat." Nearby is an old Indian canoe. "Me and my sister and my dad went down the Colorado River in that," he says. "Now I fill it up with water for the dogs — and the wild horses."

Terry's showing us the cottages clustered against the rock mountains, the only visible dwellings hereabouts. He's been painstakingly restoring them to their 1940s flavor, complete with big fluffy beds and bookshelves stuffed with old novels. "Historical Sheridan-Craig Enterprise," says the sign he's put

up. Thinking of all those slick Motel 8s out there, this sight gives me a surge of hope.

I can almost feel those wagon trains straining up the old overland route that passes by outside. The Butterfield stagecoach jerking to a halt, its six horses steaming, its driver bad-tempered. Right here! At the Oasis Cafe.

Just as we're getting up to leave, Terry says, "Oh God. The vortex. We forgot to show you the vortex."

He leads us out onto the middle of Old Highway 80. His oldest dog follows — no traffic to worry about anymore.

"Now, look north. What

do you see?"

"I see the road rising to its crest," I say, "around about the county line. Then dropping down towards the Salton Sea."

"Exactly. But we kept seeing people coming here, putting Coke cans down, and watching them roll... uphill! Then a Mexican TV station came out and did a story. They said the legend is that this is an energy center. A vortex. Things roll north, uphill. People come on, like, pilgrimages. You hear groups of them out here going 'oooh' and 'aaah'."

He brings out a Coke can, half-filled with water, puts it down facing north.

A little breeze helps it, but sure enough, it starts rolling up that slope, rattling off crazily toward the county line.

"Some people say it's an optical illusion," says Terry, "that this slope just looks uphill because of the big valley beyond. But who's to say? People keep coming. Out here, strange things don't always seem so strange."

This edge of the county feels as though we shouldn't be here. None of us. This is the realm of the coyote, the snake, the mountain goat. The tarantula. The silence.

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dle of the Borrego desert, paddy fields? *Wang Lung the Chinese farmer is walking ahead along the path between the paddies, carrying the dowry trunk of his new wife O-Lan on his shoulders. She is following behind, sinking her teeth into a peach he has given her to celebrate their wedding day. He finishes his own peach and throws away the pit. She stops, stoops, picks up the large peach-stone, and says, "A tree will grow from this seed..." and follows him to plant it where the old father and the cow are waiting, at her new home...* — which looks remarkably like this low, huddling adobe at the end of a dirt track off Peg Leg Road, east of Borrego Springs.

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It was there, 300 yards down, in the corner of the property," says Matt Burke. "That's where Harry Oliver had the paddy fields dug. He was the associate art director for the 1936 film *The Good Earth*. That's when he built this house...."

Dave and I have lucked out again. Twice through the badlands, after eating dust and arguing over whether people can live within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park limits, he says there's no point going all the way to the Imperial County border. There won't be any more houses in San Diego. But we keep on going, siphoning off down long narrow roads that end in dirt, then end in nothing. Backtracking. Keeping a compass watch on the *direction du jour* — northeast.

Finally, after we've driven practically to the Salton Sea, through what looks like canyons of salt, plummeting down the Santa Rosa Mountains on our left, a sign says "Imperial County." We wheel around, start driving back toward San Diego like the Joads in *The Grapes of Wrath*, frantic for any sign of civilization.

And suddenly, the house appears — down this track off Peg Leg Road, the adobe homestead with the tin roof, the chimney, sheltered from sun and wind by feathery, dusty-green Persian Tamarisk trees, nestled 'neath a trestled water tank and tall windmill, guarded by spindly ocotillos, cactus, and those ancient creosote plants, bathed in pink paint. As we

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bumble up the dirt track, you can see the veranda and the rocking chair. Paps and his pipe are the only things missing.

Out here in the middle of the cactus lands of the Anza-Borrego Desert, the sun — if the clouds hadn't hidden it — would

be blazing red over the Blue Mountains across the wide, sweeping valley. There's smoke issuing from the chimney. Does some lonely goldminer live here? Some old desert rat who feeds on desert fox?

Except this adobe's pink and aquamarine, has a tall TV antenna attached, and its front entrance is guarded by a heavy, varnished, nailed, arched door with a hinge in the middle. External stereo

speakers waft Nat King Cole into the late-afternoon breeze.

I knock. The music stops. A gruff voice barks. Can't tell if it's animal or human. I study the dried cattle skull hanging on the wall. The door opens. *Pam!* A big slathering bulldog elbows through, blunders out, skids around in the dust, starts back.

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Matt Burke runs out to

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We're standing among the ocotillos. Kangaroo mice burrow here, in the red earth, a couple of hundred yards from where *The Good Earth's* Wang Lung and O-Lan (Paul Muni and Luise Rainer)

tilled their paddy and had their children and killed their beloved cow when the famine came.

"They also shot *Bugsy* over there, on the other side of the valley," says Pat, Matt's brother. "Built the Flamingo, bits of Vegas, everything."

A table and chairs sit 50 feet from the cottage, with a view to the Blue Mountains. "That's where we come to sit 'n' sip, watch the sunsets, toast them with champagne," says Matt. "They're spectacular, you know. And when there's no moon, the stars! The shooting stars!"

The boys get to come here because Matt is the ex-son-in-law of the guy who currently owns the adobe. Ron Brown, an L.A. contractor, got the 160-acre property from his lawyer-dad Lewis, who bought it from Oliver. "I've been coming out here for 15 years," says Matt. "To me, it's heaven on earth. Respite from civilization. This place helps center you."

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"Turned out her car had broken down. This was when there were about two cars per week out here," says Pat. "She had walked right across the valley, up and down through the badlands, delirious from dehydration. She made it to this one light and fainted. Crashed through the glass. She did finally come around."

The two know about telling stories: they're both in the movie business. Matt works for Walt Disney Imagineering, making films for theme parks. "3-D. Circle Vision." He's just finished work on *Honey, I Shrank the Audience* for Orlando Disneyworld. Pat is a painter who also works in the industry.

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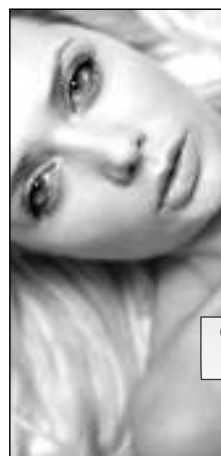
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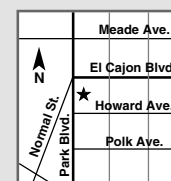
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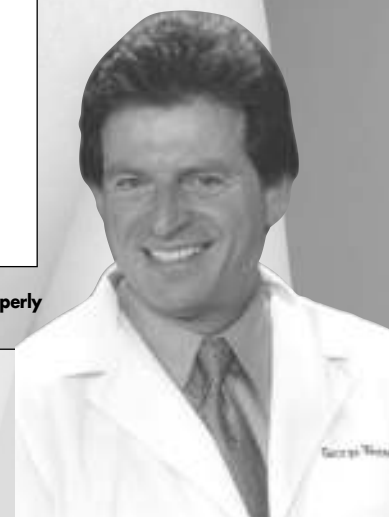
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on right here,” says Matt. “There was an old guy around here, Peg Leg Smith. Gold prospector. He found a vein. *Rich* vein. He died before he could tell anyone where it was. But everybody’s had their theory ever since. So Harry Oliver heard about this and started up the April Fool’s Liar’s Contest. It’s still going. Every April 1 they build a bonfire up there near the mountain, and everybody comes and starts telling whoppers about what happened to Peg Leg’s gold. One year, I was going to tell them all our adobe bricks were actually gold, but I figured they might just come pull us down....”

The clouds and the hills have swallowed the sun. Everything is blue, purple, suddenly cold. Pat and Matt invite us inside to a wonderful roaring fire. Wine skins, old ploughs, animal skulls fill the walls; David Anwar’s songs fill the air. Someone’s cooking with garlic out in the kitchen. Red wine is warming and breathing near the fire. God! How you long to settle in

for the night.

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“You ready, boys?” It’s the head “coyote.” Around him, heads pop up through bushes in the surrounding hills. All the coyotes of northwest Pendleton have gathered, as usual, for sunset choir-practice. The sun is dropping over the last hill before the

“Okay, boys! Let’s give ‘em hell — *aa oooooo0000!*” From the hills surrounding Camp Talega comes this chorus of howls. “*Ow-woooooo0000!*” Two dozen wild coyotes, turned on by that sunset trumpet, start up. “True! It happens every night,” says Corporal Schomstron with a grin. “Soon as that trumpet sounds, they

Camp Talega remains essentially unchanged since 1942, when it was whipped together as a West Coast training ground for a post-Pearl Harbor America jerking into action.

ocean. Down in the darkening parade ground, a United States Marine is about to lower Old Glory. He’s waiting too — for the trumpet to sound out. There’s the scratchy start to the record. Now! There’s the trumpet! *Barp, barp ba barp....*

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join in. That kind of says it all about Camp Talega.” Something Lost Legion-like about this place. Camp Talega remains essentially unchanged since 1942, when it was whipped together as a West Coast training ground for a post-Pearl Harbor America jerking into action. The rows of round-roofed Quonset huts haven’t been

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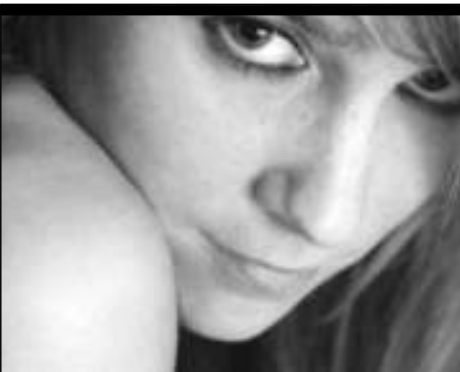
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replaced; even the one with its belltower and cross atop — the old chapel — is still standing.

Most of Camp Pendleton's 35,000 Marines and their families have never seen the collection of Quonsets, lost in the northwest hills of the largest amphibious training base in the world. And that's just how the planners wanted it: training camps deliberately scattered through the hills to break up the target in case of Japanese bombing attacks.

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turns it off. The 2nd marine comes in, turns it back on. Clint picks up the boombox, smashes it against the wall. Clint: My name is Gunnery Sergeant Highway and I've drunk more beer, pissed more blood, banged more quiff, and busted more butt than all you numnuts put together. ...Now Major Powers has put me in charge of this recon platoon. 1st Marine: We take care of ourselves! Clint: You couldn't take

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And they march off to *Heartbreak Ridge*, away from Quonset hut #64365, putting Camp Talega into a little corner of movie history.

Many pounding hearts have slept in these Quonsets: frightened recruits from '43, getting quick training for the island-hopping battles of the Pacific, the next generation going off to freeze and die in Korea, the legions preparing for Vietnam....

Today at Camp Talega, things are nicely relaxed. Gunny Highway would not have approved. A white trellis loggia presides over the collection of Quonsets, each beautified with flower gardens.

"Paradise!" says Staff Sergeant diMaggio. "This is Shangri-La. There are only five of us that live here. Nobody bothers us. We do our job. We're a little family."

Each year 35,000-40,000 troops from all over the country come here to train. "We supply everything from food to rifle ranges to Portaheads," says

diMaggio.

In the pristine silence of this winter midday, all you hear is the distant throb of a C-130 dropping green parachutists out its tail. A nearby frog croaks cheekily in one of the gardens. Clumps of golden-leaf maples and Golden Oaks surround the ceremonial entrance to the camp just across the dry Christianitos riverbed. Twin black turrets announce, "Camp Talega, 4th Light Armored Infantry Battalion."

We're trying to pin down which Marine is the guy who actually lives closest to the corner....

In the Quonset hut given over to office work, Staff Sergeant Debbie Ballard says, yes, there are a couple of soldiers using the last Quonset. That must be nearest the northwest corner of the county.

"It's either Corporal Schomstron or Corporal Smith," says Sergeant Zeigler, scratching his head. "Let's go see."

A large black-and-white cat slinks around the cor-

ner. "That's Felix," says Sergeant diMaggio. "He's the official ratcatcher — also goes for squirrels, rabbits, mice, and birds. Plus we feed him. Lives like a king."

The boys of Camp Talega have other company as well. They've gotten used to a family of deer — mama, six-pointer daddy, and a couple of fawns — grazing on their parade ground; raccoons pinching Felix-the-cat's dinners; rattlesnakes cruising up this pathway between the Quonset huts; even a mountain lion wandering through, looking for unwary deer.

Up in the last Quonset, two Marines kick back in their makeshift home: a pool table, a TV, a table for eating, and cubicles on either side for sleeping. Corporal Steve Drewiega is in the running as the last man out till he confesses his bunk is on the left, south side.

It's Corporal Tom Schomstron who takes me behind the cubicle on the right, north side, and shows me where he sleeps, quickly ruffling the unmade lower

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bunk into shape. I flash on the hundreds of jarheads before Schomstron who must've slept here in the unairconditioned billet. Hot in summer, cold in winter.

"No," Schomstron says. "It's probably not me. It's probably Corporal Smith. He sleeps on this side, but at the far end. That puts him closer to the sea. He's at the far end because he snores, but he's good people. Has to be — Felix always sleeps with him."

"It's pretty good here," continues Schomstron. "I think we've had the base sergeant-major come over once in the past year. Just to see if we were still ticking."

Talega's most exciting moment, aside from the mountain lion's last visit, was Thanksgiving, when First Sergeant Fields cooked turkey for about 30. But that's unusual.

"We can mess at the 62 Area chow hall, but mostly we just bring in Big Macs," says Steve. "A typical night here? It's TV, pool, or the weight room. You get really good at physical training or

you become a good pool player."

We shake Corporal Schomstron's hand and dub him Official Keeper of the Corner and get ready to go.

On the way out, a bombshell hits. Staff Sergeant Nelson Ramos says five words. "We are in Orange County."

What?

"Technically. A lieutenant-colonel told me. The guy they sent to lay out the site back in the '40s crossed the Christianitos riverbed. He should have stayed on the other side. The river's where the San Diego line is."

Dave and I hesitate. That would make the MASH unit down the road the last place. Or the officers' housing—a bunch of blah houses south of the next range of hills.

Then we look at the map. There's Camp Talega with its own little bump, taking San Diego a couple hundred yards north of its border for a mile. Hey, if it's on the map.... And besides, till the Marines go, no Orange

County bigwig is going to come down here — especially now, what with all their problems — and start throwing his weight around, demanding San Diego give the land back. Up here they *know* possession is nine-tenths of the law.

We slush across the Christianitos, pass through the castle-keep gates of Camp Talega. My mind's rewinding through the four corners of the county: a social worker on the beach at Mexico; a vortex and grandparents on an old stagecoach route; Disney Imagineers in Borrego; and a couple of corporals here on the northwest frontier.

"That's quite a county,"

I say.

"Quite a country," says Dave. "Let's form the San Diego Liberation Front, break away from California..."

"I've got a better idea," I say. "Let's go back and listen to the coyotes sing at the sunset ceremony." Together, Dave and I let it out: *Aaa-ooooohhhhh.* ■

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perform with Technomania Circus at the Center for Amusing Arts in Barrio Logan.

The swords Nelson swallows range from 24 to 32 inches, "but it only goes in maybe 22 to 27 inches, depending on what I've eaten," explains Nelson. He usually drinks water prior to inserting the sword. "Mainly, it's a lot of relaxation. Immediately your esophagus wants to clutch [the sword] and push it down, so it is important to relax." Less than two months ago one of Nelson's friends was seriously injured while attempting to swallow a sword in Las Vegas. "The sword wouldn't go down so she tried to push it, and it still wouldn't go down, so she tried to push it again. Then she started talking like she was on helium and went to the hospital. It turned out she had perforated her esophagus in two spots." She had to have major surgery and had an embolism in both of the punctured areas.

Nelson considers himself a mystic because his performances consist mostly of fakir tricks from India that are thousands of years old. One trick is called the "Internal Yogi Flossing." For this Nelson swallows a piece of string and then uses "a pair of hemostats and a scalpel to dig for the string and pull it out" through the front of his body. He says he is able to keep himself from bleed-

ing using self-hypnosis, which involves "meditation and relaxation."

How does one become a sideshow mystic? "I figured out I could do other bizarre things first," Nelson replies. "In 1996, my girlfriend bet me twenty dollars I couldn't take a condom and sniff it through my nose and then [pull it] out my mouth." After winning the bet, Nelson began trying other strange tricks and was soon hired by the late Buddy Blue from the Beat Farmers to perform during their shows.

"I can still taste food, kind of," says Nelson, whose mouth has been filled with dry ice and set on fire. "I'll take red-hot rods that had been on fire and lick 'em with my tongue. After doing it two days in a row last week, there's just a spot that gets dry, like



Technomania Circus

having chapped lips." As part of his performance, Nelson lies on a bed of nails and has four members from the audience stand on top of him. Later in the show, he lies on a rack of "razor-sharp" swords, after which an assistant places a block of concrete atop his chest and breaks it with a sledgehammer.

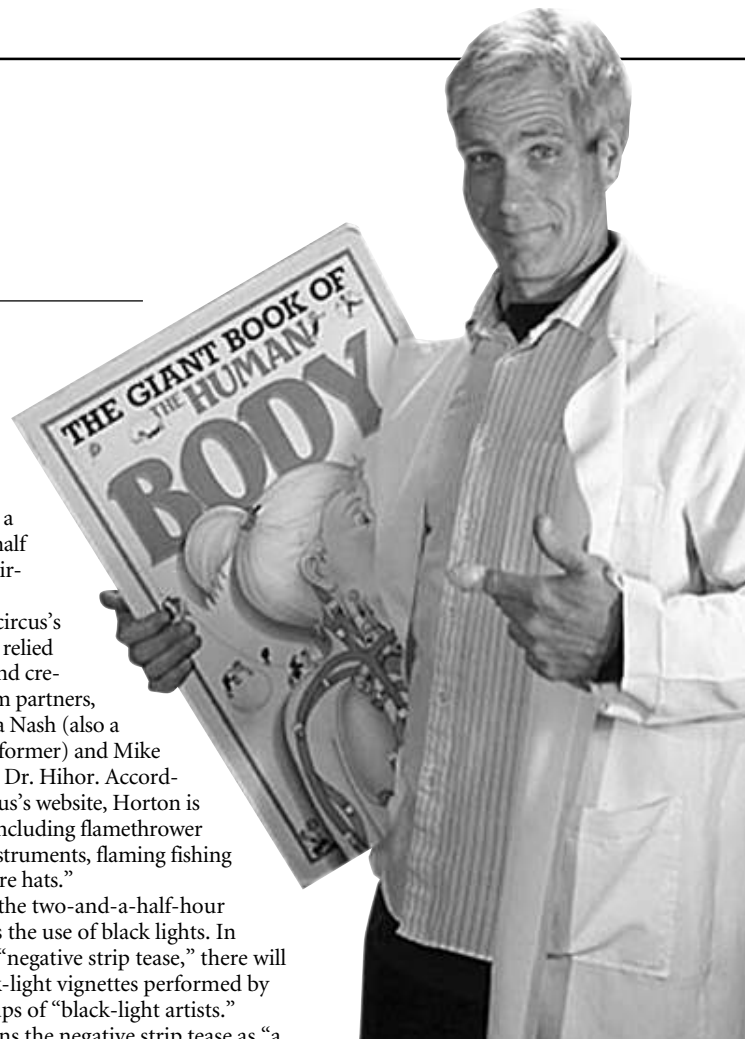
Bruce Cartier, a.k.a. Dr. Techno, founded the Technomania Circus, a "Black-light Cabaret and Variety Show," 8 years ago. "I've worked as a registered nurse for 25

years," says Cartier. "I make \$50,000 a year and put half of it into the circus." Though Cartier is the circus's owner, he has relied on financial and creative help from partners, including Cela Nash (also a nurse and performer) and Mike Horton, a.k.a. Dr. Hihor. According to the circus's website, Horton is a "fire artist, including flamethrower design, fire instruments, flaming fishing poles, [and] fire hats."

Most of the two-and-a-half-hour show involves the use of black lights. In addition to a "negative strip tease," there will be three black-light vignettes performed by different groups of "black-light artists." Cartier explains the negative strip tease as "a black-light illusion act" in which a man disappears as he removes his clothes. "The point is, when a man strips, nobody wants to see really what's underneath there, they just want to see the man go away," he adds. A black-light dream sequence involves a floating hat, fluorescent palm fronds, dancing "animals," and a tightwire act.

"If you've got something weird and entertaining, we should be able to put you in somewhere," says Cartier. One recent addition to the circus is Kundalini, a "master shape shifter" who transforms from the Egyptian god Anubis (with a jackal's head) into a shaman. "He does all these different costume changes; that's just his thing. He likes to change into different outfits, [and I said] we can find a place in the circus for him."

On some Sunday afternoons the circus



Dr. Techno

hosts a children-friendly show, minus Murrugun's "adults-only" act. "Usually [when I perform] it's 16 and older, because there are kind of disturbing things that I do," says Nelson.

— Barbarella

Technomania Circus
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BAJA

"Creating the Life You Desire" is subject for lecture by Deepak Chopra, Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., in Auditorio Municipal at Universidad de Tijuana (Avenida J #1010, in Colonia Altamira). 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Author Carlos Cuauhtemoc Sanchez lectures on "being better in our lives," Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., at Salón Mezzanine in Zona Río. \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-250-8962. (TIJUANA)

Ten Piano Concertos promised Thursday, May 18, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$25, \$35. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Rafael Mendoza in concert, Thursday, May 18, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

HOTEL RWANDA
Wednesday, May 24,
Carlsbad City Library.

(SEE FILM)



The 24th Annual Book Fair runs Friday, May 19, through Sunday, May 28, on Avenida Revolución. Free admission. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

Singers Manoella Torres, Lila Deneken, and Ana Cirre in concert, Friday, May 19, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets:

\$30, \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Jamaican Musician Eek-a-Mouse in concert, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., at Palladium Hall (on Avenida Madero, between Calle and Madero). Program includes Elijah Emmanuel and the Revelations, Joseph Israel. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. All ages. Reservations: 619-230-1190. (TIJUANA)

Showman Jo Jo Jorge Falcon, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$30, \$35 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Run for Fun, 5k run, Sunday, May 21, 8 a.m., starting and finishing at 1051 Salvador Novo Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-682-9516. (TIJUANA)

Drag Racing planned, Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m., at Autódromo de

Tijuana (km 143 on Tijuana-Tecate highway, Colonia Maclovio Rojas). 011-52-664-607-1272. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Frequent Showers during late March and April have delayed the inevitable springtime "brown-out" of San Diego's coastal vegetation. The wild oats and foxtails have mostly turned gold, but other varieties of wild grass such as rye remain green in some areas. Yellow waves of wild mustard continue to put on a good show here and there, especially on the steep slopes overlooking several of the freeways.

Wild Rose, a California native, is in bloom in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist, lowland areas and along small watercourses, wild rose shows off small, florescent-pink flowers. By June and July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

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Open Fields and Chaparral Beckon, Audubon Society birding adventure to Sweetwater River Gorge, Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. to noon. Species to look for: least Bell's vireo, Bullock's orioles, rough-winged and tree swallows, lazuli bunting, yellow-breasted chat, others.

Meet at old steel bridge on Singer Lane. Bring drinking water; no restrooms. Free. 619-692-3246. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (SWEETWATER RIVER GORGE)

Where Is Bancroft Creek Canyon? Learn during guided tours, Saturday, May 20, 9-11:30 a.m., with native plant society volunteers showing off wildflowers, discussing endangered plants. Wear close-toed shoes. Met at cul-de-sac near 2042 South Barcelona. Free. 619-697-4902. (SPRING VALLEY)

Birding Expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, May 20. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Trail-Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park planned, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, May 20. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Native Chaparral Is Focus for hike led by native plant specialist, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., in Hell-hole Canyon Open-Space Preserve. Bring water. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane. 858-694-3042. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Look for Wildflowers, Butterflies, and Birds on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, May 20, 21, and 24, 9:30-11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 20, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Snake Safety and Awareness is subject for talk, Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m., at Wilderness Gardens Preserve (14209 Highway 76, ten miles east of I-15). 760-742-1631. Parking fee: \$2. (PALA)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here! Wildlife Assist recruiting sessions planned, Saturday, May 20, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and on Sunday, May 21, at Tijuana

Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Blaze a Trail! Lakeside's River Park Conservancy hosts San Diego River Day events on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cleanup and trail work, groundbreaking and awards ceremony at noon. Free. Enter river park at Wintergardens and Industry Road off Highway 67. 619-443-4770. (LAKESIDE)

"Explore Mission Trails Day" is Saturday, May 20. Nature walks, arts and crafts, pony rides, Indian music and storytelling for children; older guests may try out hiking poles and mountain bikes, learn about nature photography, take a full-moon hike (weather permitting), more. Details: 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

River Day 2006 Is Here! Take an estuary bird walk at 8 a.m., then help remove invasive plants and

refuse along San Diego River from I-5 west to river mouth with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 619-682-7200. (MISSION BAY)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m., starting at

park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers to maintain plants at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway), Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Garnet Peak boasts dramatic views of desert, Laguna Mountain Range, and Salton Sea (on clear days). Hike a trail through Jeffrey pines to high chaparral with Canyoneers, Sunday,

May 21, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

Rediscover Downtown Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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Wednesday, May 24. This is one of several moon-Venus conjunctions taking place roughly monthly through the first nine months of this year — during the time of Venus's tenure as a "morning star." By December, Venus will be back in the evening sky around the time of dusk, and similar monthly pairings between it and the moon will continue.

DANCE

"Fathom: The Body as Universe" — Malashock Dance presents collaborations bridging disciplines of dance, visual art, and music, blending ancient Buddhist and Jewish beliefs. *Fathom* hopes to encourage "dialogue about relationship between the self, the spirit, and the body."

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

The Duquesne University Tamburitzans present folk songs, music, and dances of Eastern Europe, County Derry Ireland, and neighboring cultures, Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$22, \$24. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Box-Step Waltz featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, May 19, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing for all ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Calling All Jitterbugs, all-age swing dance, Friday, May 19, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). "Trankey-doo" jazz dance workshop or introduction to swing dance class at 8 p.m. DJs play music for dancing, 9 p.m.–midnight. Performance by guitarist George Moynier at 10 p.m. Workshop plus dance: \$12; dance only \$7 general. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Ranting Banshee Spins Tunes, Steve Barlow calls for contradance, Friday, May 19, 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)

Eastern Exposure plays for dancing, Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Mary Marshall opens evening with easy dances for beginners. \$6. 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

West-African Dance Workshop taught by Abdoulaye Camara of Guinea, West Africa, on Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m., at Yoga-fuzion Studio (5632 La Jolla Boulevard). \$20. 858-459-9642. (LA JOLLA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Sharon Green is guest caller on May 21. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$8. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

OUT & ABOUT

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San Diego Swing Club hosts West Coast swing dance party every Sunday, 3–7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginner's lesson: 3–4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

Hung Sheng Lion Dance Theater from Taiwan performs Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Group incorporates temple festivities with storyline, transforming pieces "into modern performing art." \$15 general. 858-560-8884. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

FILM

The Sudanese Documentary *A Long Walk Home* is showcased on "Open Screening Night," Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Student-Created Short Films showcased, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Dramas, comedies, documentaries, more. \$10 fee includes films, bar-becue. 619-594-1375. (SDSU)

"Cinema Under the Stars" showcases Alfred Hitchcock's *Dial*

M for Murder, starring Grace Kelly and Ray Milland, Thursday–Saturday, May 18–20, at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: *Victor/Victoria*, May 25–28. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Period: The End of Menstruation" screens, and filmmaker/UCSD professor Giovanna Chesler will lead following discussion, Saturday, May 20, 6 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Is menstruation obsolete? 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

An Exposé of Global Evangelism offered in *The Tailenders* by Adele Horne, in which a group of evangelical missionaries aim to make audio recordings of Bible stories in every language on Earth to reach indigenous communities. Horne will be on hand for discussion when film is showcased for Sunday Matinee, May 21, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

How About a "Smoldering Portrait of a Fractured Mind"? The Peruvian film *Days of Santiago* screens for Film Forum on Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Great Gatsby," starring Mia Farrow and Robert Redford, screens Monday, May 22, 7:45 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre. Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hotel Rwanda," starring Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo, screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Two Cycling Films by filmmaker Ted White — *Return of the Scorchers* and *(We Aren't Blocking Traffic) We Are Traffic!* — screen Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Bring your bike for a critical mass bike ride at 8:30 p.m. Requested donation: \$3–\$5. 619-378-0946. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Le Notti Bianche," made in 1957 with Marcello Mastroianni and Maria Schell by Luchino Visconti, screens for Italian Film Festival on Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Short Films Inspired by Star Wars Saga created by fans in past five years shown Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program boasts over 20 shorts including *Trooper Clerks*,

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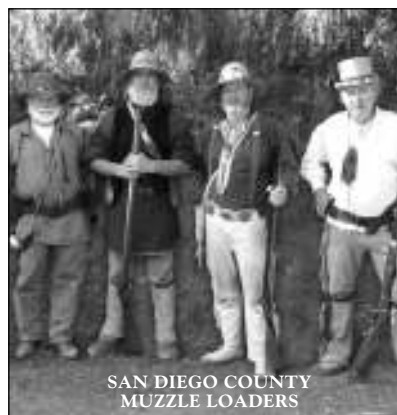
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Carlsbad High School Film Festival 2006 video award nights planned Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$5. 760-331-5100 x5264. (CARLSBAD)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Greece: Secrets of the Past* and *Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Forces of Nature* (6 p.m.) and *Amazing Caves* at 7 p.m. on May 19. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Urban Theorist and Author Mike Davis presents "Vigilante Man: A History of White Violence in California," Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., 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)

"Argentina: The Land of the Gauchos" is subject for presentation on Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., by Matias Susel of Hostelling International and Bill Keller of Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Hidden places, safety, culture. Free. 619-544-0055. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Horrors of War" explored by Gwen Gómez during Insight Gallery talk, Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

What Do We Want from a City? Explore changing nature, shaping of our communities in lecture series in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. Series concludes when UCSD history professor Suzanne Cahill focuses on "Globalization and Chang'an (modern Xi'an), the Capital of Tang, China," Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Awaken Your Muse — author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky leads writing workshop, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). All levels, writing from poetry and prose to journaling. \$13. 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

The Many Aspects of Printmaking examined when Loretta Kramer presents printmaking lecture, demonstration, Friday, May 19, 6 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Free. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Hands-On GPS Class explaining functions and features of these devices, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400), and REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). \$65 general. Call for reservations. (KEARNY MESA, ENCINITAS)

Saltwater Home Aquariums discussed by assistant curator Fernando Nosratpour, Saturday, May 20, 1:30–5:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Filtration, feeding,

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disease control, animal selection. \$35. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"There Is More to Building Shelter Than Profit," according to urban residential developer Reese Jarrett, who speaks Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Three Landscape Designers will be on hand to answer questions during gardening workshop led by Pamela Homfelt, Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., at City of San Diego Ridgehaven Building (9601 Ridgehaven Court). Time permitting, tour of garden follows. Reservations. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

Navigating with GPS class hosted by San Luis Rey Sail and Power Squadron, Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., at Ocean-side Yacht Club (North Harbor Drive). Charts and basic piloting,

waypoints, routes, more. Materials: \$50. 760-806-6701. (OCEANSIDE)

Appalachian Rib-Style Buttocks Baskets made during class led by Carol Lang, Sunday, May 21, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). \$90. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Legacy of the Gods: New Discoveries in the Ancient Astronaut Field" illuminated by Giorgio Tsoukalos for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

"Building a Collection of Non-Western Art" examined by Ned and Mina Smith, Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn to Start a Community Garden when Betsy Johnson of American Community Garden Association speaks, Sunday, May 21,

1–4 p.m., Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). Real-estate issues, basic group organizing, neighborhood and municipal resources, site analysis, garden design. Free. Call 619-641-7510 x244 for space availability. (SHERMAN HEIGHT)

Make a Lavender Wand during class, Sunday, May 21, noon–2 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$25 fee includes materials. Reservations: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Pottery-Making in the Ecuadorian Amazon" — SDSU professor Richard Burkett presents video of Zapara and Shiwar women potters recorded in summer of 2005 for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, May 22, \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mozart's Last Years" — Konrad Oberhuber and Victoria Martino chronicle late baroque, rococo,

and neoclassical/classical art and music from Mozart's point of view, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$19. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Adventure Racing is subject when Robyn Benincasa, captain of Team Merrell/Wigwam and 12-year adventure racing veteran speaks Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Nutrition, gear, teamwork, training, racing strategy. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Technological Advances in Archaeology — including using GPS and geographic information systems in cultural resource management discussed by Nick Doose when San Diego County Archaeological Society meets, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House (Black Mountain Road to Canyonside Park Drive-way; drive west past ballfields, parking lots; follow signs). Free. 619-241-3330. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Medical Nanotechnology: Prospects and Potential Ethical Issues" illuminated by Ed Sheldon, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at University City United Church (2877 Governor Drive). Sheldon has worked in biotech industry for over 20 years as scientist, manager. Free. 858-453-3444. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Using Patriotic Organizations to Trace Your Genealogy" is subject when Phyllis Young and Margaret Read address North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, May 23, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

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A "Multicultural Seminar" including music, history, culture, and quiz on the Philippines, Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., at Bayside Community Center (2202 Comstock Street). Free. 858-576-9566. (LINDA VISTA)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Class repeats Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

The Linspire Operating System illuminated when Tri-City Computer Club gathers, Tuesday, May 23, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Suggested donation: \$. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

Shizian Shinka-Ryu Ikebana flower arranging demonstrated by Kiyoko Honjo when Ikebana International gathers, Wednesday, May 24, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Demonstration of Japanese cooking follows. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Chocolate: Tastings and Trivia" promised on Wednesday, May 24, 1 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Participants learn history and manufacture of chocolate, take part in tastings (bring water to cleanse your palate), learn importance of differential (the amount of cocoa). Free. Registration: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Homenaje a José Alfredo Jiménez" (Homage to Composer José Alfredo Jiménez) offered in Spanish by essayist, satirist, and novelist Carlos Monsivais, Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at San

Diego Museum of Art. \$20. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"San Diego Law and Order," panel discussion on hate crimes in Jewish and lesbian/gay/bisexual/transsexual communities, Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Garden Grove Chief of Police Joseph Polisar, Anti-Defamation League regional director Morris Casuto examine aspects of hate crimes including national trends, local statistics, how legislation surrounding issue affects targeted groups. Free. 858-362-1347. (LA JOLLA)

Magic! Alan Ackerman speaks Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Grand Magic Shop (130 East Grand Avenue). \$20. RSVP: 760-741-0835. (ESCONDIDO)

"Paris on a Shoestring," Kevin Brown and Tamara Smith of Hostelling International divulge "not-to-be-missed places," ac-

commodations, entertainment, and more, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Free. RSVP: 619-544-0055. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Get to Know the Blueberry when varieties, effective growing techniques are discussed during California Rare Fruit Growers meeting, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-846-3337. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

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)

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LOCAL EVENTS

at San Diego Museum of Art. Program boasts Jerome Rothenberg, Roberto Tejada. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"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 Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Elevated" poetry-reading showcases George McDonald, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

Modern, Cohesive, Joyful, Kris Delmhurst performs Monday, May 22, for AcousticMusic-SanDiego. Her concert follows performances by folk-blues singer songwriter Kelly Joe Phelps on Friday, May 19; and I See Hawks in L.A. and Tony Gilkyson on Saturday, May 20. Tickets: \$15, \$20. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Beyond Chinatown: The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California" discussed by author Steven P. Erie, Friday, May 19, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). As urban growth outstrips water supplies, how can global challenge of providing "liquid gold" be met? 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author David Danelo discusses, signs *Blood Stripes*, Friday, May 19, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

Ship of Fools, Madcap Fun! Join *SS Fern Street* for an "around-the-world voyage" with Fern Street's requisite circus fun, May 19-28. Clowns, contortionist, aerial thrills, jugglers, stilt walk-

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Laguna Coast Wilderness Park is a spacious Orange County preserve covering several thousand acres of natural landscape adjacent to Laguna Beach. Emerald Canyon, one of its finer natural features, carves its way down a three-mile linear course from the crest of the San Joaquin Hills toward the ocean. There is no practical or legal access to the canyon from the bottom (city of Laguna Beach) side, but topside a fire road turned recreation trail will get you there via a route entirely on park-owned land.

Hikers and mountain bikers can follow the 8.4-mile round-trip route as described here, which is entirely on fire roads or wide trails. As a somewhat more lengthy option — either on the way out or the way back — hikers and bikers can choose to follow the single-track, semi-overgrown Old Emerald Trail.



Emerald Canyon Trail

Begin at the Willow Canyon Trailhead, which is located on the west side of Laguna Canyon Road, 0.7 mile south of the San Joaquin Hills Toll Road (Highway 73). On foot or by bike, take the dirt road signed Willow Canyon Road 1.5 miles to a turnoff to Laurel Canyon on the right. Stay straight (south) and climb 0.1 mile to an intersection with Bommer Ridge Road. Turn right, proceed 0.1 mile to a dip in the road, and turn left onto Emerald Canyon Road. That "road" — essentially a wide trail — descends along the top of ridge for a mile, through growths of sage, encelia, and monkey flowers

blooming in shades from orange to yellow this time of year.

After a mile on the descending ridge, you arrive on the canyon bottom, at a place where the narrow Old Emerald Trail obscurely branches left. The next 1.5 miles of travel down-canyon is along a more moderate grade, and the scenery is simply gorgeous. Gnarled oaks and sycamores — survivors of repeated firestorms — line the trail, and dense willow growth flanks the canyon's seasonal stream. About halfway down this easy stretch, note the spacious cave poking a large sandstone outcrop on the left, across the canyon bottom.

At 4.2 miles from the start, you arrive at a place where the trail curls sharply downward and a 20-foot-high waterfall lies to the right. This waterfall is more like a "dry fall" in most years, and comes truly alive only with sus-

tained heavy rains. This is a good spot to take a break, and afterward return the way you came.

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sarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry

EMERALD CANYON

Emerald Canyon in Orange County's Laguna Coast Wilderness Park attracts hikers and mountain bikers.

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"TranscenDance," company's summer tour for youth audiences gets underway with debut of "And the Beat Goes On," boasting hip-hop dancing and poetry slamming, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 7 p.m., at Educational Cultural Complex Performing Arts Theatre (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). \$10

general, \$5 for those 18 and younger. 619-255-7784. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Comedian Richard Jeni takes stage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19, at Pala Casino. Tickets: \$20, \$30, \$40, available by calling 760-510-5100, 877-946-7252, or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find casino 15 miles north of Es-

condido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. (PALA)

"Miracles and Marvels," Technomania Circus performances featuring Murrugun and the Carnival Barkers, Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Variety show, black-light show, Dr. Techno, performers including Dr. Hoonose,

Lila Luna, Tax, many others. \$15. "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise" on Saturday, May 20. \$15. 619-231-1950. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Anomas — A Night of Movement and Sound" with Brett Sanders Soul Jazz Quartet, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Host: spoken-word poet Blaque. Tickets: \$10 before 10 p.m., \$15 after. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Blackwaterside, a band known for varied approach to traditional Scottish and Irish music, performs for concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., in Templar Hall at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Celebrity Chef and Restaurateur Ingrid Croce signs and discusses her *San Diego Restaurant Cookbook*, Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m., at Borders Express Fashion Valley (7007 Friars Road). Free. 619-233-4355. (MISSION VALLEY)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert, CD-release party with "minister and trance medium" Elivia Melodey (and her 42 crystal singing bowls), Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals, Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Harmony Grove (2975 Washington Circle). \$20. 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

Hand-Embellishing Artwork before your eyes, artist Hu Jun Di visits Hallmark Gallery (1162 Prospect Street), Saturday, May 20, 4-9 p.m., to offer new originals and limited-edition pieces. RSVP: 858-551-8108. (LA JOLLA)

Author Jack Innis signs *San Diego Legends*, Saturday, May 20, noon, at Rudolph Schiller's Bookstore (2707 Congress Street, suite 2). Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech discusses hiking and signs *Outdoors San Diego*, Saturday, May 20, noon, at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Former Marine Lieutenant and Desert Storm Veteran turned comedian James P. Connolly performs for North County Funnies along with Jonathan Got-



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sick, Saturday, May 20. Monthly "PG-rated" comedy show combining sketch comedy and stand-up comedy commences at 8 p.m. at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$18 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Spirit Medium, author Linda Pynaker helps "channel your spirit guides and angels through guided imagery," Saturday, May 20, 2:30 p.m., at Home and Soul Bookstore and Gifts (8036 La Mesa Boulevard). She'll sign *Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals* afterwards. Free. 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebrated with performances of Thai blessing dance, Korean drum dance, *kayagum* music, Japan mixed chorus, folk dances from Taiwan and Philippines, more — Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

Adult Language Embellished with Colorful Metaphors! All-age stand-up comedy show with Jon O, Gordon Downs, Gus Arrendonado, Jason Bang, Joe King, and Fia Perera, Saturday, May 20, 8:30 p.m., Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Free. 619-COFFEE-5. (MISSION VALLEY)

Unraveled Improv Troupe presents "completely improvised musical comedy," Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Donations appreciated. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Least Appealing Name in the Sea? Could belong to sea slugs, also known as nudibranchs. Underwater photographer and author David Behrens discusses facts about biology and behavior of nudibranchs, signs his new book, Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). General admission: \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

Music of Trinidad promised when Carlyeon Akka performs Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Concert admission by donation; \$6.50 for following dinner at 5 p.m. (free for those under 10). 760-439-4099. (SOUTH OCEANSIDE)

"Movie Magic — A Tribute to the Silver Screen" presented by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). Tickets: 760-436-6137. (CARLSBAD)

"Eleanor's Story — An American Girl in Hitler's Germany" signed, discussed by local author Eleanor Ramrath Garner, Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street; 858-270-8642). Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sunset Poets host poetry reading by Joe Milosch, Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Reading followed by open-mike reading. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

Community Picnic and Play Day benefiting Difference Makers International, Sunday, May 21, 1-7 p.m., at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Performers include Strictly Passion Dancers, Kev, and Jim Earp (4 p.m.), Mesa College Concert Jazz Band, Serena's Middle Eastern Dancers, face painting, swing

dance lessons, booths, barbecue dinner. \$20 general, \$10 for those 12 and younger. 858-382-3657. (POWAY)

"The Adult Scholar and the Arts: Minnie Swanson Music Festival" is Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado. Festival showcases bands, orchestras, choruses, and ceramics display. Free. 858-488-1128. (BALBOA PARK)

Southern Noir Mystery Author Ace Atkins signs, discusses *White Shadow*, Monday, May 22, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Craig Wright's Play *The Pavilion* presented during staged reading by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Can a Divine Passion Ever Be Forgotten? Kalidasa's *Shakuntala* is showcased during Classic Reading Series, Monday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

Be a Part of the Madness! San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, May 22, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Spectators: \$2, competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open-Mike Poetry Night, Monday, May 22, 8 p.m., at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Showcase Nights of Film Scenes and Monologues by D.J. Sullivan's workshop on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 22, 24, and 25, 7 p.m., at Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Free. 858-274-1731. (HILLCREST)

Detective and Author Tom Basinski discusses his new book *No*

Good Deed: A Shocking True Story of Jealousy, Rage, and Murder, Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Insights into the Mind from everyday experiences to philosophical conundrums of consciousness shared by V.S. Ramachandran, M.D. — director of Brain and Perceptual Process Laboratory and Center for Brain Cognition, UCSD — Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). He'll discuss, sign his recent books, *Phantoms in the Brain*, *A Brief Tour of Human Consciousness*. 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Sound Off! *The Few and the Proud: Marine Corps Drill Instructors in Their Own Words* signed, discussed by Larry Smith, Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Special Warfare throughout Human Civilization chronicled in *To Dare and to Conquer* by Derek Leebaert, which he'll sign and discuss on Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

SPORTS

Sun and Surf Quarterhorse Show runs Thursday through Sunday, May 18-21, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Padres are in Seattle for games against Mariners, May 19-21, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Pads return to Petco Park to host Atlanta Braves, May 22-24, at 7:05 p.m. each night. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Hoops at the Beach, more than 150 teams expected to participate at 19th Annual Jack-in-the-Box 3-on-3 Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, at Crown Point Shores. Slam-dunk contests, three-point shootout, free-throw challenge. Registration: 619-283-5808. (MISSION BEACH)

2006 Corr Lucas Oil Truck Racing Series hits Chula Vista on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. Gates open at 7 a.m.; practice runs start at 9 a.m., with racing at 1 p.m. Tickets: \$20–\$50 general, \$10 for kids. 866-501-CORR. To reach track, take I-805 to Olympic Parkway exit, head east to La Media, follow signs. (CHULA VISTA)

Take the Old Castle Road Ramble with Knickerbikers bicyclists, Saturday, May 20. The 43-mile starts at 9 a.m. at Old California restaurant row (1020 San Marcos Boulevard), heads into backcountry of San Marcos, Escondido. Bring snacks, water, money for lunch at Zip & Zack's Filling Station. 760-525-9770. (SAN MARCOS)

International Walk/Run for Celiac Disease is Saturday, May 20, at South Shores Park. The

1k starts at 7:30 a.m., 5k steps off at 8 a.m. 858-268-1250. (MISSION BAY)

What Is CrossFit? Explanatory seminar and demonstration, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m., at CrossFit San Diego (1401 E Street). Free. 619-726-4298. (DOWNTOWN)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride starting at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Great Strides Walks to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation planned Saturday, May 20, at De Anza Cove; and Sunday, May 21, at Magee Park. Registration at 8 a.m., walking at 9 a.m. Registration: 858-578-2945. (MISSION BAY, CARLSBAD)

CSUS Surf Competition, Saturday, May 20, 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m., at Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 760-722-6363. (OCEANSIDE)

The 20th Annual Bay Bridge four-mile run/walk starts at 8 a.m., Sunday, May 21, at Fifth Avenue and Harbor Drive. Participants run along Harbor and across Coronado Bridge, finish in Coronado's Tidelands Park. 760-736-3548. (GASLAMP QUARTER, CORONADO)

Lucha Libre Live! Enjoy Mexican wrestling by Super Muneco, Los Pandilleros, Huracan Ramirez Sr., many others, Sunday, May 21, 6:30 p.m., at Southwest High School (1685 Hollister Avenue). Tickets: \$15–\$20, kids free. 619-977-4323. (NESTOR)

Walk for Mental Health hosted by San Diego Center for Children, Sunday, May 21, 7:30 a.m. The 5k walk starts at De Anza Cove, continues to Tecolote Shores, back to cove. Pledge. 858-569-2148. (MISSION BAY)

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String Quartet, Friday, May 19, Neurosciences Institute.

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Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday-night bicycle racing season continues May 23, 6:30–9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

Bicycle the Hills of Clairemont with Sierra Club bicyclists on Tuesday, May 23. Expect moderate hills, peppy pace, distance of 21–35 miles. Ride starts at 5:15 p.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for post-ride dinner. 858-974-4871. (CLAIREMONT)

Hoehn Motors Del Mar Criterion Series bicycling competition concludes with racing on Wednesday, May 24, 3–7:30 p.m., in Del Mar Fairgrounds parking lot. Riders ten and older may race. Free for spectators; riders pay \$15 per race. 760-613-3416. (DEL MAR)

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Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival, May 18–20, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wide variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. 801-463-1200. (DEL MAR)

"Art-at-6" slated for Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., at Hotel Solamar (435 Sixth Avenue). Art on exhibit by Victor Angelo, art auction, hors d'oeuvres and hosted wine bar. Free admission; proceeds benefit Dress for Success San Diego. RSVP: 619-295-8232. (EAST VILLAGE)

Book Cellar at Rancho Santa Fe Library features half-price book sale, Thursday–Saturday, May 18–20, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Find library at 17040

Avenida de Acacias (at La Granada). 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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)

Seasoned and Novice Art Collectors alike beckoned to silent auction benefit at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Artwork on display through reception on Friday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.; auction closes in stages beginning at 8 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Show Off Your Body Art during Body Art Expo, May 19–21, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show boasts over 250 artists, tattoo contests,

side shows, on-site tattooing and body piercing, entertainment, more. Hours: 1–11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20 per day, \$30 for two days, \$40 for three days; free for those under 10. 626-961-6522. (DEL MAR)

Chula Vista Quilters Guild hosts annual quilt show, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Community Congregational Church (276 F Street). Over 150 quilts on display, vendors, hand-quilting demonstration. \$5. (CHULA VISTA)

Art Fest, outdoor art show with library artists and other local artists, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Series highlights "hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members." Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Urban Trees 3" — year-long public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) opens on Saturday, May 20. Meet artists, enjoy games and activities on 20th, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Ibsen's Enemy of the People provides fodder when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day on Saturday, May 20, at Norge Lodge (2006 East Vista Way). Social hour (5 p.m.), meatball dinner (6 p.m.), singing of Norwegian national anthem by children of Barnas Norsk Klubb, music by Robert and Natasha Undheim. \$24 general. Reservations: 760-729-4458. (VISTA)

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

Annual Genealogy Books and Periodicals Sale hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Knitting Circle — hook up with other knitters to "share ideas, make new friends, help each other," Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Recently "De-Accessioned" Paintings from Carlsbad Historical Society's collection will be offered during silent auction, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). Magee House and barn tours, local artists

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San Diego River Day RiverFest, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to ride trolley between Old Town transit station and Qualcomm transit station to Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway); live music, Native American storytelling, hula dancing, more. Free. 619-236-7053. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fourteenth Annual Santa Ysabel Art Festival, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Juried fine arts festival with live music, poetry, artists on hand. Free admission. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Spring Garden Festival, this “garden party” is Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Gardening workshops, water-wise demonstrations, design advice, children’s activities, live entertainment, plant sale, more. 619-660-0614. Free. (EL CAJON)

Learn About Tea from tea specialist Michael Figgins during tea tasting exploring characteristics and elements of teas, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Escondido Street Faire, Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., along Grand Avenue (between Centre City Parkway and Ivy Street). International food, live entertainment, over 700 arts and crafts booths, children’s rides. Admission: free. 760-745-2125. (ESCONDIDO)

The House of Italy hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of the Arts in Bayside Park is Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., with San Diego Chamber Orchestra pops-style performance, three stages of live entertainment, fine-art exhibits and demonstrations, children’s activities, and food vendors. Free admission. Exit I-5 at J Street/Marina

Parkway, head west, follow signs. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Meet Over 200 Greyhounds during 15th annual greyhound reunion picnic, Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Lake O’Neill on Camp Pendleton. Greyhound contests, pet nail salon, pet photos, picnic lunch. Tickets: \$10, \$15. Leashed dogs welcome. 619-588-6611. (CAMP PENDLETON)

North Park Festival of the Arts, a juried art event on University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets), is Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Live entertainment, vendor booths, carnival games, children’s activities. Free. 619-294-2501. (NORTH PARK)

Festivale Siciliano is Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., on India Street. Continuous entertainment, food (for sale), music by Roman Holiday Ensemble, arts and crafts, kids’ rides. Free admission. 619-469-2206. (LITTLE ITALY)

Yoga by the Bay, hatha yoga classes every Sunday, 3–4 p.m., on lawn south of Mission Bay Hilton (1775 East Mission Bay Drive).

Wear loose comfortable clothing, bring yoga mat. 858-274-9162. (MISSION BAY)

“Intelligence — What It Is, How It Should Be Measured, Is It Overrated?” Discuss Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

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)

“The Art Linkletter Collection” is on view through Friday, September 8, in donor corridor of San Diego State University’s Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The “media legend” and SDSU alumnus recently donated his archives to SDSU, including television scripts, scrapbooks, photographs,

many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

FOR KIDS

“Godspell” presented by Young Actors Theatre, May 18–20, at Avocado Elementary (345 Avocado School Road). Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10

children under 12, \$9 matinees. 619-670-1627. (LA MESA)

Pick a Flower Fantasy when Puppet Express performs through Sunday, May 21, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Sleeping Beauty* presented by Weaver’s Tales, May 24–28.

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)

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

"Marine Slugs: Beautiful or Dangerous?" Get slimed as you learn about marine slugs and their relatives during family program, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, crafts, more. Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Asking for Eyes: The Visual Voice of Southeast Asia" provides theme for family open studio event on Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Exhibit tours, art-making workshops for family. Materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

Explore the Human Body when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, May 20, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment"

to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

What Looks Like a Poodle and Can Fly? Find out when state reptile "William" and some of his relatives are on hand for docent-led hike on Saturday, May 20, 6–8:45 p.m., at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Dress warmly; bring flashlight for hike back to trailhead in dark. Free. Find Blue Sky on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Required reservations: 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun on Sunday, May 21, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For kids four–eight years old. Free. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2251. (LINDA VISTA)

Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the San Diego Museum of Art during family festival, Sunday, May 21, noon–4 p.m. Art activities, storytelling, time-capsule project, taiko drumming, exhibit tours, Eveoke Dance Theatre performances, classical music, much more. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Children's Author John Ritter discusses, signs *Under the Baseball Moon*, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book is set in Ocean Beach. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Mozart promised when San Diego Symphony Target Family Concert Series continues with ensemble performance, Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., at East Valley Civic Center (2245 East Valley Parkway). Free; seating is limited. 760-839-4396. (ESCONDIDO)

OUT & ABOUT

COMEDIAN
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Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday, May 25, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Free. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Super Grover! Ready for Action" hits stage at ipayOne Center, June 22–25. Super Grover loses his "superness," and Sesame Street needs a hero; never fear, your favorite Sesame Muppet friends are here. Healthy habits taught through Broadway-style song and dance.

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MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Horse: How the Horse Has Shaped Civilization



J. Edward Chamberlain

By J. Edward Chamberlain
BlueBridge, 2006; \$24.95; 288 pages,
including 25 black and white illustrations

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Ever since the dawn of human history, horses have held a mystical sway over our imagination: we respect and revere them like no other animal. We have conceived them as both domesticated and free, both belonging to our civilization and to the wild. At first, it was an encounter of death, as prehistoric humans hunted horses, all across the steppes of Asia and throughout Europe. But they also painted

horses full of grace and beauty on the walls of their caves, and gave them a central place in their songs and sacred rituals. Long before the invention of writing and the wheel, horses began to shape the way humans lived.

Drawing on archaeology, biology, art, literature, and ethnography, *Horse* illuminates the relationship between humans and horses throughout history – from Alexander the Great to Genghis Khan, from the Moors in Spain and the knights in France to the great horse cultures of native America. From the Ice Age to the Industrial Age, horses pro-

vided sustenance, transportation, status, companionship, and the ability to establish and expand empires.

Horse is the utterly fascinating and marvelously enlightening story of horses and humans.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Blogcritics.org*: Few creatures have had an impact upon the human psyche like the horse. In today's urban and technological cocoon it is often difficult to truly grasp the value of something as seemingly archaic as a horse. Even as the "wild west" was gasping for breath beneath the advancing hordes of settlers, there were those who chose to label the horses of the Native Americans as little more than "worthless" beasts. And today there are many who fail to see any real point in the often lavish attention and expense associated with horses, from the cult of the cowboy to the pomp and circumstance of dressage and other forms of horsemanship.

But as J. Edward Chamber-

lain eloquently articulates in his new book, for many centuries the horse shaped and often defined human culture. Horses constituted critical components of both the nomadic culture and the "settlement" society. They became an integral component of human warfare. And they often featured prominently in myths, legends, dreams, and nightmares.

Chamberlain, a professor of English and comparative literature at the University of Toronto, draws extensively upon an eclectic array of archaeology, biology, art, and literature to illustrate the enduring relationship between man and horse throughout recorded history. Horses may have first been a source of food, but they quickly became something more. Over time, the relationship evolved, and horses offered man everything from transportation, status, companionship, and the mechanism for dominance in combat.

More of a playful exploration than a painstaking histor-

ical work, *Horse* has several fanciful departures in which Chamberlain muses about such things as what horses might have been able to tell man and what the first encounters between horses and Native Americans might have been. He explores the role of the horse as more than a material possession and as a spiritual or metaphysical image. He recounts tales of horses in a variety of contexts, be it work or play and in a variety of artistic manifestations. He notes the ways in which horses have been harnessed, as well as the perceptions associated with them, including the idea that in many ancient cultures it was deemed the hallmark of a barbarian to ride *upon* a horse. Civilized men, it seems, rode *behind* their horses, in chariots, carts, or the like.

Horse is a clever book fueled largely by Chamberlain's clear passion for his subject. As the grandson of an Alberta rancher, he has bred horses and been fascinated by them for much of his

life. Here he translates that love and knowledge into an interesting book that is less a recounting of history than it is an introspective reflection upon it. From the nuances of training techniques, both ancient and modern, to the cultural variances associated with color and breeding of animals, there is much to learn from Chamberlain's book. Not the least of which is the enduring value and power of the horse as one of the defining aspects of human history.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

J. Edward Chamberlain is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto and visiting professor at the University of Michigan. He was the Senior Research Associate with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in Canada and has worked extensively on native land claims around the world. His books include *If This Is Your Land, Where Are Your*

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"A horse is extraordinarily sensitive – literally speaking, because it's a prairie animal who has survived over millennia."

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644)

are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either

as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have

been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Ted Chamberlain is in town talking up his new book, *Horse*.

arian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Puyamaca College campus, 12110 Puyamaca College Drive West. (9-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is lo-

"That's probably the oldest and toughest question there is. A horse is extraordinarily sensitive — literally speaking, because it's a prairie animal who has survived over millennia. It's got a kind of intelligence and certainly a sensitivity, partly through its feet and, some folks say, through its teeth. The horse is alert for enemies. How sensitive to humans? People who spend a lot of time with horses would say very. I

Ted brushes back his white mane of hair. "Horses can be fiercely territorial too," he says. "There's an old mare that I had—a wonderful mother. She had some lovely foals. On her own, though, she was a piece of work. In the summertime and into the fall, I'd let her loose with the younger horses and with other

Ted Chamberlain stirs his drink. "Yes, even early cave painters had a sense of their wonderful

He nods. "They did and indeed, they still do. Or at least, people still eat them. There isn't much hunting these days because there are no more wild herds.

"How did the mares keep the stallions in line?" I ask.

cated in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music, “Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered” is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas,

and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston over 100 years ago. Howe-Orme were awarded a series of patents for “the uniqueness of their functional design features and style.” Through April 2007.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique

exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

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

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia.

donated by former employees.
Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommis-

sioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dinosaurs: Reel and Robotic," on view through December, demonstrates how dinosaurs first came to life in movies, follows their transformation over the years through artistic portrayal and advances in scientific information and technology. Exhibit includes original movie memorabilia, posters, models, dino dig box, giant robotic dinosaurs.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

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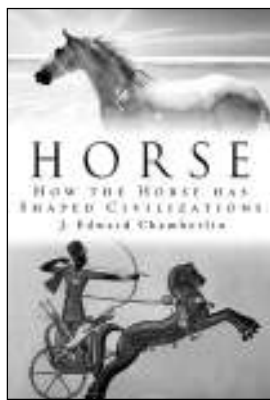
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"Well," he smiles, "I guess in the same way mares always keep us stallions in line. But there was only one stallion in a herd of mares and foals. The others would be out in bachelor groups."

"These bachelors followed?"
"At a distance. And they would do the things bachelors do. You know, getting into fights every now and then, trying to break in on the old stallion leader, challenging him, probably getting bashed by him. And at some stage, the old guy would get tired and another one would move in to displace him."

"In many cultures, you write, great leaders were sent to the next world with their horse."

"Yes. Chinese did so. The

Central Asian cultures. Kazakhs. The Scythians. Native American tribes on the plains. The sacrifice of horses accompanied the death of Blackfoot chiefs, for instance. Before the horse was put down, they would paint him with pictographs. The tail was braided and tied in a ball, the mane ornamented with feathers. The Nez Perce actually skinned and stuffed horses and placed these as grave monuments. Some tribes hung their skins at the gravesite."

"And some of this goes on to this day."

"Yes. To this day, in Kazakhstan, an owner's horse is ceremonially slaughtered a year after its master's death. Then races are held so that the deceased can hear the thunder of hooves. Great leaders went to the afterlife with their favorite horses. Muhammad was a great lover of horses and ascended to heaven on his horse."

"Were horses otherwise sacrificed too?"

"They were. This was widespread. Drinking and bathing in the blood of horses also. In 732, the pope actually outlawed the eating of horse meat. Buddhism forbade it as well. Some believe there were concerns about its competing with religious rituals. Eating horse flesh

seemed a threat to and competitive with some religious ceremonies — Christianity being the obvious example — where eating and drinking is central to ritual."

"So horses were held in high regard. In Assyria, you note, a horse was worth 30 slaves. Or 500 sheep."

"Quite so."

"Is it true horses don't sleep much?"

"They don't sleep much, no. They get by on three or four hours, and they sleep in very short snatches."

"And they drink quite a lot each day."

"Nearly ten gallons. Some breeds can go remarkably long without water, but normally horses drink a surprising amount."

"And, like my cat, they don't throw up."

"I don't know about your cat, but that's correct. Horses don't throw up. They can't physiologically."

I squint against the sun sinking into New Jersey at the other end of 17th Street. "How fast do they run?"

"Forty miles an hour, certainly. And they have great endurance. They'll run ten miles an hour for a hundred miles."

"You make a provocative statement, saying that horses

really invented war as we know it."

"I do. They provided humans with a way of waging war en masse, and of waging a kind of guerrilla warfare. They were the single most important vehicle of war. Alexander the Great was probably the first great horse warrior. His horse died at 30. Alexander named a city after him."

"I'm quoting from your book: 'It was on horseback that the warriors from the Scythians to the Huns, from Alexander the Great to Genghis Khan, and from the Muslim colonizers and the Christian crusaders to the Spanish conquistadors and the Indians of the plains, conquered and controlled the empires they created and caught the imagination of the world.' Wow. Do you think the invention of the stirrup is on a par with the invention of the wheel?"

"Yes, I do. And Attila the Hun is credited with popularizing it. Though riders in India used big-toe stirrups nearly a thousand years earlier."

"In my youth," I say, "the godfather of my friend's girlfriend was a Mexican bullfighter. And when he retired as a matador, he took up bull fighting on horseback, *rejoindre*. He never touched

"He actually rode his horse into the burning ring to show his control."

the reins, as he was busy doing whatever to the bull. Yet he had total control. He demonstrated this on film once. To dry an arena after rain, they would douse the sand with gasoline and light it. He actually rode his horse into the burning ring to show his control. He maneuvered the stallion around the arena as flames leapt all around them, and never once touched the reins."

"Those kinds of examples are wonderful," Ted enthuses, "and they do remind everybody that you don't need all the paraphernalia in many circumstances. Some of the greatest riders are able to do all kinds of things with horses that don't involve bits or reins or bridles."

"You're a professor of English and Comparative Lit at the University of Toronto, and you also teach at the University of Michigan. I happen to know that you have also gotten involved

in Indian land claims, native land claims. How did this happen?"

"Back in the early '70s, partly by accident. I wrote a book on the attitudes of early settlers to aboriginal people, the Indians and Eskimos in North America."

"*The Harrowing of Eden*."

"That's right. And it involved my interest in stories and story telling, and the literature of native peoples, much of it performed rather than written down, telling about who they are, where they belong, how they came there, how long they've been there. A judge named Thomas Berger read my book and asked me to take part in the inquiry. And I did that. I took a leave and was there for a year or two. I did the same kind of thing in Alaska."

"I will horse-trade you my copy of *Horse* for a copy of *The Harrowing of Eden*."

"I don't think so."

— Juris Jurjević

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

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

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

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Mu-

seum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and mu-

seum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on

life. The Lynne and Howard Robins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a

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

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Pianist Yefim Bronfman joins San Diego Symphony for final “Jacobs’ Masterworks” concerts 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)

St. Lawrence String Quartet performs Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes Haydn's "String Quartet No. 2," "String Quartet No. 8 in C Minor" by Shostakovich, Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 15 in A Minor." \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Pipe Organ Concert with organist Alison Luedecke, Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Guest performers: Susan Barrett (oboe), Conrad D. Bruderer (viola). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Iranian Classical Guitarist Lily Afshar, head of University of Memphis's guitar program, plans solo recital, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$30 general. 858-653-0336. (LA JOLLA)

"Solo Time," North Coast Symphony Orchestra and local musicians plan concerts on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Program includes pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Berlioz, MiraCosta guitar

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"Mozart: Past, Present, and Potential" takes "evolutionary look" at composer's music in three-part performance utilizing "classical period instruments, modern-day instruments, and live, digitally reactive visual interpretations," Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$12. Required reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

Emerging Artist Series showcases Antares ensemble, Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m., in Center Theater at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$20. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Sights and Sounds of Bach Country" explored in concert by organist Janice Fehér, Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Program begins with Jan Sweelink, traces history to Bach era, continues with Eisenach, ending with Bach's last position in Leipzig. 619-232-7513. Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

"Americana," Grossmont Symphony Orchestra in concert featuring pieces by Corigliano, Thomson, Gershwin, Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Featured pianist: Mary Barranger. \$12 general. 619-644-2277. (EL CAJON)

"The Olde School: Medieval, Elizabethan, and Traditional Songs from England and Scotland" promised when La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church (5050 Milton

Street). Offering. 858-459-2019.
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music on tap when Cynthia Darby
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619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Art of Bel Canto" explored in concert by soprano Kathleen Halm, mezzo-soprano Janelle De Stefano, tenor Tom Oberjat, baritone David Marshall, pianist Timothy Todd Simmons, Sunday, May 21, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Selections by Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti. Reception: 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$17 at door. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Great Hymns of the Faith" explored in concert with 150-voice choir, brass, percussion, handbells, and organ, Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Guest Organist Jackson Borges performs Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Indian Classical Music presented by students of Kartik Sesshadri, Monday, May 22, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Mozart promised when San Diego Symphony Target Family Concert Series continues with ensemble performance, Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., at East

Valley Civic Center (2245 East Valley Parkway). Free; seating is limited. 760-839-4396. (ESCONDIDO)

Piano Performance by UCSD graduate student Nina Sun Eidsheim, Tuesday, May 23, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Listen for pieces by G.F. Handel, Anne LeBaron, Wadada Leo Smith, Eidsheim. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

"Celebrating Shostakovich — Piano and Voice" presented for San Diego Jewish Music Festival, Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Neal Brostoff leads ensemble with musicians and vocalists in concert boasting selections by Braun, Yiddish folk songs, and composer and pianist Joseph Dorfman playing his "Piano Trio" in memory of Shostakovich. \$19 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

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Piano Students of Aleck Karis present their recent work, Thursday, May 25, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"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. Awards reception is Friday, May 19, 5 p.m. 619-561-2280. (EL CAJON)

"The Unholy Trinity — Guy Lombardo, Weston Riffe, Ken Aldrich" exhibit assortment of "contemporary, traditional, and experimental art works," beginning with reception, Friday, May 19, 5 p.m., at People's Gallery (4765 Voltaire Street). 619-589-1024. Through Saturday, August 19. (OCEAN BEACH)

Fourteenth Annual Santa Ysabel Art Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Juried fine-arts festival with live music, poetry, artists on hand. Free admission. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

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Buddy Guy Aug. 16
Los Lonely Boys Aug. 16
Shakira Aug. 16
Red Hot Chili Peppers Aug. 22
Def Leppard/Journey Aug. 23
Randy Travis Aug. 25
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James Gang Sept. 9
Bonnie Raitt Sept. 13
Dwight Yoakam Sept. 14
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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)

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly,” includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and

the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana” opening on Saturday, May 20, documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores “subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world.” Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana” opening on Saturday, May 20, documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores “subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of

accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world.” Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 3.

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: Pio-

neering 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.” Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Concurrently, see “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 close 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, “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.

“American Ceramics 1884–1972” demonstrates depth of museum’s holdings, with examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggles. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, “Traditions in Transition: Russian Icons from the Age of the Romanovs” 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. Through Tuesday, August 15.

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Punx, Unite! After being burned in a pay-to-play ticket scam, Troy Troyus of the Abrasives formed Punx Union to organize shows for

noticed that this is a genre where there's not a lot of professionals," says Troyus. "As you know, most of the performers, other than the touring bands, are usually kids. So, it's really easy to take advantage of them and almost even extort money from them. After dealing with that, we got off our asses

organized ten shows in the past seven months. "After the show, I'll take all the money and just put it on a table with one person from each band and tell them, 'This is all the money. This much has to go to the touring band. This much has to go to the venue, this much has to cover my costs. So, this much is for you. Is that fair? Do you have any problems?' " See www.myspace.com/punxunion.

— Larry Harmon

"They contacted us." Strangers Six guitarist Luke Johnson said his three-year-old local band didn't have to lift a telephone to get on MTV2. "They were following how many hits we got on purevolume.com. That and myspace.com." Based on their song download volume ("We've been averaging 300 hits a day"), Johnson said a four-man production crew hired by MTV2 was in town last week to record a day in the life of Strangers Six. He said the footage will be used for an upcoming episode of a new series called *On the Rise*, which exposes bands that

appear to be breaking out. "They said they wanted to do a piece on a handful of San Diego bands. I heard Accident Experiment, My American Heart, and Black Heart Procession are on it too. It will air in July. They shot us in our practice studio and eating lunch at Antonelli's in El Cajon. We then went to 91X, and they interviewed us with [DJ] Marco Collins. The last place was at Soma. That was the first place we ever played. We got booked there before we even had a band. Me and [lead singer] Aaron [Thompson] had a demo, and that got us booked. We

High Impact Metal Blade Records' all-metal roster of 20-plus bands was known for

Dying front man Tim Lambesis by giving him his own label called High Impact



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local and touring acts. With the help of his band members and other musicians, Troyus began booking shows at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos and, until recently, the La Mesa Women's Club. "[Some promoters]



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and started doing it ourselves." Punx Union has



STRANGERS SIX – ON THE RISE

had a month to get a band together."

— Ken Leighton

death metal (Cattle Decapitation, Cannibal Corpse, Goatwhore), progressive metal (Fates Warning, Psychotic Waltz), and hard-rock names that go back to the 1980s (Armored Saint). Three years ago the 24-year-old label signed North County-based As I Lay Dying, who played a less extreme style of metal. As I Lay Dying's second Metal Blade release, *Shadows Are Security*, sold more than 200,000.

Last week Metal Blade said thank you to As I Lay

Recordings. "It will be based right here in San Marcos," said Lambesis, 25. He said Metal Blade would fund the label and handle the day-to-day chores of promotion, publicity, and marketing. Like Metal Blade, High Impact would be distributed by Red/Sony.

Lambesis gets to sign his own bands. The first High Impact release will be by Covina-based metalcore band Love Ends Suicide. Lambesis says his immediate plans for High Impact include starting with a roster of four bands.

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"I'd like to release two [new releases] in the first year and two the next year."

Lambesis said he introduced Metal Blade to Uneath, a young Boston band he discovered that has racked up 200,000 units in sales. "I recommended them, and I was partially responsible for getting them signed."

Lambesis managed As I Lay Dying when it was formed in 2001 but gave up managing when the band signed to Metal Blade. "But I got the experience to take a band to the next level." Lambesis managed Destroy the Runner (recently signed to Seattle indie label Solid State). He said he managed them on a handshake deal. "We didn't have a contract. Those guys were friends of mine. I just wanted to help them get to the next level."

Lambesis also managed local band Strangers Six. He did not say it would be his next band signed to High Impact, but he did say they have a new, L.A.-based manager who is shopping their record. "It's a conflict to manage a band and have them on your own label."

Lambesis and As I Lay Dying are currently on a tour of Japan (where they are headlining) and Australia (where they open for Story of the Year). As I Lay Dying will headline the "Sounds of the Underground" tour this summer.

— Ken Leighton

Heavy Metal Taxi

"People like to keep the party going between clubs." To pay the rent, metal drummer Kurt McCracken drives a cab for San Diego Taxi. He says 60 to 70 percent of his clients are regulars who ask for the Heavy Metal Taxi. McCracken said he has been playing drums for 23 years. "I started when I was seven." He moved to New York and Boston to play in metal bands before moving back here 4 years ago. He now plays in Medius. "It's a medical term for middle finger. It sounds like Pantera on steroids mixed with Slipknot. It's just straight-up metal."

When he works, McCracken brings along his collection of 200 CDs. Sometimes he throws on Medius. "I play my band, and I don't say who it is. This way I get an honest opinion. Only a couple times out of hundreds did people say, 'Turn that shit off.'"

His only celebrity headbanger client so far has been Dave Mustaine of Megadeth. Mustaine lives in Fallbrook but occasionally hangs out in San Diego. McCracken says his regulars are other rockers who like to shuttle between Brick by Brick, 'Canes, and House of Blues. "It's the same laws as a limo. You can drink in the back seat, but you can't drink in the front."

McCracken said the Heavy Metal Taxi is almost as good as the Internet for networking. "Sometimes you get A&R guys in the cab. Plus

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The sound system in McCracken's taxi is driven by a 1200-watt amp. "I have a ten-inch speaker in the trunk. I would have two or three back there, but there are laws that allow [cab drivers] only so much private space. I had to make it to spec so it would be legal."

The police have noticed the noise. "They told me to turn it down a bunch of times. They'll look at me and point down." McCracken said he always complies. "I

good bands around. Whatever metalheads there are in San Diego, they're going to like Medius. Once we come out with our new record, we're going to crush San Diego."

— Ken Leighton

Walls Have History The Kraken in Carlsbad celebrates 30 years' operating in the same locale on Saturday, May 20. There will be an afternoon barbeque and Blue Heat and other local bands performing in the evening. "I opened up in May of 1976," says owner Doug Aldred. "It was a condemned building at the time, and it would have fallen down if we'd tried to move it. I lost it in a divorce in 1978 but got it back a couple of years later."

In addition to hosting local and national bands, the venue has seen several surprise celebrity visits, commemorated in photos on the club walls, including one of Rod Stewart (whose then-wife, model Rachel Hunter, refused to pose for pictures). "They stopped by on their way to the Del Mar racetrack and had a couple of pops," says Aldred. "Jimmy Buffett's been in here, Angie Dickinson, a couple of the

Allman Brothers. About five years ago, Emmylou Harris drove down from L.A. and did a two-hour benefit concert for a local young man who was having a problem. Oh, and Evel Knievel's been in a few times. One time, he was drinking Wild Turkey and drove off over the curb as he left."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"New Yorkers really like San Diego music,"

says Grams guitarist Chuck Schiele, who has played or promoted around a dozen NYC shows during the past year. "They came. They clapped. They bought CDs. All the New York musicians have the impression that we have a very healthy music scene."

Schiele has booked several SoCal bands at famed Gotham venues such as the Bitter End, Kenny's Castaways (where Joey Ramone met Dee Dee Ramone at a NY Dolls

concert), the C Note (now closed), and CBGB, which will probably close in



THEY CAME, THEY CLAPPED, THEY BOUGHT CDS

October when its lease is up. "The peeps at that club are all cool and nice but seem a little on edge," says Schiele. "I think they've grown just as tired of the 'future of CBGB' question as they are of 'what does [marquee sign] OMFUG mean?' But they still buy me drinks and they always record my set..."

The Grams appear at Lestat's in Normal Heights on May 28.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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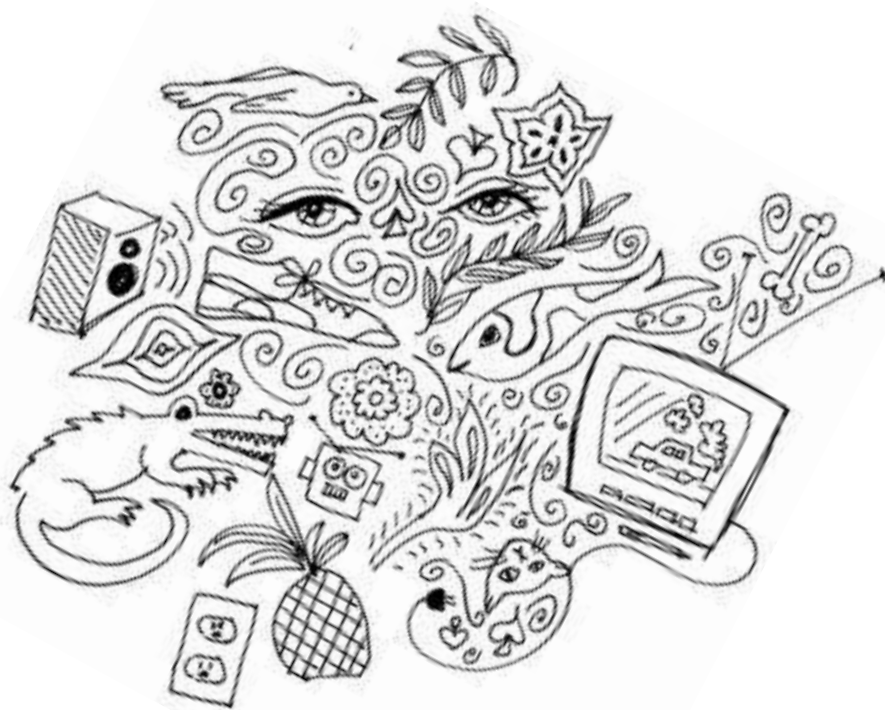


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don't want to rock the boat too much."

But I note that SD isn't known as a heavy-metal city. "Hopefully we can bring that back. I hear there are a few



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TRAVEL AGENTS

"The name was adopted from a classic *Dragnet* episode that dealt with psychoactive drugs like LSD, and 'travel agent' was a term for someone who guided you on your trip, so to speak. It could refer to a dealer, or also a spiritual guide, such as a Timothy Leary type. The show was so absurd and comical, with the *Dragnet* cops asking tripped-out dopers, 'Who's your travel agent, kid?' Since the band does psychedelic music in the style of the Grateful Dead and other bands from that era and genre, we decided it was a good fit. Ironically, I have since become an actual travel agent." — Frank Lazzaro, drummer. The Travel Agents perform May 26 at the Kraken.

FUNKY POX

"Three of us in this seven-piece funk, soul, and R&B band are biotech research scientists, including one Ph.D. The name originated from a lyric in the 1973 Tower of Power song 'Soul Vaccination.' We promote our band as having infectious grooves, and not just because the bassist, keyboardist, and guitarist spend our daytime hours researching viruses and enzymes." — Fred Kokaska, guitar/vocals. Funky Pox performs May 20 at the Tiki House.

WOODEN BADGER

"All of us in the band are huge Monty Python fans. The name is a reference to a scene in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* where Bedevere's 'Trojan rabbit' idea fails because they forgot to get into it...Bedevere says, 'Um, look, suppose we built this large wooden badger...' — Tenacious Lee, vocals

7TH DAY BUSKERS

"Busking is a European term for performing on city streets, subways, and at outdoor markets for tips. Before I moved to San Diego, I spent two years in Amsterdam and Ireland as a street musician, playing for tips. I stood out a lot in both places, since I was probably one of only two or three banjo players in the whole country.... When I formed the band here, we had no name at first, it was just a rotating roster of musicians who played — busking — at the Hillcrest farmer's market. We still play there every other Sunday, the seventh day." — Shawn Rohlf, banjo

BAND NAMES

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

MAKAI

"Makai was formed in May 1988 when seven out of the nine members of Devocean left that band due to financial disagreements. Makai in the Hawaiian language means 'towards the ocean' or 'ocean side of the island.' When someone says the Makai side of the island, they mean near the ocean. Since the makeup of the band at that time was mostly islanders and because we had just left Devocean, we decided on Makai. People who have never heard us play sometimes think we play only island music." — Benmar Felizardo, vocals

NETZER

"Netzer is Hebrew for 'branch.' While you don't normally associate a branch with hard rock, this word has a special symbolism for us. The biblical prophet Isaiah talks about a branch from Jesse who will rule with righteousness. We believe that this refers to Jesus. Plus, 'Netzer' sounds cool." — David Kasdan, bass/vocals



7th Day Buskers

TUBBY

"I was asked to put together a band for the Sandbar, so I called a bunch of people I'd always wanted to play with. We met the night of the gig, and I realized we hadn't bothered to come up with a name. The Sandbar had an even smaller stage back then, so I was practically sitting on this big plastic storage tub. Hence, Tubby was born...we still can't agree on a better name." — Neil MacPherson, keyboard. Tubby performs May 27 at O'Connell's.

THE GRAMS

"We got our name from the notion about how the human body loses a total of 21 grams weight upon death and how this is attributed to the weight of the soul leaving the body. I constantly discuss soul matters in my lyrics, so when we heard that notion we knew we were about to sniff out our new name. We were drinking beer at a gig when it came to us." — Chuck Schiele, guitar/vocals. The Grams perform May 28 at Lestat's.

THE SHAMBLES

"Ray Brandes and I were doing an acoustic thing we had dubbed the Fiascoes...Manual Scan was on hiatus around that time, and Ray and I decided to put a band together. One of our first attempts included former M. Scan drummer Brad Wilkins. We were tossing possible names around at a rehearsal, and as a joke we started to riff off of the fiasco theme. Every stupid name got a good laugh, until Brad said 'the Shambles.' We all just stopped and looked at each other. It was us. It was perfect." — Kevin Donaker-Ring, guitar. The Shambles perform May 27 at Lestat's.

WILLIE PSYCHO

"It has nothing to do with my recent hospitalization for alcoholism and depression...it's 'cause I always do something psycho at our shows, like 'moshball,' where I toss a football into the mosh pit and watch 400 people go at it. The security guards at the Masonic Hall really hated it when I did that, but we paid for all the broken tables." — Willie Psycho, vocals ■

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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W.A.S.P. [588] and **Lizzy Borden:** 'Canes, Sunday, May 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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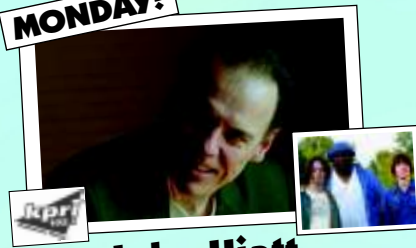


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Friday, September 15 • 8:00

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Temptations
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Friday, September 29 • 7:00

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Donna Summer /625/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Il Divo: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, June 25, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Radiohead /183/: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, June 27, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band /218/: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Lifehouse: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Widespread Panic /129/: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, June 28, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band /218/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Counting Crows /598/ and the **Goo Goo Dolls:** 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.

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Reverend Horton Heat: House of Blues, Sunday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Carrie Underwood: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Rob Thomas and Jewel /881/: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, July 5, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pearl Jam and Sonic Youth: Cox Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

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Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, 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, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Eddie Money /617/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Book Binder /967/: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, July 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Chris Isaak /561/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Beach Boys [569]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys [569]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Slayer [405]: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Hootie & the Blowfish [624]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island
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619-220-8497.

Edwin McCain: House of Blues, Thursday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [621]: Humphrey's
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Taking Back Sunday [553]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Robin Trower [590]: 4th & B,
Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San

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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.

Santana and Mars Volta [292]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 27, downtown San Diego waterfront, 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
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Al Green [950]: Viejas Casino
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Sammy Hagar [567]: Viejas Casino
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AUGUST

Boz Scaggs [613]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [599]: Palomar
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Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Friday, August
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Foreigner [612]: Humphrey's
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Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra [604]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Death Cab for Cutie [392]: Bayside
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Buddy Guy [959] and **Robert Cray:** Vieja Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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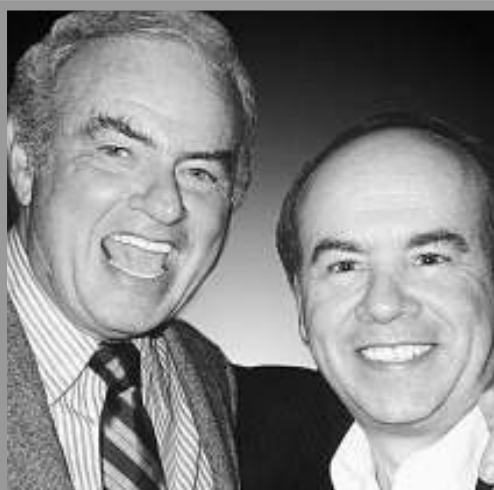
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Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [600]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Red Hot Chili Peppers [299]: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [629] and **Toad the Wet Sprocket:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Def Leppard and Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau and George Benson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [614]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Fogerty: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker [608]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt [593] and **Keb' Mo':** Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, September 13, downtown

San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [777]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, September 23, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations [958]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris [830]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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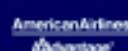
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DJ EVENTS

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or fax information to 619-881-2401 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

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 Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, live hip-hop with DJs Veep Reekins and Mr. Riddles. 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.

Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close; 21 and up. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.

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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Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Triple Shot*, blues.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *FM Revolver*, *Gabriel's Fallen*, and *Gecko*, rock. Friday, *Deadline Friday* and *the Weight*, rock. Saturday, *Ohm*, *Hectic Watermelon*, and *Patient Zero*, rock. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Tower 4* and *Trisula*.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *hed (pe)*, *Mower*, *Subnoize Soulijaz*, and *Planet Earth*. Friday, *the Iron Maidens*, Maiden tribute act, and *Empyre*. Saturday, *Dead Man's Party*, Oingo Boingo tribute, and *the Curse*, Cure tribute band. Sunday, W.A.S.P. and *Lizzy Borden*, rock. Wednesday, *Two for Thirty*, *Half Empty*, *the Fourth Wall*, and *Meld*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Ché Cafe, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Wednesday, *Casey Daniel*, alternative/folk.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Root to Rockets*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Nards*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Nom de Guerre* and *Blues from a Gun*. Friday, *Buckley's Ghost*, *Apeyga*, 760, and *United Division*. Saturday, *Bing Worthington*, *Module*, *Day One*, *Without a Warning*, and *Zo*. Wednesday, *Ocular*.

Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, and Wednesday, live jazz. Sunday, *the Big Band Express*, 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, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

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.

Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego. 858-270-0840. Friday, 9 p.m., *Vintage Honey*, indie.

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., *Patrizia* and *Alan Zundelwick*, traditional jazz/Latin jazz. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Grossmont College Afro-Cuban Ensemble*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Chelsea Flor*, acoustic/pop/rock.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, alternative/rock/funk. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willowalot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*. Saturday, *Funky Pox*. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Big Backyard*, rock. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*, acoustic.

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, *Kan'nal*, shamanic rock. Friday, *Cash'd Out* and *Shoestring Strap*, alternative country/bluegrass. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock, and *Shoestring Strap*, bluegrass. Tuesday, *Giant Bear*, rock. Wednesday, *Moonshine Still* and *Mojo & the Vibration Army*.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open

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Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the A.I.M., Revelation International Groove, M.T. Hollis, Lone Angeles*, and *Unseen the Tablist*. Saturday, *Children of the Grave, Metal Brigade*, and *Eradicate*. Sunday, *Uli Jon Roth* and *E.X.P.* Wednesday, *the Dead Serial Killers, Rikets, Six*, and *Hate Times Nine*.

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. Saturday, DJ event.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80s*. 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.

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues.

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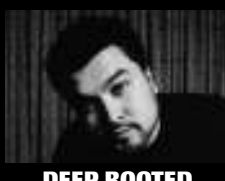
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Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willlovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m., *Electric Soul*, old skool/funk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Christopher Dale, Sweet Tooth*, and *the Citizen Band*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *RDG, Big Toe*, and *Hugh Gaskins*, rock/blues. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Blues from a Gun and Machine*, rock. Wednesday, *Juan Carlos, Billy Candler, APR, Whit Jackson*, and *Variable*, acoustic/rock.

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Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday, *Smoke Staxx*, rock. Saturday, *Nel's Beam*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *the Wild Ones*, classic rock.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless



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My favorite song on *Global Warming* is "America's Finest," only because it starts out with a live recording. The MC goes through the "whale's vagina" lines from *Anchorman*, and the crowd goes through the lines with him and cheers when he says, "Sawn Deeah-go." It sounds as if it was

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recorded in the Honey Bee Hive or a similar semi-dive hip-hop bar. Call me a sucker, but I fall for that crap every time. I like the distance of the voice on the microphone and the noise of clapping, singing, and whistling people.

Hip-hop is pretty easy to categorize if you're at all familiar with it. The Kneehighs are

about partying, drinking, cruising cars, and picking up women – "We're just good ol' boys with bad habits," claims one line. It's not "gangsta," and it's not that horrid booty-shakin' "lady lumps" crap that gets a lot of airplay these days. It's vintage Puma sneakers, Adidas sweatshirts with the stripes down the sleeve, and funky hats hip-hop or, if you prefer the loathsome term, "old skool."

The Kneehighs are a little bit N2Deep, a little Too Short, with Gorillaz thrown in. A few songs have the *dink dee dink* plinking of a Casio standup keyboard, and a couple feature competent, although not very sophisticated scratching. I think the best backup music to the MCs comes on "Left to Right," which features a pretty cut of a female vocalist mixed and juggled into a nice beat.

A good thing about the Kneehighs is they show a lot of whimsy, where most hip-hop acts take themselves too seriously. In one



the Kneehighs

song they involve B.A. Baracus, and an MC appeals to Jessica Alba to be his girl and says he would "build her a cake or something." The DJ could tighten up a little, as could the production, but they can work on those things when they hit a larger scene. I'd like to see a major label pick these guys up and reverse the deplorable trend in popular rap.

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otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Elmo Jack* and *Chuck Richards*. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Brian Benham, Jon Kruger, Paige Aufhammer, Rachel, Tim Mallery*, and *Will Edwards*. Saturday, *Amy Ayres, Courtney Jones, Glancing Love*, and *the Three Heads*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willlovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Gully*, alternative country.

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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone*

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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*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, classic jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*. Friday, *the Blues Gypsies*. Saturday, *the Swingin' Kings*. Sunday, *the Backwater Blues Band*. Monday, *Shelle Blues*. Tuesday, *Blue Four*. Wednesday, *the Texas Twisters*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa.

Tesoro Restaurante, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670. Music is salsa/merengue/Afro-Cuban/reggaeton. Friday, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., *Gente Fina*. Saturday, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., *the Mayan Kings*.

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.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday through Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Also, Saturday, *DJ Daniel*. Sunday, *Justin James & the Down 5* and *DJ Daniel*. Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Nitro Express*, Southern rock/country/blues. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble*, world jazz.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet*.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson and Joe Garrison*, jazz. Wednesday, DJ event.

Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura, 616 National City Boulevard, National City. 619-474-7375. Friday, 7 p.m., *Pearl*, Latin/R&B/hip-hop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Montecristo*, rock en español. Sunday, 5 p.m., *the Alan Lechuza Quintet*, jazz.

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.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista.

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CLUBS

619-422-5714. Sunday, 5 p.m., *the Mac MacDonald Show*, interactive music/comedy.

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, *Leo Rising*, rock. Saturday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Friday, *Shagadelic*, rock. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Sunday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic. Monday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic. Tuesday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, rock *en español*.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 D Avenue, Coronado.

619-435-5691. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Pacific Men's Chorale*, variety.

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

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Molly Jensen*, folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Difficult Henry*, rock. Saturday, *Rock Street*, rock. Sunday, *Ad Roc*.

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*.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Friday, 9 p.m., *DJ Dirty Hat*, Top 40/hip-hop. Friday, 9 p.m., *Last Minute*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., live metal rock. Wednesday, *DJ Redneck Roy*, country/rock.

Calendar

BANDS

EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

The A.I.M.: Brick By Brick
Big City Rock: The Jumping Turtle
Big Japan: The Jumping Turtle

The Bloody Hollies: The Casbah
The Brothel Dwellers: The Jumping Turtle

John Brown's Body: Belly Up Tavern
Bunky [251]: The Casbah

Caustic Uproar: The Jumping Turtle
Chaotic Mess: The Jumping Turtle

Children of the Grave: Brick By Brick

The Clockwork Army: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Concretes: The Casbah
Cowboy Jack: The Pine Hills Lodge

Cryptospy: The Jumping Turtle
Daily Dose: Longshot Saloon

Day One: Dreamstreet

A Dead Giveaway: Soma

The Dead Serial Killers: Brick By Brick

Delta Spirit: The Kensington Club

Digital Leather: The Kensington Club

Dinosaur Party: Epicentre
Disgorge: The Jumping Turtle

Dehra Dun: Epicentre
Edan: The Casbah
Epicedium: The Jumping Turtle
The Epoxies: Epicentre
The Equinox: House of Blues
Eradicate: Brick By Brick
First Blood: Soma
FM Revolver [228]: Blind Melons
The Focus Group: The Casbah
David Ford: House of Blues
The Fourth Wall: 'Canes
Further Seems Forever: Soma
Gabriel's Fallen: Blind Melons
GoGoGo Airheart [136]: The Casbah

Gomez: House of Blues
Gone to Oblivion: The Jumping Turtle

Gram Rabbit: The Casbah
Gully: Whistle Stop Bar

Half Empty: The Jumping Turtle, 'Canes

Hate Times Nine: Brick By Brick
hed (pe): 'Canes

Hockey: Tio Leo's Lounge
I Love You, but I've Chosen

Darkness: The Casbah
lencyde: The Jumping Turtle

Ilya [204]: The Casbah
Inberst: The Jumping Turtle

Landon Pigg: The Jumping Turtle

Meld [261]: 'Canes

Metal Brigade: Brick By Brick
Mind.Blaze.Body: The Casbah

Minmae: The Casbah
Module: Dreamstreet

Mower [239]: 'Canes

New Buffalo: The Casbah
Nobody: The Casbah
Nova Stellar: Soma
Occular: Dreamstreet
Ohm: Blind Melons
Operatic [163]: Soma
Out from Underneath: The Jumping Turtle
Gregory Page [186]: Dizzy's
Patient Zero: Blind Melons
The Phenomenauts: Epicentre
Pitbull Daycare: House of Blues
Planet Earth: 'Canes
The Prayers: The Kensington Club
Prefuse 73: The Casbah

Red Gun Radar: Soma
Repeater: Tio Leo's Lounge
Revelation International Groove: Brick By Brick

The Revolting Cocks: House of Blues

Rikets: Brick By Brick

The Screamin' Yeehaws: The Kensington Club

September Gurls: The Casbah
Shinedown: House of Blues

Sick of It All [205]: Soma

Six: Brick By Brick
Slant: The Jumping Turtle

SOC: The Jumping Turtle

The Spots: The Kensington Club

Spyder Baby: House of Blues
Stretch Armstrong: Soma

Strung Out: Soma
Subnoize Soulijaz: 'Canes

Sweet Tooth: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Teenage Bottle Rocket: Epicentre
The Teeth: The Kensington Club
Tell Us Machina: Epicentre
Time Again: Soma
Trigger My Nightmare: Soma
Trisula: Blind Melons
Two Sheds: The Casbah
Two for Thirty: 'Canes
United Division: Dreamstreet
Unseen the Tablist: Brick By Brick
Vintage Honey: Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
War & Cinema: Epicentre
The Wise Monkey Orchestra [101]: Winstons
Without a Warning: Dreamstreet
Zo: Dreamstreet

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Ad Roc: Fannie's Nightclub
Alice in Chains: House of Blues

Apeyga: Dreamstreet

APR: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Chris Berry & Panjea: Belly Up Tavern

Big Toe: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Bigfellas: The Jumping Turtle

Bleed the Sky: Soma

Blues from a Gun: Dreamstreet, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill
Buckley's Ghost [435]: Dreamstreet



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Difficult Henry: Fannie's Nightclub
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons, Belly Up Tavern
Empyre: 'Canes
Esthero: The Casbah
E.X.P.: Brick By Brick
Eyes of Fire: Soma
4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
Gecko: Blind Melons
The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort
Giant Bear: Winstons
God Forbid: Soma
Peter Hall [502]: Lestar's Coffee House
Hectic Watermelon: Blind Melons
M.T. Hollis: Brick By Brick
The Husky Boy Allstars: Blind Melons
I Can't Fly: The Jumping Turtle
The Ideas: Carvers
Ill Niño: Soma
Ione Angeles: Brick By Brick
The Iron Maidens: 'Canes
Justin James & the Down 5: Whiskey Girl
Japanese Sunday [533]: The Casbah
The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge
Rickie Lee Jones [422]: Belly Up Tavern
Michael Kang: Belly Up Tavern
Laguna: Carvers
Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill
Ministry [572]: House of Blues

Last Minute: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill
Leo Rising: Island Sports and Spirits
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Machine: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Modern Rifles: The Casbah
Montecristo: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura
Moonshine Still: Winstons
The Nards: Coaster Saloon
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Night Shift: Pal Joey's
Noches Rockeras #7: House of Blues
Nom de Guerre: Dreamstreet
Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
Pickford's Party: Thrusters
Eric James Polyn: The Jumping Turtle
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
RDG: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill
Rock Street: Fannie's Nightclub
The Rockin' Aces: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Rogers Sisters: The Casbah
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Uli Jon Roth: Brick By Brick
Rustik Ballyd: The Jumping Turtle
760: Dreamstreet
Shagadelic: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Silent Civilian: Soma
Tom Smerk: Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile
Smoke Staxx: Riley's Sports Bar
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Tower 4: Blind Melons
Joe Tran: The Jumping Turtle
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Trapt: House of Blues
Variable: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
W.A.S.P. /588/: 'Canes
The Wild Ones: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
Bing Worthington: Dreamstreet

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Crush: Jimmy Love's
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The Reaganomics: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce /711/: Winstons
Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect
The Big-Band Express: Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Lee Brown Perspective /678/: Thrusters, Magnolia's
John Cain /703/: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Excelsior
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's
The Dixie Hasslers: Dizzy's
James East: Pasquale on Prospect
Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect
Randy Fontaine & the Swingers: La Playa Cantina & Grill
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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Luna Llana: La Playa Cantina & Grill
Israel Maldonado: Pasquale on Prospect
Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble: World Beat Center
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Mesa College Jazz Ensemble: Dizzy's
The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Croce's Jazz Bar
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar
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Sue Palmer /641/: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Patrizia: Portugalia
The David Patrone Quartet /647/: Croce's Jazz Bar
Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Carlos Rull: Bistro 221
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Humphrey's
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
Peter Sprague /643/: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
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Debbie Davies [966]: Humphrey’s
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Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern
Mystery Train: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
The Michael Overman Trio: The Calypso Cafe
Sean Perry: Harney Sushi
Kelly Joe Phelps [960]: AcousticMusicSanDiego
Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers: Humphrey’s
Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Patrick’s II
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Big Bird Comes to North Park

Our great national spokesman, Chuck Berry, pictured our country as one “where hamburgers sizzle on an open grill night and day.” He wrote those words back in the pre-Golden Arches USA, when burgers didn’t come from chains — they came from the soda shop on the corner. And now a couple of Germans have brought the all-American burger shop to a corner in North Park — but they’ve done it with a twist.

Tioli’s, the sad shack of North Park, has been through a lot of owners. Even during a brief recent spell as a good Italian restaurant, everybody thought it was still a bad Italian restaurant and stayed away. Under its new owners, it remains funky-looking, right down to the bentwood chairs with red Naugahyde cushions and red-checkered plastic tablecloths, but nobody would mistake it for a spaghetti joint now. Large signs trumpet its new incarnation as “Crazy Burger.”

The name is well deserved. For some crazy reason, the numbers on the menu start at #11, which is a “good old plain” beef burger, followed by #12 “cheeeeeeseey burger” (I’m short a few es there), but they’re also selling buffalo, ostrich, and gator burgers. And guess what? Nearly all of them are delicious, each in its own way. Every burger is individually seasoned and has its own special garnish — the opposite of mass-manufactured fast grub.

The drill here is, you snag a menu — both take-out and eat-in menus are at the order counter, where there’s also a board listing any specials of the day. Catty-corner is a little wine bar, all the choices laid out. When you’ve decided what you want, you return to the “Order Here” counter. For take-out, there are chairs and small tables nearby to wait at; if you’re eating in, you choose a table in the dining room, where the walls are covered with local artists’ works, price tags attached. When your food is ready, someone will bring it to you — it’s a small place, they won’t forget who ordered what. Your server may be one of the friendly Latinas from the order counter, or it may be the manager/owner, Wolfgang Peter Schlicht, a skinny, middle-aged German from Munich with (guess what?) a wry sense of humor. The third time we came in, he recognized us and twitted, “You are *still* hungry?” Or it may be the chef, Lothar Manz, a stocky, middle-aged German from Ulm, who takes frequent breaks from the kitchen to come



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

out and socialize during lulls. They’re all charmers. I’ll start out easy here, with the meats everyone’s accustomed to eating. Juicy half-pound hamburgers are made of lean Angus beef, charbroiled to a turn on a gas grill, with medium-rare as the default doneness. They’re served on large, soft Kaiser rolls made of a faintly sweet egg dough (like a coarser *challah* or *brioche*), accompanied by dark-green leaf lettuce, tomato, sliced red onions, and mild dill pickle rounds. If you order one plain, you can dress it with regular ketchup, house-made chipotle ketchup, and/or the strong, house-made mustard (made from Coleman’s dry English mustard) that’s somewhere between Dijon and Düsseldorf in strength, with horseradish for extra piquancy. The basic burger costs just \$4. If I can’t hope that these guys will put Mickey D’s and its kin out of business, I do want them to survive so I can get good takeout when I don’t have time to cook. The difference in quality and service is beyond measure.

If it’s a cheeseburger you want, you have a choice of Swiss or cheddar, or “Hamburgueerrr Française” with Brie (pronounce it with a soft g

and roll those rs like a Parisian!), or Hamburger Dansk with blue cheese.

As you move further down the menu, the choices become even more fun. First there are beef burgers topped with various house-made sauces and relishes: The Mexicana has tomato-cilantro salsa, the Ciao Bella has homemade pesto, the delicious Croatia is topped with roasted bell peppers and garlic spread, the Forestière has a mushroom ragout, and the Texas Burger has a house-made hickory-smoked barbecue sauce — a gringo-style sauce that’s sweet and mild. The latest addition is the Aloha Burger, and you can guess what’s on it.

There are some conventional alternatives to beef. The Tonka Burger features bison (buffalo) meat, which tastes even “beefier” than beef. Raised as a premium meat — free-range, fed on grass and alfalfa pellets — buff are unlikely to carry the diseases of crowded feed-lot beef and can safely be eaten rare, as their leanness demands. Chef Lothar crowns the Tonka with a discreet daub of creamed horseradish. Some want it stronger, but I like it just as is, highlighting the

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Tioli’s Crazy Burger ★★★ (Very Good)

4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044, www.tioliscrazyburger.com

HOURS: Open daily 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Burgers, \$4–\$13; salads, \$5–\$8; bratwurst sausage and bread, \$4–\$5; sides, \$1–\$2.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Burgers from beef to buffalo, ostrich, and gator, with individualized seasonings and sauces, plus German-style bratwursts and salads. Six specialty beers on tap, six American beers by the can; a dozen-odd modestly priced international wines by the bottle or glass.

PICK HITS: “Croatian” beef burger; buffalo burger; ostrich burger; turkey burger; any bratwurst; Texas beans; fries with house-made chipotle ketchup.

NEED TO KNOW: parking (on street, or small lot behind restaurant on Howard). Two veggie burgers, two fish burgers. Restroom not wheelchair accessible. Cut-price beer and turkey burgers during happy hour (3:00–6:00 p.m.), half-price bottles of wine Tuesdays.

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flavor without overwhelming it.

Gobble-Gobble Burger is the first ground-turkey product I’ve ever found worth eating. The low-fat meat is seasoned just right and has a juicy mouth-feel because of Lothar’s “secret” recipe — he mixes in a mousse of onion, shallots, and poultry stock, then tops the cooked patty with a zippy glaze that combines orange marmalade, mustard, and corn kernels, a flawless complement. I liked this so well, I ate it with a fork and knife and didn’t even bother with the bun. Some other “normal” non-meat choices include the Charlie Burger made of fresh chopped tuna topped with wasabi, the Chi-



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nook Burger of fresh chopped salmon and tartar sauce, and a grilled chicken breast sandwich with green peppercorn aioli. For vegetarians, there's a veggie burger with chipotle sauce and a grilled portobello mushroom with tartar sauce.

I didn't especially care for either of the lamb burgers. The Moroccan is all lamb, topped with minted yogurt; the San-torini is a burger version of gyros meat, half lamb and half beef, with tsatsiki sauce. In both, the flavor of the lamb was too muttonish for my taste. There's also a half-pork, half-beef Hamburg Burger with onions and the same meats in a Kraut Burger with sauerkraut; I didn't try either of these.

When the Food Police prescribed low-fat diets, fatless ostrich was supposed to become "the next red meat." Hundreds of Texas ranchers lost their shirts on it. First problem: Them's ornery beasts, hard to handle. Second: Their meat is lean — *too* lean and tough to make a satisfying steak. It turned out that nobody really likes ostrich, alive or dead. Best ostrich I've eaten before this was a carpaccio at the exalted Milles Fleurs. The Big Bird Burger at Tioli's beats Milles Fleurs' rendition, because grinding the meat and then mixing it with the onion mousse (as in the turkey burger) solves the whole lean-tough problem. I can't quite describe Big Bird's taste — it's closer to beef than to poultry. The tangy topping of lemon chive cream sauce suits it well. While Tioli's menu states, "Don't ask for RARE," we requested our ostrich RARE and Lothar went along with it — not bloody-rare, of course, just nice and rosy on the inside. "We never cook the ostrich well-done," Wolfgang told me later.

The result was as splendid as ostrich will ever be.

You're still with me? Then let's talk about gator. Many people describe any reptile or amphibian meat as tasting "like chicken." It doesn't. I've eaten gator at Cajun restaurants in Louisiana and San Francisco; I wouldn't want it every day, but the white tail meat has a tight grain and a clean, interesting, almost piney flavor. Lothar tops his coarse-ground, salty gator burger with a piquant "curry fruit tapenade," meaning, a curried chutney. It's the right stuff for the critter. If you're curious about croc, this is a good introduction that respects its flavor but softens it with an ingratiating garnish.

The restaurant has already won a bit of notoriety for serving Rattlesnake Burgers with "antitoxin serum gravy." Alas, just one day before my first visit, the S.D. Health Department came and confiscated all the snake meat — not because it's unhealthy (you don't eat the head!) but because in California it's an endangered species. The restaurant's supply came from Las Vegas, but never mind — they said it's still illegal to sell here. Very few people were ordering it anyway, but I'm regretful because I *have* eaten rattlesnake before and rather liked it. It doesn't taste like chicken, it tastes like frog legs. I hoped to try it again as a burger, instead of finger food, so I could chomp it in real chews without navigating all the tiny bones. It may yet return, if Wolfgang talks the government into allowing the farm-raised snake meat that he was buying.

The choices for dinner extend beyond burgers. As the clientele ceased expecting pasta, the owners dropped the poor-selling thin-crust pizza from the menu and replaced it

with very long, very savory bratwursts, from a serious German sausage-maker in L.A. They're not on the printed menu (they're usually listed at the chalkboard behind the order counter), but they're always available. The veal brats are soft, tender, full of flavor. The smoked brats are stronger, coarser, irresistible to a sausage-lover. Some days there are unsmoked pork bratwursts as well. Tioli's serves the brats with toasted baguette slices and with the strong, house-made mustard.

There are two classic burger-house sides: French fries are much like McDonald's, but that smoky house chipotle ketchup makes them a treat. Lothar makes the Texas-style beans from scratch, starting with dry beans, adding onion, bacon, dark brown sugar, jalapeños, and spices. Smoky-sweet, they're easily worth the buck they cost.

Five salads round out the printed menu. The house salad is a pleasing mixture of greens, cukes, tomatoes, red onions, and mushrooms, with your choice of ranch dressing or the house red-wine vinaigrette, served on the side. The Caprese has tender buffalo mozzarella with fresh large-leaf basil, garlic, and olive oil over pale slices of Florida-grown tomatoes; I hope that when local tomatoes come into season, the kitchen will use them instead. There's also a Caesar, a Greek, and an interesting-sounding arugula salad with fresh fennel. Some evenings, the chef offers a soup, and there may or may not be a couple of outsourced desserts.

To drink? The taps include two lagers (one from Munich, one from Boston), a Czech Pilsner, a Scottish ale, a Bavarian wheat beer, and Irish stout,

while the canned beers are regular American stuff. The wines, about a dozen of them, are international and inexpensive. The best choice, to my taste, is the Sicilian Nero d'Avola, a dark red that's smooth but gutsy. It's Wolfgang's favorite too, and if you go to the website, that's probably what's in his glass in the photo.

A burger joint is, by definition, a restaurant of modest ambitions. But this burger joint is special — not just for the adventurous meat choices and quality ingredients, but because genuine craftsmanship, imagination, and tongue-in-cheek wit inform the cooking. Here are a couple of European restaurant professionals who obviously enjoy their work, and they're glad to share the fun with the rest of us.

ABOUT THE OWNERS

Wolfgang Schlicht runs the front of the house, and chef Lothar Manz runs the kitchen. "I went to school in Germany in hotel and restaurant management," says Wolfgang. "I first came here in 1969. I wanted to see the world, so I hopped a boat in Italy for New York. Then I went all over the world. I opened restaurants — this is number 13 — in Australia, Canada, United States. The last four, in Colorado, were my own. When my father passed away, I moved to Spain. The weather there was too cold for me — in Málaga, the mountain caps are all white in winter; it was like Julian. So I came here for the weather. Now I'm 60, I'm done running around.

"Lothar and I fell in love with this old brick building in North Park and decided it would be a good place for us. I saw Tioli's menu, and it had pasta for \$15, \$16. But this is a more blue-collar area, and

there's nothing wrong with a burger for four or five bucks. We remodeled it extensively and made Crazy Burger out of it. Our concept was to get away from the frozen patties, which you can have in every burger joint, and create a fresh burger. The burgers are all charbroiled on an open flame on a gas grill, where the fat drips off and burns away, and the smoke gives it that good flavor. When you put a burger on a griddle like most of the fast-food places, it swims in that fat. We can tell by our repeat customers that we're on the right track.

"You know, we used to have rattlesnake until the game warden came in and confiscated it all. I told him, I've eaten it in the desert, barbecued by the Indians, and it was very delicious," he says. "So the Indians can eat rattlesnake here but the white people can't? And look at all the rattlesnake boots and belts and headbands — and the heads sell for lots of money to companies that make pharmaceuticals from them. So I told the game warden, 'We're going to put in a Texas Road Kill Burger as our next dish. And at Christmastime we'll have reindeer burger from Lapland.' We got the snake meat from a Sysco company, and they're digging into it to see if the game warden was wrong, because this was farmed meat, not wild."

Chef Lothar Manz came from a small town near Ulm in Schwaben. In Germany, at age 14, you have to decide whether you're going to continue through high school and college or enter a trade school. (Even a chimney sweep or a waiter has to study his field for three years.) "When I was young I always helped my

mother cook," says Lothar. "She made great food, so I decided to become a chef." He spent four years at cooking school, including a six-month stage making nothing but sauces (which certainly contributes to the variety at Crazy Burger!). He worked at restaurants in Switzerland and Paris. He finally "won the lottery" to get green cards for himself and his family and emigrated to Anaheim five years ago and worked in a European restaurant there, and then in a catering company where he learned to make Texas barbecue sauce and beans. He and his crew helped out at Anaheim Convention Center. "I went on the burger station. Everything must taste the same, look the same. One time we had to cook in two hours 2500 hamburgers....

"But I like to cook my own style, where everything is fresh. I don't like to do everything the same, so here we change the meat, change the tastes. I need more action. Everything that's different and new is what I like. Now I'm planning on a cinnamon burger with a ginger glaze."

How did he and Wolfgang meet? "I'd been working in San Clemente in an Austrian restaurant. The newspaper called it the best kitchen in San Clemente, but the owner was not the best man, so I canceled the job and went looking for something else. I went to a restaurant to look for a job, and Wolfgang was there eating a bratwurst. He's from Germany, I'm from Germany, so we talked together and decided to become partners. We looked together for a restaurant, first in Santa Barbara and then here. I really love San Diego. I love it here." ■



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A Tale of Two Sandwiches

"It's so strong, they have banned it on Paris public transport."

SANDWICH ONE: Don't ask Melissa to say "cheese." She's staggering under the weight of a ginormous box of it.

"Sixty-five pounds of stinky cheese!" she says, and dumps the box on a gurney. "My truck reeks every time I deliver here."

Melissa's the FedEx lady. Two minutes later, she's coming out of the shop, chewing on cheese. "Yeah, but this is aged Gouda," she says. "My favorite. Not like that Cowgirl Red Hawk stuff."

'Course it turns out that that stinky Cowgirl stuff won "Best in Show" at the American Cheese Society in 2003. So hey, this has to be one of my candidates.

What's going on? The start of my cheese 'n' sausage saga here in Mission Hills.

What happened is that I saw what looked like freebies being given away to a bunch of people at this upmarket cheese place. It had all the markings of one of those specialty shops where society dames come to select *canapés* for their poolside cocktail parties. People were outside sampling cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity cheeses, moldy cheeses, runny cheeses, and yes, stinky cheeses.

On the other hand — and this was the clincher for me — the shop had "Cheese Sandwich, \$5.00" written on a sidewalk, uh, sandwich board.

Inside, the place is bright yellow and white. Dairy colors, I guess. And at the back counter, this gal Sarah serves up little butter boards loaded

with toothpick-speared cheeses.

It's like a wine tasting. And the prices match. I can see cheeses going from, like, 6 bucks a pound to, wow, 30.

"This one's from Holland. 'Ewephoria,' " Sarah's saying. "It's a 'schapenkaas' Gouda from sheep's milk. Notice it's slightly sweet but also nutty and quite dry. Totally seductive."

I grab one of the toothpick samples. Have to admit. That sweet nutty thing is dead on.

"Now this," she says, laying out another little row, "is from the Surfing Goat Dairy in Hawaii..."

"Can I help?" asks this other gal at the cash register. Gina.

"Uh, I'm here about the sandwich," I say. Feel like the country goat from Nebraska.

"Oh, yes. What kind of cheese?"

"What's the choice?"

"Whatever you see."

"Yeah, but prices? Some are up there. We're talking the five-dollar sandwich?"

"It doesn't matter, sir. Just choose whichever you want."

Where the heck does a man start?

"Got Velveeta?" I ask.

"Uh, no, sir."

"Cheez Whiz?"

"Sir, we have 60 different kinds of cheese here, 80 percent from Europe. Perhaps you'd like to look?"



I was just pulling her chain. On the other hand, they have so many, with names like *Épouses Berthaut* and *Boschetto* that I kind of panic.

"Try the *Boschetto*," Sarah says. "It has truffles in it. It's \$15 per half-pound."

"*Épouses Berthaut* was Napoleon's favorite," says Gina. "It's so strong they have banned it on Paris public transport."

That gives me an idea. I've always liked stinky cheeses. Ones like *bleu* cheese, with mold in them. Roquefort and the like.

"What's the stinkiest cheese you've got?" I ask.

Gina — turns out she was the one who started this business a couple of years ago — thinks for a moment. "Sarah?"

"The *Schloss*," Sarah says. She gives an evil laugh. "Would you like to taste it first?"

"No. I'll go ahead and have that," I say.

"Baguette, seedy sourdough, or ciabatta?"

"Seedy sourdough."

"And with a pear or grapes?"

"Wha...?"

"Each sandwich comes with grapes or a pear, to palliate the taste," says Gina.

"And it's, like, part of the deal? The five bucks?"

"Part of the deal, sir. So, which? May I suggest the pear? It's good with particularly —"

"Stinky?"

"— aromatic cheeses."

So that's what she makes for me. A big ol' sourdough bun from Bread & Cie covered in sesame — and poppy? — seed, plus one fat, ripe d'Anjou pear. She shops them in the bag.

"One question," I say, looking around. "Where am I supposed to eat this?"

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Everybody, once in their life, should sell whiskey in Chicago," says Ira Gourvitz, owner of Fallbrook Winery. "Because after that, nothing, for the rest of your life, will ever surprise you." Gourvitz did it from '66 to '69 (a period of Chicago history that saw its share of surprises), as a Midwest manager for Seagram's. Before that, he worked for them in New York. "I knew all the distributors. I knew how distribution worked. I understood the Seagram philosophy — how you sell, who you sell to, what you have to get done."

An idyllic second career as a Sonoma County grape-grower gave Gourvitz a new angle on the potable market. So, when he headed south to San Diego some 14 years ago, he was not without resources. "I've been doing this a long time. Most of my friends own restaurants, or have moved up the chain in hotels. And I know distributors from my Seagram days. The guy I worked for back then used to say, 'My friends buy my product. You don't need more customers; you need more friends.' That's really true. The consumer is very fickle. You've got to sell the guy who's selling the product. That's the guy who's got to believe: the retailer, the bartender, the restaurant owner."

Gourvitz had the contacts. And after a while, he had a line on a product. Gourvitz knew Kerry Vix, who was running the Arciero Winery in Paso

Robles. "They were fairly new then. They had built this huge winery, and they basically had no sales. I told Vix my idea, and he said, 'Whatever you want.'"

The idea was private labeling. "The private-label business initially came about when a winery had extra wine. They'd say, 'Let's sell it really cheap, dump it off to these restaurants, let them sell it to customers who say, 'Gimme a glass of white wine.' ' I had to figure out a way to get into these accounts, because no one was going to buy bulk wine. But I knew all these guys who owned restaurants. I said, 'Look, we can take your logo and put it on the bottle and sell it to you as your house wine.' They said, 'You've got to give it to us at a pretty good price,' and I said, 'I can do that.' I didn't have any overhead."

There was no overhead because Gourvitz was just moving, labeling, and delivering the product. Someone else was making the wine and bottling it, and someone else was storing it: John Culbertson's Fallbrook Winery in Fallbrook. "There's a law that says you can ship unlabeled wines from one bonded winery to another bonded winery. It was a neat little business. We were buying maybe a truckload every month — or every other month — eight to ten thousand cases. I got a couple of really good accounts downtown, and then it kept getting bigger and bigger. Distribu-

tors that I had known back in Florida and Georgia said, 'We've got accounts who have seen the private labels....'"

The shift to winery proper began in 1996, when the man who owned the note on the Fallbrook property decided to foreclose on Culbertson and offered the place to Gourvitz at an outstanding price. "He said, 'I don't want to deal with it.' There was nothing there — I mean, the buildings were there, but the vineyards had been left. But at the price we paid for it, we could afford to redo the vineyards, redo the buildings, really fix it up." Together with his wife Pepper, and with the private-label business to float him along the way, Gourvitz began building up the winery — acquiring equipment, sourcing fruit — until, in 2000, he was able to release his first wine. The name on the label: Pepper Lane. (There was some confusion over who owned the Fallbrook name, so at first, Gourvitz looked elsewhere. "My wife's name is Pepper, and when my daughter went to school in Italy, she lived with this artist who had this painting. I said, 'Let's see what happens.'")

A year later, winemaker Duncan Williams joined the team. "Duncan had been in the Shenandoah Valley, but his family is from Point Loma, and he wanted to move down here. He had a one-acre vineyard up there, and he talked to Culbertson and said, 'Could I rent some space, try to make wine from my vineyard?'" When Gourvitz started producing his own wine, Williams approached him. "He's been here ever since."

One of their first projects together can still be



sampled: Trasiego. No vintage on the label, no varietal, no appellation, just "Red Table Wine." Not an easy sell at \$18 retail — or, for that matter, at any price. But the wine deserves a hearing.

The name is a Spanish term for racking wine from barrel to barrel. A fitting title, since half the wine in the bottle is a Mexican version of a Spanish grape, Tempranillo. Explains Gourvitz, "I met the guy from Chateau Camou, Ernesto Alvarez-Morphy. My wife and I went down to the Guadalupe Valley in Baja a couple of times and visited him. He said to me, 'There's a guy who is a really good winemaker: Fernando Martain,' late of Bodega Santo Tomás. 'He's got a small winery — Cava Valmar — and he's making some good wines.' So I met Martain. He was trying to interest me and some friends of mine in a vine-

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yard, so I went down and we talked back and forth. Every time, we'd taste some of his wines, and we kept coming back to this Tempranillo that he had in French oak barrels. One day, he said, 'Why don't we talk about making business together?'"

Martain brought six barrels up to Fallbrook; there, it was blended with six barrels of Gourvitz's California Merlot. "It was so good. We made a private label for an account in Tucson called Terra Cotta — a big, high-end restaurant. They were going to have a dinner for Bush and Fox, and we were going to ship all this wine down there. Half Mexican, half U.S. — it would have been perfect. But that was right before 9/11." The dinner never happened. "And the Feds wouldn't even give us an appellation. The lady was looking through her book, and she said, 'There's no appellation 'Baja California. There's nothing in here. So don't have an appellation. Just Red Table Wine.'"

But don't believe the lack of hype. "It's continued to improve in the bottle," says winemaker Williams. "It's one of my favorite wines. It's old-world style — very dry, a little bit of an earthy, peppery streak. The tannins are just right, and it's got a balance of that bottle bouquet versus young fruit character."

"It's on the list at the newly redesigned restaurant at the Hotel Del," adds Gourvitz. As are the Fallbrook Sauvignon Blanc and Special Selection Cabernet (the name confusion has been cleared up). Things have changed a bit since the private-label days. "It was sort of a natural progression. I had a winery, I had equipment, I had a winemaker. I said, 'Now we need to flip this over, do 30 percent private and 70 percent of our own label.' I went into the accounts and said, 'If you're happy with the house wine we've been selling you, just give us two wines on your list.' How could they turn us down?" Finally, about two and a half years ago, Gourvitz felt confident enough to go in and up the ante. "I'd say, 'We've been doing this for a long time — let's pour Fallbrook.'" It would be more expensive, but "your house wine will be better, and you'll be building a local brand." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet mod-

estly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04)

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional So-Cal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven

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Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, *frittata espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of

fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Ar-riverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*,

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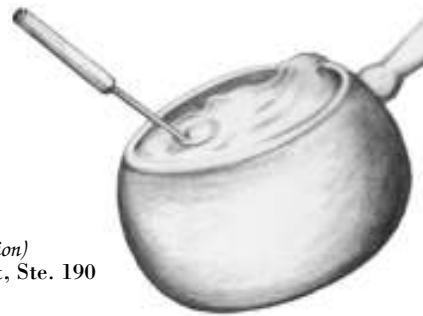
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a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the “Bag of Bones” (house-smoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever “fruit creation” is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M. (3/04)*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The

seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as “salmon tower tartare” and “drunken black cod” are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the “Caprese” (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W. (8/03)*

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*


Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little “hut” has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though —

this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. “Local food” choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a “blonde” Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A “Louisiana” bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W. (10/04)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This

popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the

dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Three meals, Monday through Friday; open until 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. — *E.B. (1/06)*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla,

858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. The synergy between Executive Chef Jason Knibb and Dessert Chef (and cheesemaker) Jack Fisher has taken this restaurant to a new level of craftsmanship, with a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full

bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Cucina Italiana Clairemont Square, 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Chef Jose Flores, who owned the much-missed Trattoria Nostrana in La Mesa, went back to his alma mater, Via Italia — and bought it. Under the new name, the menu is much the same as at Via Italia: multi-regional authentic Italian cuisine, including wonderful thin-crust pizzas, available only by the ten-inch pie, not by the slice. The restaurant is in a mall but doesn't serve mall-grub. The fresh pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, so raviolis have more filling than skin and the rich lasagna won't send you out waddling. The numerous daily specials are the most rewarding dishes and keep dinners interesting for the many neighborhood regulars. Desserts and espresso are good; save room for *millefoglie* and *torta della nonna* when they're available. Plenty of wines by the glass. Reserve, especially for weekends and large parties. Heated patio dining in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pastas and pizzas) to expensive (meat and seafood entrées). — *N.W. (1/06)*

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the

miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convo Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans mufuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-569-7519. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convo Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Tofu House 4646 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself

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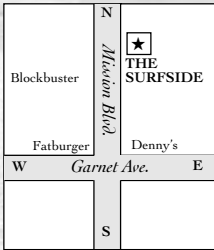
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THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to

gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for week-end evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining

room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp en-

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trée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. Other location: 534 Broadway (at H Street), Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or

chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B. (5/05)*

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee

Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the *papa rellena* (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Sunday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; phone about lunch. Full bar including *mojitos*, Mexican beers, mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/06)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food

is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sauteed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mousaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on

the *carne asada*; intense flavor and but-tery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crustured rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Mon-

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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with

filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splendid appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Brunch Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., bar menu until midnight or later. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches,

and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)



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Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town’s nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Joe’s New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker’s Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space

at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone’s favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvaniana), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is “pure and simple” to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don’t miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced “trust the chef” tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening’s menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It’s the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it’s from the Isaan, Thailand’s ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We’re talking “boxing arena grilled chicken,” after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you’re in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Talus Cafe 127 University Avenue (near First Street), Hillcrest, 619-358-9867. If you’re looking for food that tastes rich but registers lean on your bathroom scale, chef-owner Richard Wood creates eclectic, Mediterranean-style healthy cuisine made with seasonal, mainly organic produce, wild-caught seafood, lean meats, and very little butter or cream. (However, some dishes, e.g., meatloaf, can be quite salty.) The menu wanders all over southern Europe and includes side-trips to Southeast Asia (the latter aren’t very authentic, but they’re tasty). The small, smart wine list offers plenty by the glass, and is affordable (Monday is half off all bottles, too). Breads are house-baked, but desserts are outsourced. Heated, roofed courtyard dining; dining room is up one step steep. Street parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends; only dinner Monday.

Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features “Pacific coastal cuisine,” an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and “something for everyone.” And some of those some-things are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial “tapas” sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine’s own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners’ favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining

patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers nonsense Italian-American food. And they’re not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they’re still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they’ll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don’t blink or you’ll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims “New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine.” Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you’re getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pau hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner’s last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional “chef specialties” (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a “New York-ish” spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even further. Open 11 a.m. to

10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Downtown Johnny Brown’s 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown’s answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken’s grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup’s bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What’s best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push

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higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India

729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest’s Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of “Northern Indian cuisine made easy,” with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it’s a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki’s Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic’s (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the “grass skirt” decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely “islander” cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the

most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a “wine angel” in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11:30 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it’s spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point—business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain’s own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the “Slater Special” which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don’t eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchiettass* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass;

full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized “Mandarin” cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Salt-and-pepper shrimp, tofu with eggplant, and meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It’s not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant’s name means “a little crazy,” but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth’s Chris), and if they’re a little chewy, they’re also flavorful — especially the “Sicilian steak.” But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends.

Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Venna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. “Served Chicago-Style” — meaning, the dog’s topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinderblocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn

husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you’re at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that’s almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren’t allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn’t mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room’s just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista’s growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried

around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine’s fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there’s always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes

562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Guayson’s Hot Dogs 2941 National Avenue, 619-232-0029. Hector and Becky’s hot dog place used to be a cart on 25th Street. Now they have a real shop. Some might mourn the move up, but the essentials haven’t changed. What they sell is Tijuana-style hot dogs — that is, sausages wrapped in bacon. The only difference from what you get on *Avenida Revolución*: these are bigger, and they’re turkey meat, but just as scrumptious. Squishy, rich, flavored with jalepeño, ketchup, mayo, onion, roasted chiles. Also delish: *elotes* (shucked corn, melted butter, mayo, cheese, hot sauce, lemon). Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

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La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fix-

ings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music during summer, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

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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.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some

staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolate mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camarón seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolate chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authen-

tic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you

don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza putanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*



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"The wind was cold as Novocaine."

He can understand suicide: a ruined Wall Street broker nosedives from the 30th floor; Hemingway's shotgun roars through the Ketchum hills; Anna Karenina leaps into an oncoming train. "But you never hear about it with children." What the "resilient narrator" of Adam Rapp's *Nocturne* can't understand is why his sister was run over 15 years ago, by a 1969 Buick Electra doing 45 in a 30, and why he was behind the wheel.

Accidents can't just happen, he protests. There must be a reason. After all, hipbones connect to legbones. But she wasn't chasing a ball or a kite. No wind pushed her from behind. In fact, from their driveway you can see cars coming 50 yards each way. Also, "she was loved, and fed" and never abused. So maybe she did commit suicide. Maybe she didn't want to become an adult: a life of two-car garages, "gabled roofs and manicured lawns and sedans just sitting there like enormous, uninspired termites." Maybe she stopped while the going was "still good." Any answer is preferable to none at all.

He was 17, she 9. The play, a longish two-act monologue/reverie on "night thoughts," follows his road through grief, depression, and unknowing not to a dramatic breakthrough, where the clouds part and the sun smiles, but to a point where progress can continue.

Nocturne's been highly praised (including a Pulitzer nomination), and for good reason. It looks at sorrow, death, and uncertainty without recourse to pop culture clichés or the psychoba-

ble playwrights use to bolster the theme. The narrator's on his own.

"Something has thickened in me. The remains of some unknown solid not eaten but breathed in during a moment of weakness or shame. A bloodless stone in my throat." The narrator is so disconnected, so alone, notions of "letting go" or 12 steps or "group hugs" might horrify him. In fact, given his profound solitude, one of the most interesting questions the play raises is *why* he goes on.

Rapp, a novelist, writes with sharp detail. At the same time, though, *Nocturne* is often overwritten and substitutes literary gloss for feeling. Rapp gives us "the wind was cold as Novocain," which works for me, but also labors lines (e.g., a "sinister eczema" and those "uninspired termites"). Though few ever penned better, Raymond Chandler once chided himself for using too many similes. Rapp should heed Chandler's advice. He uses so many they become an annoying mannerism: "as," "as though," "as if"; he also repeats the construction "a kind of" almost as often as today's youth scattergun the word "like."

In many ways, *Nocturne* is more a piece of writing — language-based, calling attention to itself — than a play. But the New Village Arts production gives it a stillness, both doom-haunted and restoring, and an arresting central performance.

The stage, in Kristianne Kurner's minimalist design and Joshua Everett Johnson's subtle di-

rection, is a gallery of painful scenes frozen, at first, then set in motion, then joined together as the production moves from literature to drama, and the narrator returns to life: the hospital bed; the kitchen table where his father will threaten him; the window behind which his tormented mother fades away, leaving just a handprint. Ginger Harris's lighting projects the narrator's shadow high on the rear wall. Evocative sounds range from Edvard Grieg to flipping through stations on a car radio.

Seated downstage center, his toes pointed inward, Francis Gercke's narrator's an innocent thrust too soon into experience. He needs to talk and seems surprised, glad, and nervous when the audience reacts to his words. As Gercke narrates, first around the subject then into it, the narrator gains momentum, possibly even strength, from the telling. Throughout Gercke adds subtexts that enrich the role: shyness, emptiness, genuine puzzlement. He also inverts the playwright's often distant language to a means of pinning down bits of chaos, albeit for the moment.

In learning to express his pain, the narrator of *Nocturne* may have found a way through it. By the end of Sarah Kane's 50-minute *Crave*, the four tormented speakers on a collision course with suicide may have taken a way out.

Kane became notorious in the '90s for writing plays as violent as *Titus Andronicus* — so notorious, in fact, she wrote *Crave* (1998) under a pseudonym. Rave reviews and another play, *4:48 Psychosis* (the time of morning most suicides occur) couldn't sustain her. After an unsuccessful attempt, she took her life in January 1999. She was 28.

The four speakers are A, B, C, and M. Sometimes they hear each other; other times, not. A topic generates clusters of reactions, violent, hurt,



Francis Gercke in *Nocturne*

Nocturne, by Adam Rapp
New Village Arts Theatre, the Studio Space at Jazzercise, 2460 Impala Drive, Carlsbad
Directed by Joshua Everett Johnson; cast: Francis Gercke, Joshua Everett Johnson, George Soete, Kathryn Herbruck, Monique Fleming; scenic and costume designs, Kristianne Kurner; lighting, Ginger Harris; sound, Joshua Everett Johnson
Playing through May 27; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:00 p.m. 760-433-3245.

Crave by Sarah Kane
Lynx Performance Theatre, 2653-R Ariane Drive, Clairemont
Directed by Al Germani; cast: Sonya Bender, Jo Dempsey, Jennifer Jonassen, Andrew Kennedy; scenic and lighting, Germani; sound and music, Germani, Bill Kehayias
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Sonya Bender in *Crave*

spiteful, like caustic sibling rivalries (one says, “I have a bad, bad feeling about this bad, bad feeling”; the rest pay no attention). Imagine a group therapy session in which negatives accumulate value. This session, however, takes place in the mind of a single person who really needs to leave.

It’s the opposite of music. Most stagings give *Crave* shifting tableaux: physical contortions mimic the disintegrating speakers. Lynx Performance takes a different tack. Director Al Germani treats *Crave* as a musical quartet. In a small, dark space, the audience sits in the round, close enough to be part of a therapy session. Pinspotted from above, their bodies facing each other on diagonals, the actors speak into microphones. This configuration has a physical sameness after a while, but calls attention to the words and their rhythms, which often resemble jazz riffs or jagged ritual chanting. Disorder becomes an ordering principle. In the background a musical chord, sustained throughout, provides a baseline of stability.

The performance I caught was shaky (never envy an actor who must sit close to an audience and assert speeches with stopwatch precision, based on the strangest of cues). But Kane’s achievement is undeniable. It’s hard to think of a play that will get you closer to the mindset(s) of someone who could say, “Death is my lover, and he wants to move in.” ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Always...Patsy Cline

The Welk Resort Theatre presents this musical about the great Patsy Cline and her friendship with Louise Seeger. Larry Raben directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 11; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AND TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448, OR 888-802-7469.

Atwater: Fixin' to Die

Cygnnet Theatre Company stages Robert Myers’ drama about the “bad boy of the Republican Party” and “creator of the political spin.” Rosina Reynolds directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATURDAY, MAY 20, THROUGH JUNE 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

The Beard of Avon

UCSD Theatre and Dance stages Amy Freed’s comic take on Shakespeare. Amy Cook directed. SHIELA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, FRIDAY, MAY 19, THROUGH MAY 27; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

The Blue Room

Gin & Hamlet Productions stages David Hare’s adaptation (“ten intimate acts”) of Schnitzler’s *La Ronde*. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-692-4150.

Broadway Sunday Bonus

The Broadway Theatre’s Sunday series features one-acts by local writer Michael Thomas Tower: *The Pull of Paradise*, *A Certain Unsoundness of Mind*, and *To Hear a Distant Tune*. Ximena Paola Herschberg and Jeffrey Ingman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, SUNDAY, MAY 21, THROUGH JUNE 4; SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-805-7905.

The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

Black Kat Theatre Company presents this irreverent take on the Bard. Tisha Tumangan directed. THE HOLE, 2820 LYTON STREET, LOMA PORTAL, THURSDAY, MAY 18, THROUGH MAY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-645-1158.

Crave

Reviewed this issue. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, SORRENTO VALLEY, THROUGH JUNE 11; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

The Diary of Anne Frank

Patio Playhouse stages a new adaptation of the haunted tale of a “frank” young diarist and her family hiding from the Nazis. Jay Mower directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Some of the sharpest, and funniest, theater criticism around! The framing device — the show’s a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn’t last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Gerard Alessandrini’s latest attempt to “turn the Great White Way gray”’s a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and amazing performances by Jeanne Montano (who skewers Yoko Ono and *Jersey Boys*) and Valerie Fagan (co-author of *Six Women With Brain Death*, who slanders Sarah Brightman). Male performers Jared Bradshaw and Kevin B. McGlynn certainly hold their own (especially Bradshaw’s demolition of Harry Connick Jr. and McGlynn’s take on a



The Diary of Anne Frank

forgetful Robert Goulet, who slaps lyrics from *Camelot* onto *South Pacific*). The revue reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing (“Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?” one sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor’s gigantic headgear), and Alessandrini’s spoof on *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style (“bowler hats,” “spread your fingers so”) is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt’s cartoony costumes (often changed in split seconds). Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway’s disturbing penchant for “puppet” and “jukebox” theater, and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. **Critic’s pick.**

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JUNE 11; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

The Foreigner

OnStage Playhouse presents Larry Shue’s durable comedy about a Brit at a Southern hunting lodge. David Rethoret directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH JUNE 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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Late-Nite Catechism

As part of its “Off Nites at NCRT,” the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn’t sound like much. The sister is substituting (it’s the regular teacher’s poker night, don’t tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister’s authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost non-stop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. **Worth a try.**

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: **LATE-NITE** RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH **LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2**. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

Late-Nite Catechism 2

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the sequel to Maripat Donovan’s popular audience-participation show, which claims, “Sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty.” NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, THROUGH MAY 23; RUNNING IN REPERTORY WITH **LATE-NITE CATECHISM**. 858-481-1055.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

For one weekend only, C.S. Lewis’s tale of betrayal and redemption,

adapted by Joseph Robinette, gets a staging. 950 GARLAND DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, MAY 19, AND SATURDAY, MAY 20, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-575-3023.

Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival

The San Diego Repertory Theatre concludes its 30th anniversary season with a festival of music, dance, theater, guest speakers, and the New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, MAY 18, THROUGH JUNE 21; FOR ARTISTS AND EVENTS, CALL 619-544-1000.

The Man Who Came to Dinner

Kaufman and Hart’s comic send-up of Alexander Woollcott gets a staging by Looking Glass Theatre. A hip injury plunks a pompous pundit into a Middle American home. FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, 4190 FRONT STREET, SAN DIEGO; FRIDAY, MAY 19, THROUGH MAY 21 AT 7:30 P.M. 619-298-9978, X8007.

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

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athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit re-

warded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Nocturne

Reviewed this issue. STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE, 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MAY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

No Way to Treat a Lady

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages the California premiere of Douglas J. Cohen's musical, based on William Goldman's novel and film. Rick Simas directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

The Odd Couple

The Coronado Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy about a neatnik and a slob and when the twain were forced to meet. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Pulp!

Diversionary 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. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.



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Rehearsal for Murder

The best part of Lamb's current offering happens before the stilted dialogue starts. Robert Smyth, as a playwright convinced his fiancée was murdered a year ago to the day, sets the stage for a reading of his new mystery. Smyth pushes buttons on a remote lightboard, and the stage glooms, dapples, and brightens with theatrical magic. And throughout Nick Parde's expert lighting rinses the space with various moods, including wispy effects for scenes set in the past. Great stuff. But, as Hamlet says, the play's the thing, and D.D. Brooke's mystery-psy-chodrama, even with a talented Lamb's cast, lacks interesting characters (they are types: the parsimonious producer, the vain romantic lead) and, unkindest cuts of all, is short on intrigue and suspense. *Rehearsal's* about a play within the play to catch the conscience of the culprit, in effect, a sting. But it takes all of a long, slowly paced first act to establish a "dunit" — the fiancée didn't "drop" 12 stories by herself; she was nudged — and a long, slowly paced second to show that the "who" that dunit isn't who you think. The bare-stage, black-walled look suggests the epic minimalism of *Our Town*, but the script (originally written for TV, it may have worked better at close-up range) is stencil thin. Its final, surprising twist is a long time coming.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 21; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY



Romance

AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Romance

The San Diego Rep has reconfigured the Lyceum Space for David Mamet's courtroom farce. Seats to the sides resemble jury boxes, which is fitting, since the play's about the letter and mean-spirit of the law, bigotry, racism, homophobia, and, thrown in for good measure, the possibilities for World Peace. Here as elsewhere in Mamet, no good thought goes unpunished. *Romance* peels away surfaces, legal veneers, all sense of accord and reveals a courtroom — and, by extension a country — engaged in internecine war. He scathes until he reaches his implied question: What do Americans *really* think of each other? Then, in the play's last third, he retreats into formalism and the

silliness of farce. This shift makes for a mixed aftertaste: the play's last third feels thin, even ditzzy, compared to its opening salvos. Although the Rep has difficulties finessing late-second-act sags, the Sam Woodhouse-directed production is clear and brisk — and often very funny. Standouts: John Altieri's *tres flamboyant* Bernard, who gets to shout the author's message about peace at home and abroad; Peter Van Norden as the scatterbrained judge with a head cold (one pill makes him yummy, and one pill tweaks his gall). Whether he's a "we are the world idealist" or a rampant reactionary, Van Norden's a laugh riot. A word of caution: Mamet's an equal-opportunity xenophobe. If you find nothing in *Romance* offensive, you should be on life support.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MAY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking sugges-

tions 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.

She Loves Me

New Vision Theatre stages the Har-nick, Bock, and Masteroff musical charmer about a secret epistolary romance in Maraczek's Parfumerie. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH MAY 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-529-9140.

6th@Penn Classic Reading Series: Shankuntala

6th@Penn continues its series with a staged reading of Kalidasa's *Shankuntala*. Celeste Innocenti directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, MONDAY, MAY 22, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Songs for a New World

For one weekend only, the Old Town Temecula Community Theater presents music by Tony Award

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PowPac, Poway's Community Theater, stages thrillers about an overheard murder plot and a mysterious hitch-hiker who keeps reappearing. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH MAY 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Sunday Funnies

Korbett Kompany Productions presents a slate of one-act comedies that "takes a humorous view of dysfunctional relationships." Bob Korbett directed. GET WIRELESS STORE, 116 WASHINGTON STREET, MIDTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 4; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-297-7309.

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or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.



Trying

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 Nuremburg). 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.”

Worth a try.

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What’s Wrong With This Picture?

The Broadway Theatre presents Donald Marquies’s comedy about Shirley. Since she died her husband’s been such a mess she needs to go back and straighten things out. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH MAY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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The reunion of director Terry Zwigoff with the writer of his *Ghost World*, graphic novelist Daniel Clowes, seemed to bode well for his recovery from the badness of his *Bad Santa*. Boding even better, the subject matter of *Art School Confidential*, the lowdown on high art in higher education, must be one that a graphic artist would have some first-hand experience of. *Ghost World* itself, I seem to recall, touched lightly on the subject of art instruction, but the subject awaited a fuller fondling. If the hoped-for recovery has proven to be only partial, it is nevertheless encouraging.

The assemblage of characters, plausibly culled from direct observation, has the ring of truth and the tinkle of mirth: the weary, jaded, disappointed, self-deluding, and self-loathing professors ("The faculty is made up of old failures who only teach for the health insurance"), the graduate who measures his success in the art world in dollars alone, the unsuccessful graduate pickled in vodka, and the current undergraduate crop of "walking clichés," the perennial dropout, the constant suck-up ("Professor Okamura, what are some

of your favorite Halloween memories?"), the snow jobber who has learned to advance abstruse theory in place of actual work ("I'll buy that," his teacher accedes), the closet homosexual (artistic medium: the sewing machine) who is the last one to recognize his homosexuality, the derivative dead-teenager filmmaker who feels his work is original because he himself has never done it before, and many, many others.

The central figure (Max Minghella, a cross between young Tony Perkins and young Richard Thomas), "the class douche bag" in the lexicon of clichés, is a sensitive virgin whose goals are to be "the greatest artist of the 21st Century" and, more urgently, to get laid, rationalizing his slowness to achieve the second goal by his "high standards." (The uncool beatnik chick and the free-love slut fall below. But the bisexual angel-faced figure model, daughter of a modern-art mucky-muck, might be out of his league.) A genuinely skilled draftsman, he is incredulous that his competent renderings of recognizable objects do not grab the attention of his drawing instructor (a refreshingly chilled John Malkovich) any more than



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the chicken scratches and bucket splashes of his classmates. Urged by his teacher to experiment with all art styles and lifestyles — the teacher had really just meant the gay lifestyle, with himself as guide — he is then slapped down for being "unfocussed" and "all over the map." And asked, by the vodka-soaked grad, to name his favorite artist,

he is stunned to discover that his nominee, Picasso, could be seen as "a nasty little dwarf who never had an original thought in his entire life." Like *Ghost World*, the film has a lot to do with one's uncertainty in matters of taste and one's difficulty in knowing where to stand. It is to the credit of Zwigoff and Clowes as satirists that we see the absurdity of

the protagonist as much as that of everyone else: an unflattering portrait of the artist as a young man, or vice versa, and an equally unflattering class portrait.

The subplot of a serial strangler on campus, quite apart from its triteness, amounts to little more than filler, and very much of a detour. (In compensation, the philistine machismo of the



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cops on the case is as witheringly observed as are the airs and affectations of the aesthetes.) The cut-throat art competition, with its promised one-man show for the winning student and its threatened elimination of one unproductive faculty position, ought to have provided plenty of plot, not to mention plenty of relevance. And even when the film stays on point, it does not always make the best use of its time. In addition to — or rather, in subtraction from — all the unimpeachable knowingness, there is also a lot of randomness and cursoriness, a sense of missed opportunities if not missing footage. (Did Anjelica Huston really say yes to the script on the basis of two measly scenes?) Still, it fills, or fractionally fills, a definite void and a definite need, the uncommon film these days that has a feeling about it of necessity. It will do quite nicely until something better, something completer, comes along.

Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont is a softened, sweetened, sentimentalized treatment of a fine little novel by the fine English novelist Elizabeth Taylor. (Long-time favorites of mine, both the novelist and the novel.) American independent director Dan Ireland, of *The Whole Wide World* and *Passionada*, has left the basic situation untampered with. A proud lonely widow, resettled at a modest residential hotel in London, makes the chance acquaintance of an impecunious young writer, who cultivates the relationship for his own creative purposes (proposed story title, straight from the old lady’s mouth: “We Aren’t Allowed to Die Here”), and who freely participates in the face-saving ruse of passing himself off to her fellow lodgers as her inattentive grandson. Joan Plowright is properly dignified and Rupert Friend perfectly charming in the principal roles; and all of the characters, not least the dowdy hotel itself, are sharply visualized.

Poseidon, a remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, trims down its 1972 fore-runner by two words of the title and twenty minutes or so of the running time. The result is inarguably lively, although arguably so much so as to neglect to soak up the sights. And on an upside-down ocean liner on New Year’s Eve, there ought to be a lot to soak up. Inarguably, once again, the special effects are improved (German director Wolfgang Petersen, who made *A Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*, has been through some of these waters before), and arguably the cast can hold its own: Kurt Russell, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss, and scrubs (Josh Lucas is top-billed) versus Gene Hackman and a team of almost all-stars.

The Proposition, scripted by rock singer-songwriter Nick Cave (I’ve heard of him, but have I heard him?) and directed by music-video maker John Hillcoat, is an Australian Western, or in other words is not truly a Western, notwithstanding the Western iconography of six-shooters, horses, spear-chucking “savages,” a fraternal gang of outlaws (Guy Pearce, Danny Huston), a bounty hunter (John Hurt out-hamming John Carradine), a ruthless land-taming lawman and his genteel wife (Ray Winstone, Emily Watson). Even were it a bona fide Western, it would be of the harshly, brutally “realistic” type — or in another word, *decadent* type — which little resembles the classical Western, short on action, shorter on gallantry, long on stringy hair, blackened teeth, dirt, grime, mud, blood, flies, etc. The proper co-ordinates are probably Fred Schepisi’s *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* and *Barbarosa*. Steer accordingly. ■



Just My Luck

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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. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/19; KEN, THROUGH 5/18)

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 ex-

actly 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

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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; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Art School Confidential — Reviewed this issue. With Max Minghella, Sophia Myles, John Malkovich, Jim Broadbent, Matt Keelslar, and Steve Buscemi; directed by Terry Zwigoff.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 histo-

rian 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 Da Vinci Code — Ron Howard’s retelling of the Dan Brown best-seller, with Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, and Ian McKellen. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA



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SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/19)

Dial M for Murder — Frederick Knott’s theatrical thriller, forever a staple of

provincial playhouses, comes to the screen under the aegis of Alfred Hitchcock. Its cinematization, however, depends not so much on any overt attacks on its staginess and talkiness as on the simple imposition of

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3-D; and not so much on any visible ministrations by its director as on his mere reputation. With Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, and Robert Cummings. 1954. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/18 THROUGH 20, 8:30 P.M.)

Down in the Valley — Edward Norton and Evan Rachel Wood form a dangerous relationship, written and directed by David Jacobsen. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/19)

Friends with Money — There are, to be exact, three friends with money, and one without, a former teacher toiling now as a free-lance maid, helping herself to the bedside vibrator of one of her employers, and in her spare time harassing an ex-boyfriend with all-hours phone calls and hang-ups. The three with money additionally have mates. One of them, Catherine Keener, is collaborating with her husband on a screenplay, while adding an unsightly ocean-view second story on their home. Another, Frances McDormand, is a successful clothes designer with one child, plus a peculiar aversion to washing her hair, a reservoir of repressed anger, and a British-accented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual (“Just because you care about what you wear doesn’t mean to say you’re gay”). The third, Joan Cusack, has a passel of kids, plenty of hired help with them, no job and no need of one, enough money to donate a spare couple of million to her children’s school. Assuming the role of matchmaker, she introduces the moneyless and mateless friend, Jennifer Aniston, to her personal trainer, who begins to tag along with her on her housecleaning jobs and to demand a cut for haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of *Walking and Talking* and *Lovely and Amazing*, is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won’t be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can’t tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant). Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from Cusack and Aniston, but the facileness of the latter pair is not the sort of fault that the filmmaker is adept at pointing out. She is adept at minimizing it. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Goal! The Dream Begins — An illegal Mexican landscaper, a one-man wrecking crew in a weekend soccer league in L.A., catches the eye of a vacationing Brit and sails through a course of low hurdles (a defeatist father, asthma, English weather) to secure a spot on the roster of Newcastle United. Insipid inspirationalism from Disney’s sports department. With Kuno Becker, Stephen Dillane, Alessandro Nivola, and Anna Friel; directed by Danny Cannon. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/19; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

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, THROUGH 5/18)



Poseidon

Ice Age: The Meltdown — More straightforwardly, *Ice Age: The Sequel*. Our three inseparable prehistoric mammals — woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger — face global warming (as they are already calling it) and the impending inundation of their frozen valley. Even if they can escape the flood, outrun the rapacious sea beasts, and catch the prototype of Noah’s Ark, the end is still near. And at the end of a sequel, even with a final retreat into Major Denial, the end can only be nearer. The consciousness of imminent doomsday is compounded — is complemented — by the personal identity crisis, the extinction anxiety, of the sore-thumb mammoth: “What if I *am* the last mammoth?” On the trek, he will get an answer to his question when he runs into an opposite-sex mammoth who, raised among possums, acts and thinks like a possum herself, another sort of identity crisis. All this existential *angst* gives the film more resonance than some other computer cartoons, an ominous low hum drowned out nonetheless by the *au courant* smart-ass brassiness. The nonverbal squirrel, wrestling with his own existential *angst*, chasing the unattainable acorn, continues to put in intermittent appearances but ceases to steal the show. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; directed by Carlos Saldanha. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Just My Luck — Accursed fantasy (bad acting, writing, directing, lighting, taste, everything) about a charmed career girl who exchanges fortunes, when she exchanges saliva, with a luckless stranger on the dance floor at a masquerade ball. With Lindsay Lohan, Chris Pine, Faizon Love, Missi Pyle, Samaire Armstrong, and Bree Turner (she’s not bad, the brunette with the Cupid’s-bow mouth); directed by Donald Petrie. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 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; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

Lucky Number SleVIN — “We are dealing with a bona fide case of mistaken identity here.” No, we are dealing with a bogus case of fakeout — a crime story with an apparent innocent (Josh Hartnett) caught in the machinations of two rival gangs, African-American and Jewish, or “Darkies” and “Skullcaps” in copspeak, headed respectively by the Boss (Morgan Freeman) and the Rabbi (Sir — his official screen credit — Ben Kingsley), in addition to an out-of-town hit man (Bruce Willis) who plays both sides of the street. It features a staggering body count, a tediously doubling-back narrative, an offputtingly facetious tone, and a dense, heavy, claustrophobic décor. Mykelti Williamson, the shrimp man from *Forrest Gump*, earns a smile as a toothy dimwit named “Sloe,” but that’s early in the proceedings, before exasperation sets in. With Lucy Liu and Stanley Tucci; directed by Paul McGuigan. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Mission: Impossible III — The throbbing Lalo Schiffrin theme music from the original late-Sixties TV show is still the best thing about this third mission, as it was about the first two. 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.) Yet Cruise is really 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 in his feature-film debut, is himself closer to a cog than were either of his forerunners, lacking their established personalities. But

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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 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. ("This is intelligence," Laurence Fishburne, the IMF commander, remarks 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. 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. 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,

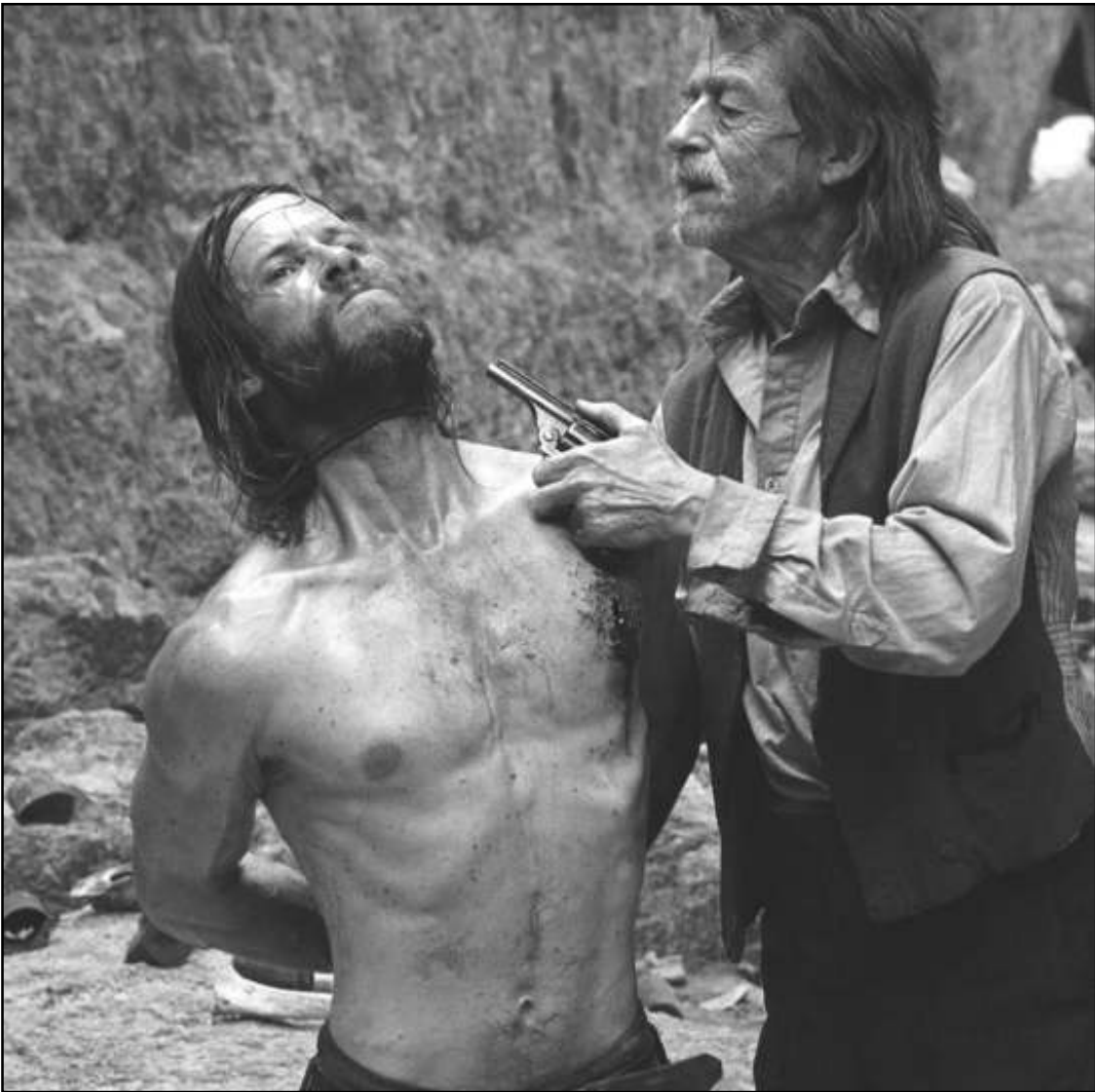
though, can be easily avoided by heading for the exit, with all due speed, to the final reprise of that Lalo Schiffrin theme. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Crudup, Ving Rhames. 2006.

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Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont — Reviewed this issue. With Joan Plowright, Rupert Friend, Zoe Tapper, Anna Massey, Robert Lang, and Georgina Hale; directed by Dan Ireland.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/19)

The Notorious Bettie Page — Unworthy biopic on "the pin-up queen of the universe," a brief reign in the mid-Fifties, until a congressional hearing on pornography sent her down the path of repentance, into the sheltering arms of Jesus. Gretchen Mol is game enough in the posing sessions, and has her own kind of vulnerability in the role of the naïve and unreflective (so portrayed, anyway) Southern-bred sex object. Yet, besides missing something in the hips, replacing the dangerous curves with the gentlest of slopes, she cannot hope to match the charisma, the mystique, the mystery, of her assigned character. (It's no problem to match the raven hair and bangs.) She finds herself in much the same



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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 prowling

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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.

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Over the Hedge — Computer-animated animal tale, with the voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, William Shatner, and Nick Nolte. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/19)

Poseidon — Reviewed this issue. With Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Emmy Rossum, Jacinda Barrett, and Richard Dreyfuss; directed by Wolfgang Petersen. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The 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 consequence a modicum of charm. With Dong-Kun Jang, Hiroyuki Sanada, Cecilia Cheung, Nicholas Tse. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; THROUGH 5/18)

The Proposition — Reviewed this issue. With Guy Pearce, Ray Winstone, Emily Watson, John Hurt, and Danny Huston; directed by John Hillcoat. ★ (KEN, 5/19 THROUGH 25)

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 eyecore 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; CINERAMA 6; 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)

See No Evil — Dead-teenager thriller, with Glen Jacobs as a psychopath on the warpath, directed by Gregory Dark. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/19)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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, THROUGH 5/18)

Stick It — A former girl gymnast (“one of the greatest natural talents the sport’s ever seen”), and a current scofflaw, is given the choice between reform school and the bitch-eat-bitch Vickerman Gymnastics Academy (“It’s not called gym-*nice*-tics”), where she trains and competes to hip-hop thumps and shrieking electric guitars. Jeff Bridges, as the coach, displays admirable but unmatchable forbearance. With Missy Peregrym, Vanessa Lengies, Nikki SooHoo, and Maddy Curley; written and directed by Jessica Bendinger. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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-video director Liz Friedlander, widens the students’ eyes and horizons, and a formulaic dance competition offers them the Ger-

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ber 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 background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich fla-

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Cyclo is written and directed by French-Vietnamese filmmaker Tran Anh Hung. Its cast features Asian superstar Tony Leung as a rough but melancholic pimp. It’s a beautifully shot film about the loss of innocence. But it also reaches deeper than that with its backdrop of the slow rebirth of Vietnam. I highly recommend this film for anyone interested in this sort of gorgeously glamorized realism, with excellent production design and musical score.

Ohayo is one of master Japanese filmmaker Yasujiro Ozu’s happier features. The movie is basically about two boys begging their parents for a television set, nagging them until all patience is lost. Even though it was shot more than fifty years ago, the film remains timeless — maybe because of its minimalism and incredibly effective cinematography. There’s nothing unnecessary in this film.

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Léolo is gorgeously shot, full of creative compositions and evocative lighting. Director Jean-Claude Lauzon’s career was sadly shortened when he died in a plane crash in 1997. An imaginative film, dreamlike and unique. A must see.

I saw *Happy Together* in a small seedy cinema in New York City. I’m a huge fan of director Wong Kar-wai and this is one of his best. The lighting and handheld camera of Christopher Doyle are always inspiring. Leslie Cheung and Tony Leung give superb performances and are a pleasure to watch. It’s a gay-themed film that hits all the marks *Brokeback Mountain* missed.

Delicatessen is an amazing surreal comedy by the directing team Jeunet and Caro. If you liked *Amélie*, this is a great earlier work from Jean-Pierre Jeunet. The production design and art direction are stunning. The high-contrast lighting of Darius Khondji influenced many in the music-video world.

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vor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described “Colonel Sanders of Nicotine,” a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Company of Men*, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The surrounding cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimonious U.S. Senator from Vermont

(“Where the Cheddar Is Better”) who is pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry’s grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there, too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resis-

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tance against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free choice. (There is pointedly no puffing on screen here: overprotection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: “Jeff invented product placement.” Further plot mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered. 2006.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

United 93 — British filmmaker Paul Greengrass, in the vein of his docudrama *Bloody Sunday*, has done a thoroughgoing job of imagining how the events of 9/11 might have 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



Stick It

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 as-

sorted 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. Ben Slinyey, Maj. James Fox, David Alan Basche, Trish Gates. 2006.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 8:20, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 8:20, 10:05; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35) 5:25, 10:30 Sun. (11:35) 5:25, 10:15; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55) 4:50, 7:55, 10:10, 10:45 Sun. (12:55) 4:50, 7:55, 10:00; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 12:20, 1:00, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15) 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:25, 10:25 Sun. (11:45, 12:20, 1:00, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15) 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:25; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 12:40, 2:30, 3:20) 5:00, 5:35, 7:35, 8:10, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (12:05, 12:40, 2:30, 3:20) 5:00, 5:35, 7:35, 8:10, 9:55; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:35, 7:50, 10:20; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:05) 8:00; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:35) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Call theater for program information

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Art School Confidential (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:05) 6:55, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 6:55, 9:20; **Hard Candy** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; **Mission:**

Impossible III (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 4:00, 4:45) 6:40, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20) 4:00, 4:45, 6:40, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:05, 10:35; **RV** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 6:50, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 6:50, 9:00; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 6:30, 9:05; **United 93** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 4:55) 7:20, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 4:55, 7:20, 9:25

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Art School Confidential (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Water** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **He-Man and She-Ra: The Secret of the Sword** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:15, 9:45; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 1:00, 3:40, 4:15, 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:45; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Proposition (Not Rated) Fri. (4:40) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Dial M for Murder (Not Rated)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Adam and Steve (R) Fri. (4:40) 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 4:40, 9:50; **Down in the Valley** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (2:20, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; **Kinky Boots** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **The Notorious Bettie Page** (R)

Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 7:20; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri. (2:10, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; **Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **Journey into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:20) Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:20; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 11:50, 12:10, 12:30, 2:55, 3:15, 3:35, 3:55) 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, 7:20, 9:45, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45; **Goal** (PG) Fri. (4:05) 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. 4:05, 9:35; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 12:40, 1:20, 3:40, 4:20) 6:40, 7:20, 9:40, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 1:20, 3:40) 4:20, 6:40, 7:20, 9:40, 10:20; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 12:00, 12:50, 1:20, 2:20, 3:10, 3:40, 4:40, 5:30, 5:55) 7:00, 7:50, 8:20, 9:20, 10:10, 10:40; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 2:35, 5:00, 5:20) 7:45, 8:05, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 2:35) 5:00, 5:20, 7:45, 8:05, 10:30, 10:50; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Scary Movie 4**

(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 6:50, 9:10; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 7:00; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00)

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 3:30) 4:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:35, 11:00; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 5:15; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:55, 10:20; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:25, 8:05, 9:45, 10:50; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50) 4:40, 5:05, 7:10, 7:35, 9:20; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:15) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:25

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sat.,-Sun. (9:45, 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:20, 1:15); **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:35, 4:20) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:05) 7:05, 7:35, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 1:10, 3:10) 4:05, 7:05, 7:35, 10:00, 10:35; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:40, 2:30, 3:05, 4:15, 5:00, 5:30) 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:40, 2:30, 3:05) 4:15, 5:00, 5:30,

6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:00, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:20, 1:50, 2:15, 4:35, 5:05) 7:15, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:20, 1:50, 2:15) 4:35, 5:05, 7:15, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:55, 4:25) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (10:25, 12:50, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:25, 12:50, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. 4:10, 7:10, 9:55

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:15, 12:55; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:45, 12:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:15, 8:15, 10:30; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 7:45; **He-Man and She-Ra: The Secret of the Sword** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:15, 9:45; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 5:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road (858-558-2262)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG); **An American Haunting** (PG-13); **Art School Confidential** (R); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Celestine Prophecy** (PG); **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13); **Goal** (PG); **Hoot** (PG); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Just My Luck** (PG-13); **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13); **Over the Hedge** (PG); **Poseidon** (PG-13); **RV** (PG); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **See No Evil** (R); **Silent Hill** (R); **Stick It** (PG-13); **United 93** (R); **The Wild** (G)
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Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 12:20, 12:40, 1:20, 3:15, 3:55, 4:15, 4:45, 6:55, 7:15, 7:35, 8:10, 10:15, 10:35, 10:55; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:50, 1:45, 7:30, 10:25; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15, 10:45, 1:10, 1:40, 4:05, 4:35, 7:05, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00, 10:30, 11:45, 12:10, 12:35, 2:00, 2:25, 2:50, 4:25, 4:50, 5:15, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:25, 9:50, 10:20; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 12:05, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10, 7:25, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:25, 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10, 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:35; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 10:50

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Benchwarmers (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 7:45; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:45, 9:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:55; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:20; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:30; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:10; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 4:40, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20 Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 4:40, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25) 5:35, 10:40 Sun. (12:25) 5:35; **Hoot** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10); **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:35 Sun. (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:20; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35,

12:30, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30 Sat. (11:35, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:35, 12:30, 2:20, 3:20) 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (2:50) 5:10, 7:30; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:50) 5:55, 8:30, 10:35 Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:50) 5:55, 8:30; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:10) 8:15

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:45) 5:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45) 7:00, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45) 7:00, 8:00; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 3:15, 8:15

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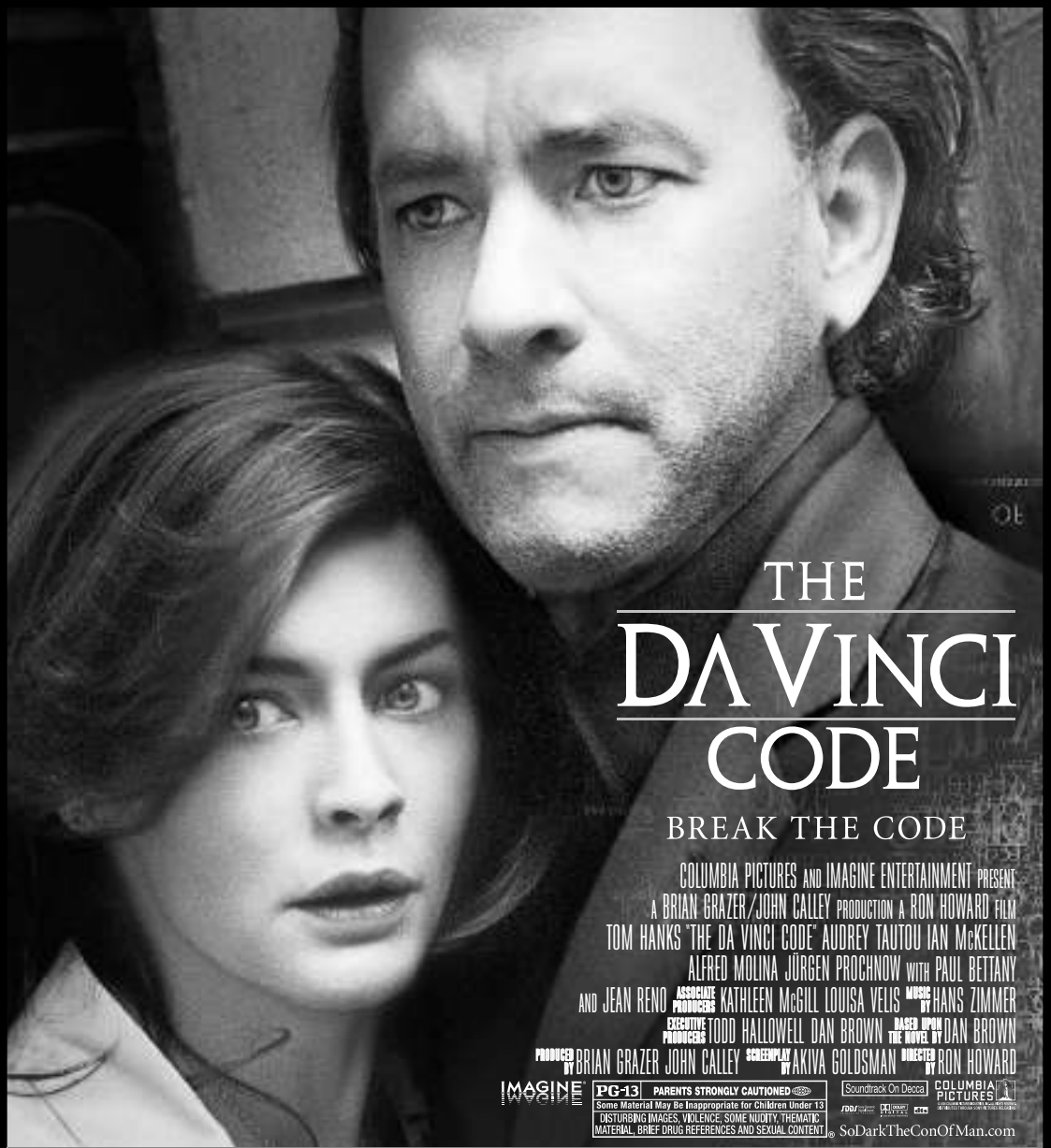
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Diario San Diego

El director del la Oficina Federal de Investigaciones (FBI) Robert Mueller, aceptó que hay una ola de secuestros de mexicanos que residen en San Diego y son llevados a Tijuana.

En una visita realizada a la ciudad de San Diego, el alto funcionario dijo que su corporación se encuentra trabajando muy de cerca con las autoridades mexicanas para detectar a los miembros del crimen organizado que han co-

menzado a generar terror en esta población.

"Nuestras oficina de San Diego particularmente está trabajando muy de cerca con autoridades tanto locales como de México para resolver este problema", enfatizó Mueller.

Habló también de las medidas que el FBI está tomando contra la corrupción y dijo que actualmente en varios estados de la nación se están investigando servidores públicos que pudieron en vueltos en casos de corrupción.

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Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

El Banco Central de México y la Reserva Federal de Estados Unidos reforzaron un convenio para que migrantes mexicanos saquen el mayor provecho de las remesas que envían a su país de origen.

Bajo el programa denominado "México Directo", las dependencias financieras de ambos países han logrado abaratar los costos para

mandar dinero a la República Mexicana.

De igual manera, la asociación entre el Banco de México y la Reserva Federal permite ofrecer un tipo de cambio inmejorable.

"Este es un gran sistema para que la gente le saque más jugo al dinero que manda a México", dijo el representante del Banco de México que recientemente visitó la ciudad de San Diego, Alberto Mendoza.

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Diario San Diego

Saber la verdad. Es lo que pidió el párroco de la iglesia Corpus Christi, Patrick Mulcahy, ante el estreno de la película de El Código da Vinci esta semana a nivel mundial.

Esta película, basada en la novela homónima del autor estadounidense, Dan Brown, narra hechos distintos a los de la Iglesia Católica, principalmente en lo que respecta a la relación de Jesús con María Magdalena.

Hay algunas personas que dicen que este libro está atacando a la Iglesia Católica, pero más que esto es un ataque a la idea de la fe en Cristo Jesús porque no es a la Iglesia, sino a los cristianos que están ofendiendo, sostiene el padre Mulcahy, antes de ofrecer una plática a sus feligreses del área de Bonita al Sur de San Diego.

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Apenas estamos en el mes de mayo pero muchas marcas de automóviles ya tienen en el mercado los modelos 2007, como el deportivo Saturn Sky que está basado en el prototipo Vauxall VX Lighting demostrando así un "lenguaje de diseño internacional". Entre otras cosas, el Sky destaca por sus grandes salpicaderas, gran distancia de ejes y rines de 18 pulgadas que le dan esa innegable sensación de que será una experiencia divertida manejar este auto.

Mecánicamente el Saturn Sky recurre a un motor I4 de 2.4 litros con 170 caballos

de fuerza. Aparte también habrá una versión Red Line de alto desempeño, con un motor 2.0 litros turbo de 260 caballos de fuerza.

No se han facilitado todavía datos de prestaciones y consumos, pero con un peso de mil 300 kilos se espera un comportamiento muy ágil.

El cambio de marchas es manual de cinco velocidades, u opcionalmente automático también de cinco velocidades.

Con este auto, General Motors quiere regresar a la vida al roadster americano, y el Saturn Sky ayudará a hacer eso.



Final sorpresiva

Servicios Diario San Diego

Un gol del colombiano Aquivaldo Mosquera en tiempo de reposición le aseguró a los Tuzos de Pachuca el pase a la final del torneo Clausura 2006 del fútbol mexicano, pese a perder 3-2 ante Chivas de Guadalajara.

El marcador global tras los encuentros de ida y vuelta fue de 4-4 (2-1 y 3-2), que le favoreció a Pachuca por el reglamento.

Chivas logró imponerse en la vuelta 3-2, pero no le fue suficiente y se quedó a escasos segundos de avanzar a la final.

Pachuca, que ganó en la ida 2-1, se benefició del reglamento de competencia, que en caso de empate en el global le da el pase al equipo mejor colocado en la primera fase del torneo, en

donde se jugaron 17 fechas.

Los Tuzos fueron los mejores en las 17 fechas, mientras que las Chivas ocuparon el séptimo lugar en ese periodo.

Pachuca jugará la final ante el San Luis, que venció en la otra semifinal con un global de 4-2 (2-1 y 2-1) al Toluca, último campeón de torneo de Apertura 2005.

La final se jugará en partidos de ida y vuelta. San Luis buscará su primer título de campeón el fútbol mexicano, mientras que Pachuca pretende su cuarto.

Se espera que este duelo, aunque se trata de dos equipos que no gozan de gran popularidad entre la mayoría de los aficionados, sea emocionante y se decida por un estrecho margen en el marcador.



Frontera militarizada

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El arribo de seis mil elementos de la Guardia Nacional, anunciado por el presidente George W. Bush, causó la reacción airada de activistas pro migrantes de San Diego y el resto de la Unión Americana.

"Hechos históricos han demostrado una y otra vez que las tropas militares no están capacitadas para vigilar la frontera, la comunidad está muy preocupada porque esto traerá más violaciones a derechos humanos", dijo Pedro Ríos, director interino del Comité de Amigos Americanos de San Diego.

"Aún no tenemos un control total de la frontera y estoy decidido a

cambiar eso", expresó Bush desde la Oficina Oval de la Casa Blanca.

Por su parte el canciller mexicano, Luis Ernesto Derbéz dijo que el plan del presidente Bush abre la puerta para que en un futuro cercano se llegue a un acuerdo migratorio que beneficie a millones de indocumentados que se encuentran en la Unión Americana.

Varios legisladores republicanos criticaron la propuesta del presidente George W. Bush de reformar las leyes de inmigración, afirmando que equivalen a una amnistía para los inmigrantes ilegales.

"Los intentos velados de otorgar una amnistía no serán tolerados", advirtió Tom Price.

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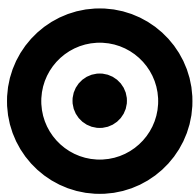
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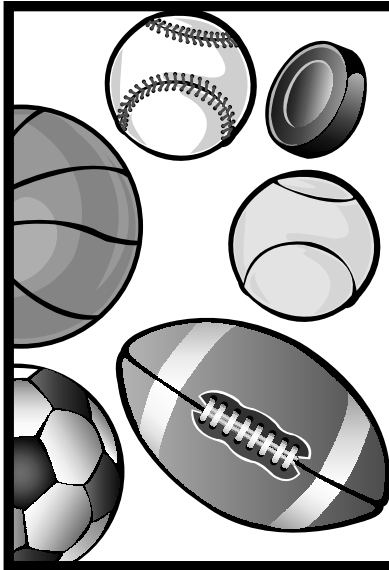
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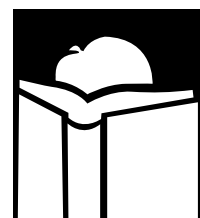
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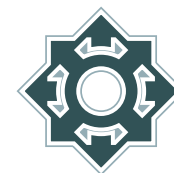
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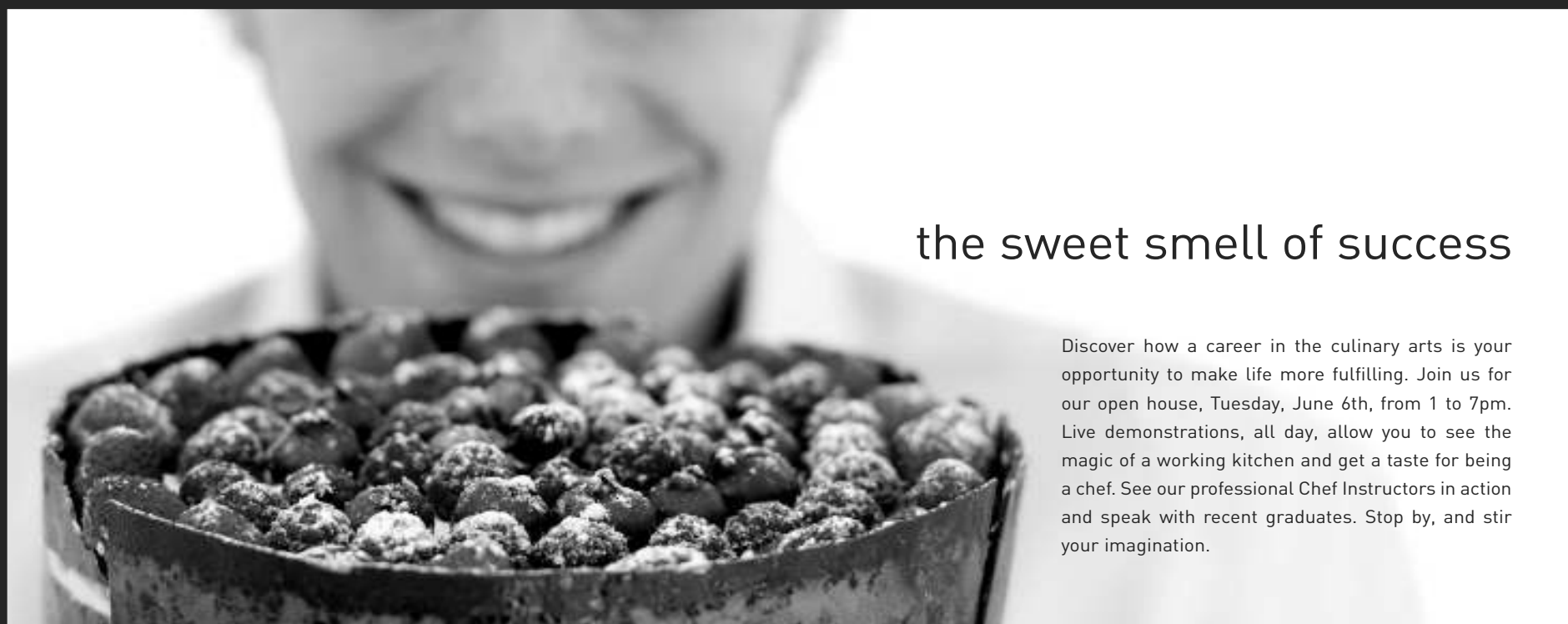
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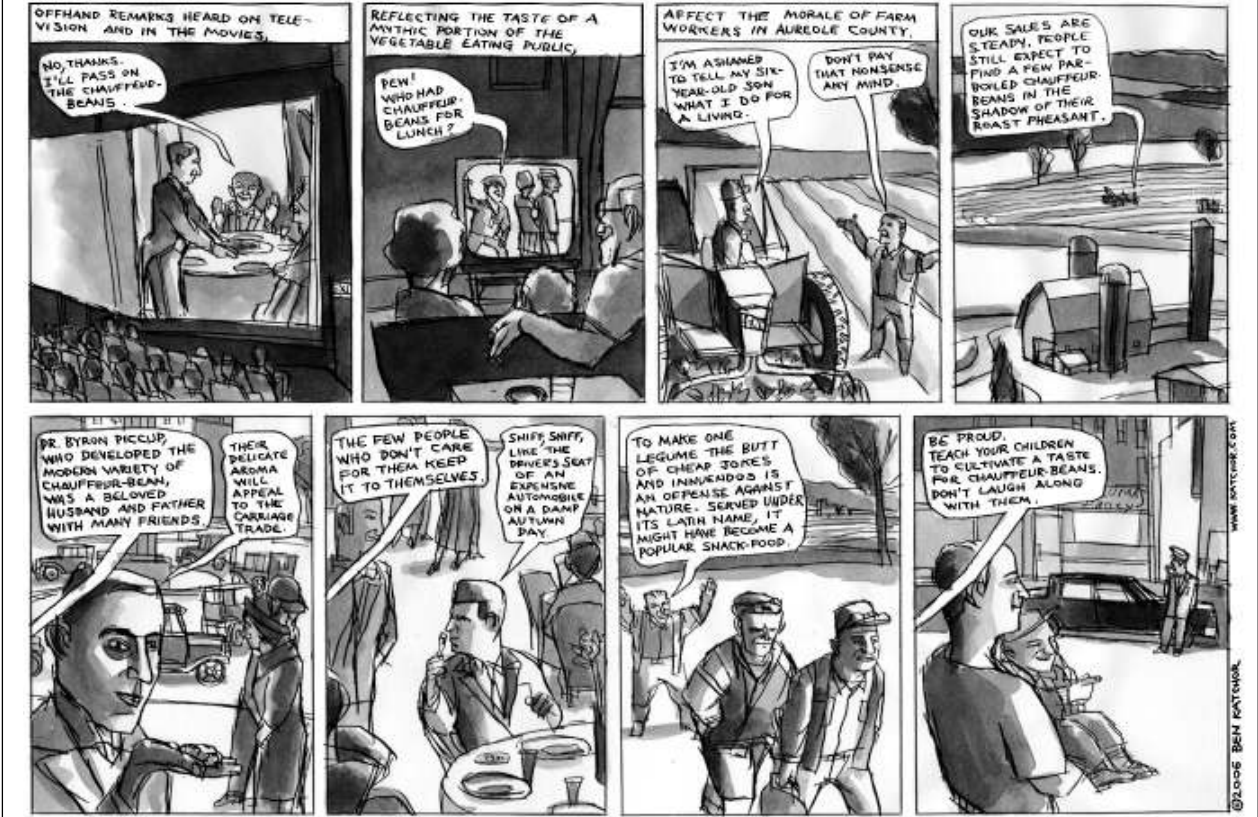
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- "Aw!"
- Lip service?
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- Sporty Pontiac
- "Hasta ____!"
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- Tabloid couple that "united" during the filming of "Daredevil"
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- They can be taken en passant
- Dr. of rap
- Tabloid couple that "united" a little more than a year before the birth of their son, Sean Preston
- "____ a roll!"
- Something that may be on a house
- 1981 hit "Just the Two ____"
- One of three rhyming words of regret
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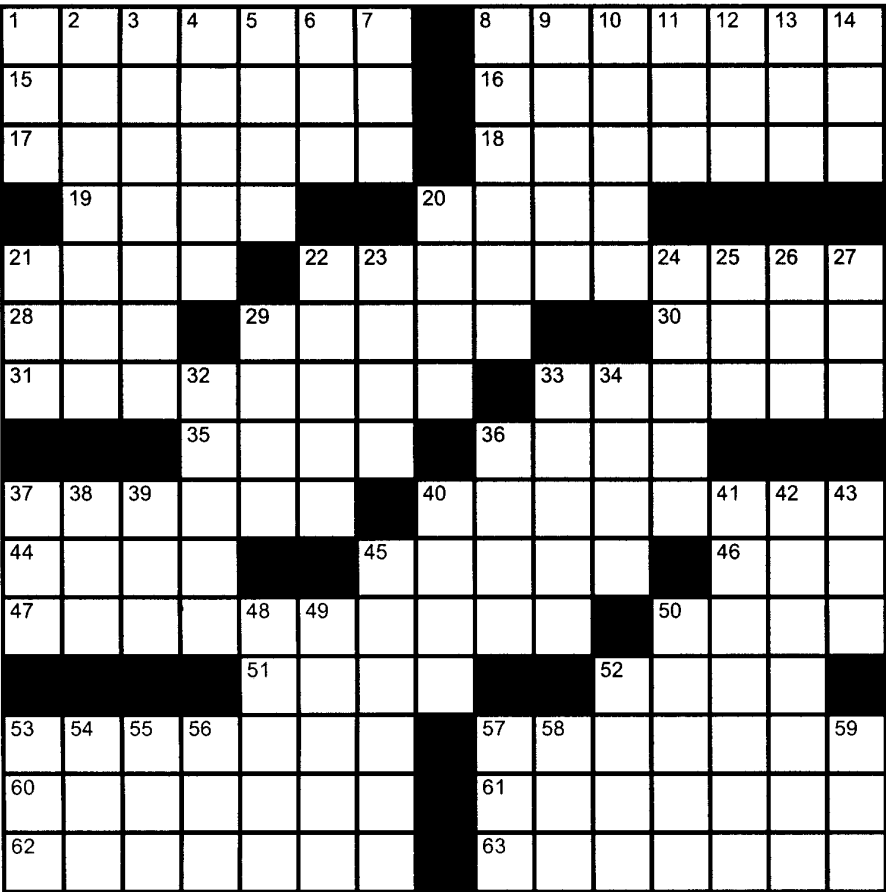
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- "Absolutely Fabulous" ailer
- "You stumped me — what's the answer?"
- Teases
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- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
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There were 156 entrants. The winners are:

- Jessie Romine, *San Diego*
- Yasmine Grigoras, *El Cajon*
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Q: The real Mexican embassy?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



ADDICTION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

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ART SHOW, Old Trading Post. June 3-July 2. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1pm-5pm. 36766 Highway 78, PO Box 575, Julian CA 92036. 760-765-0815 or 760-765-2168.

BIPOLAR KIDS, free educational seminar for parents, teachers, and health professionals. Hosted by Step up 4 kids and the San Diego Center for Children. Friday 5/26/06, 9am-2pm. 3002 Armstrong Street. RSVP: 781-545-9909; www.stepup4kids.com.

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DIGESTION/ABSORPTION, by Dan Harper, MD free. Thursday June 15, 7-9pm, Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove, RSVP 619-462-7600.

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ACCOMPLISHED, HAPPY, Attractive, Asian, loving, genuine, fit, secure non-

smoker, widowed, 59. Seeking nice, healthy, attractive gentleman, loving, secure, with similar interests for long term relationship. (5/24) ☎69013

HII! 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

ASIAN FEMALE, 37, 5'6", curvy, professional, you? 5'10-above, 33-45 single professional Asian/Caucasian with a good heart. Family oriented, date/friendship/leading to marriage/kids. (5/31) ☎69055

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SWEET SINCERE WOMAN, Easy-going. Seeking strong male, friends long term. Sensitive to your needs. No games, dinner, outdoor, fun, movies, call now. I'm worthy. (5/24) ☎69033

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Loving, 5'5", nice figure. Seeks handsome, successful, fun-loving Christian man, 45-50+, to share love and romance, spirituality, beach, outdoors, dancing, traveling, life's passions. (5/31) ☎69046

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

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MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA, Park view, female, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 room available, share bath, modern decor, French doors, pool/jacuzzi, \$600 plus deposit, utilities included. No smoking/pets. Monica, 818-355-0458.

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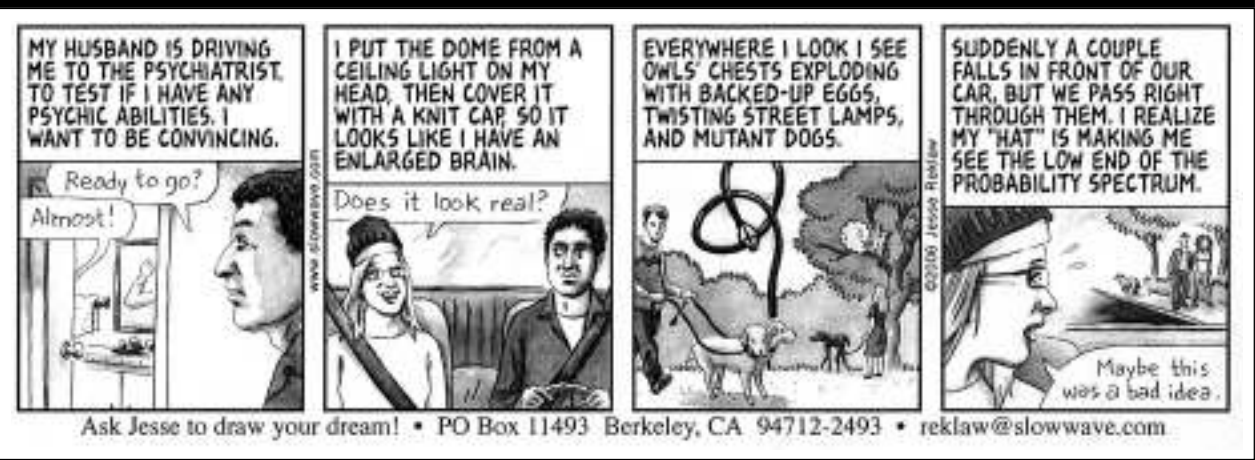
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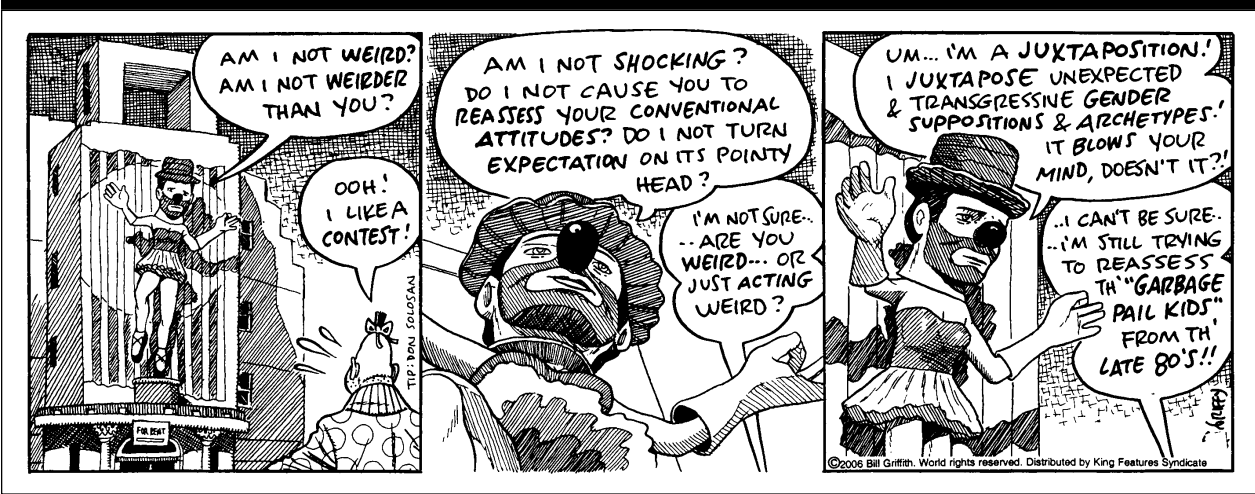
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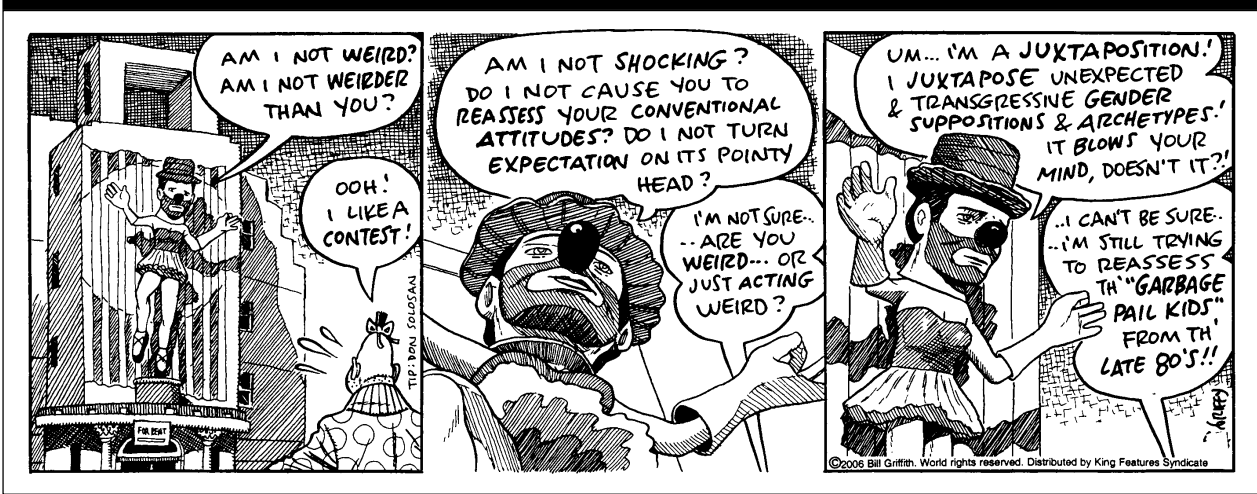
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Amy Beck

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Downtown

Not really; but if they continue to rise, they will shortly. I drive about ten miles with traffic to work; it can take up to 45 minutes to get there. It used to cost me 25 dollars every two weeks to fill up and now it costs a little over 50 [dollars.] I won't be buying an SUV anytime soon. I think [the reason for high prices] is a combination of the government and gas companies, as well as supply and demand. Every month there's growth in the amount of people on the road; hopefully people will catch on and demand will even out. I think it's good that more companies are using the hybrid technology. I'd start riding a bike more when it gets to four dollars [a gallon]. When it costs me 70 to 80 dollars every two weeks, I'll invest in a bike.




Peter Stewart

Pharmacist

Bay Park

They have and they haven't because I recently changed cars from driving a Jeep Wrangler, which gets 17 miles to the gallon, to an Audi, which gets 30 miles to the gallon. My gas cost is the same; however, if they continue to go up, [gas prices] will impact my driving routine. It's only in my own increase in miles per gallon that I'm doing okay, but I do expect to pay more in gas this year. I really think the key is mass transportation; if California had a better mass transit system, we'd be driving less and be able to take subways to different parts of town. I'm from New Jersey and there's the NJ Transit; it's a train that I used to take to New York City, and I thought it was very convenient. My dad took it for 20 years; a lot of companies reimburse on that kind of public transportation system. Every time I hear someone talk about mass transit, they usually follow it up with, "You know Californians love their cars." With that kind of attitude, we're never going to get anywhere developing a good mass transit system. Another difficulty is that California has sprawling suburbs and not traffic between two areas of high density. I'd blame Ford and GM; they helped create a country that's reliant on a freeway system.




Rich Nye

Hotel Employee

Pacific Beach

Yeah. I try and strategically run my errands, to cut down on driving. It's pretty easy for me to get around, so I just try to avoid needless driving. I like to walk and exercise a lot anyway; I like to ride my bike to get around here [Pacific Beach]. I drive a mid-sized car, but I don't want prices to go up much more. My friends who drive V-8s...you got to feel bad for them when their whole paycheck is going to gas; they ask me to give them a ride every now and then too. I'm always up for a new technology; there's already a lot out there we haven't used. It's kind of ironic how Bush is president and he's been an oil man all of his life and oil companies are making trillions of dollars.




Johnny Duggan

Food Server

Pacific Beach

I don't have a car; I walk everywhere, so it really hasn't affected me. I've never had a car and I'm from Pennsylvania, so I'm used to walking everywhere. I bum rides when I can, but I just walk everywhere mostly. It keeps me in good shape. I got a bike sometimes too; it helps. Buses are a lot more prevalent back home; I used taxis a lot back home. People don't think kindly of public transportation; they consider it dirty. I'm not ashamed of riding the bus. At some point [I'll buy a car], but not anytime in the too near future. Fortunately the weather is nice, so it's good for walking. I haven't been downtown since I've moved here because it's tricky to get around. I haven't had a way to get down there yet. I'd like a van, something I could throw musical equipment in the back. I'd be conservative with how much I'd drive it. Once I have a car, it'll broaden my opportunities for making money, so it'll even out.




Nikki Hunt

Student

Mission Beach

I don't really drive too much, so not too much. I drive a Ford and I have a job that pays for my gas. I just tell them how much I paid in gas. None of my friends really talk about [the rise in gas prices] too much; most of my friends carpool though. There's a weird correlation [with gas and politics], but whatever gets people to use less. I know gas is pretty much the reason we're there [the Middle East], but as long as it gets people to buy more fuel-efficient cars. If I ever got any money, I'd buy a hybrid car.



Monica Bilotti

Student

Mira Mesa

Yeah. I only get a certain amount of money from my parents, because I don't have a job, so now a larger portion of the money I get is going to gas. Now, more of my money is budgeted toward gas; my parents will absolutely not give me more money for gas. This is the first time I've been shopping since the semester started; now that it's over I can spend money again. I drive a four-cylinder, and I'm glad I didn't get the six now because I wouldn't be able to afford it. I know this guy who has a truck and a small car; he loves his trucks, he put rims on it and everything, but he never drives it because it's so expensive. My dad drives a Ford F-150, and it costs him a hundred bucks to fill his tank and gas costs less back in Jersey than it does out here. My dad drives his motorcycle more now too. I think it's obvious; Bush's pockets are getting fatter and we're struggling. I don't know what we can do; I wish there was something we could do.

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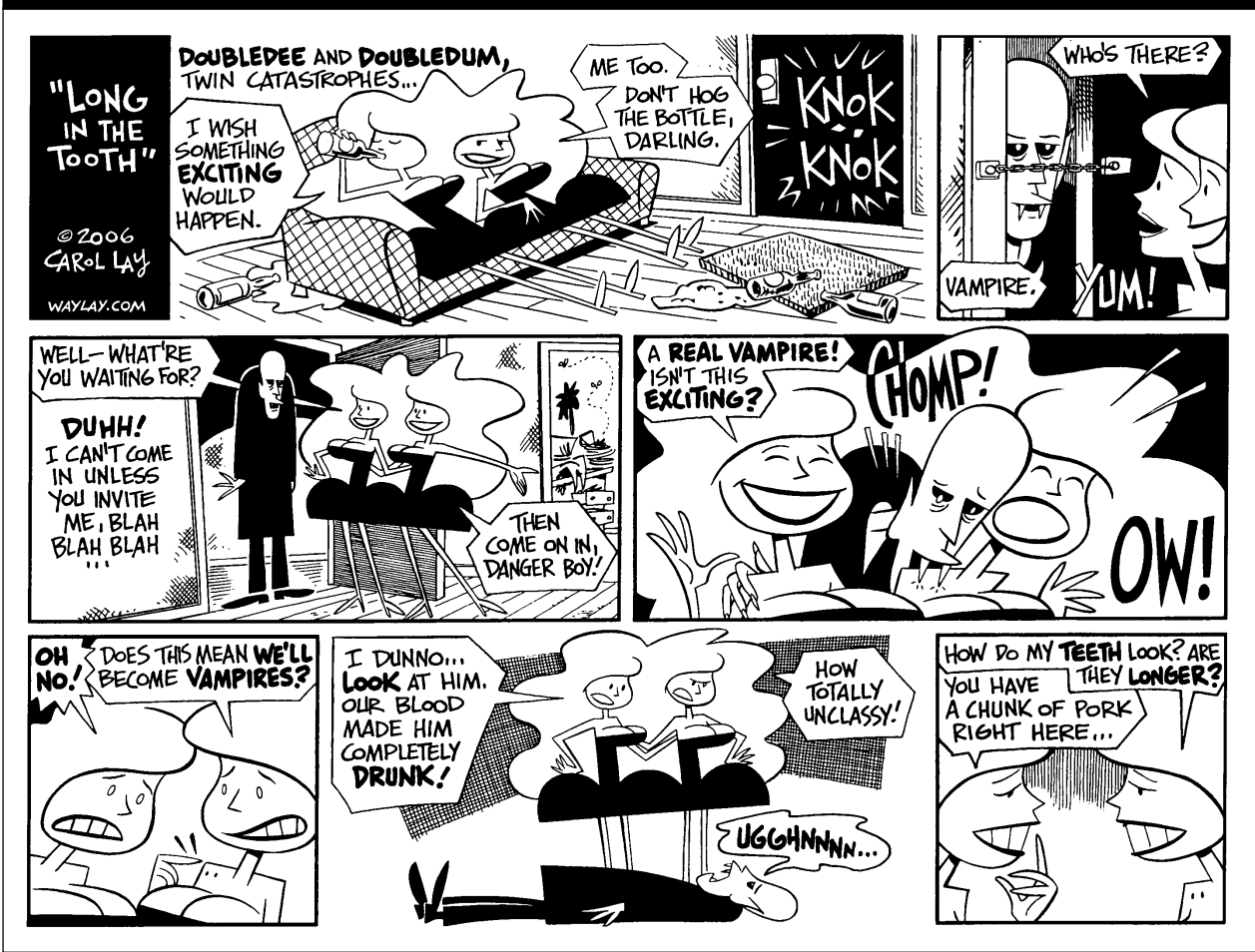
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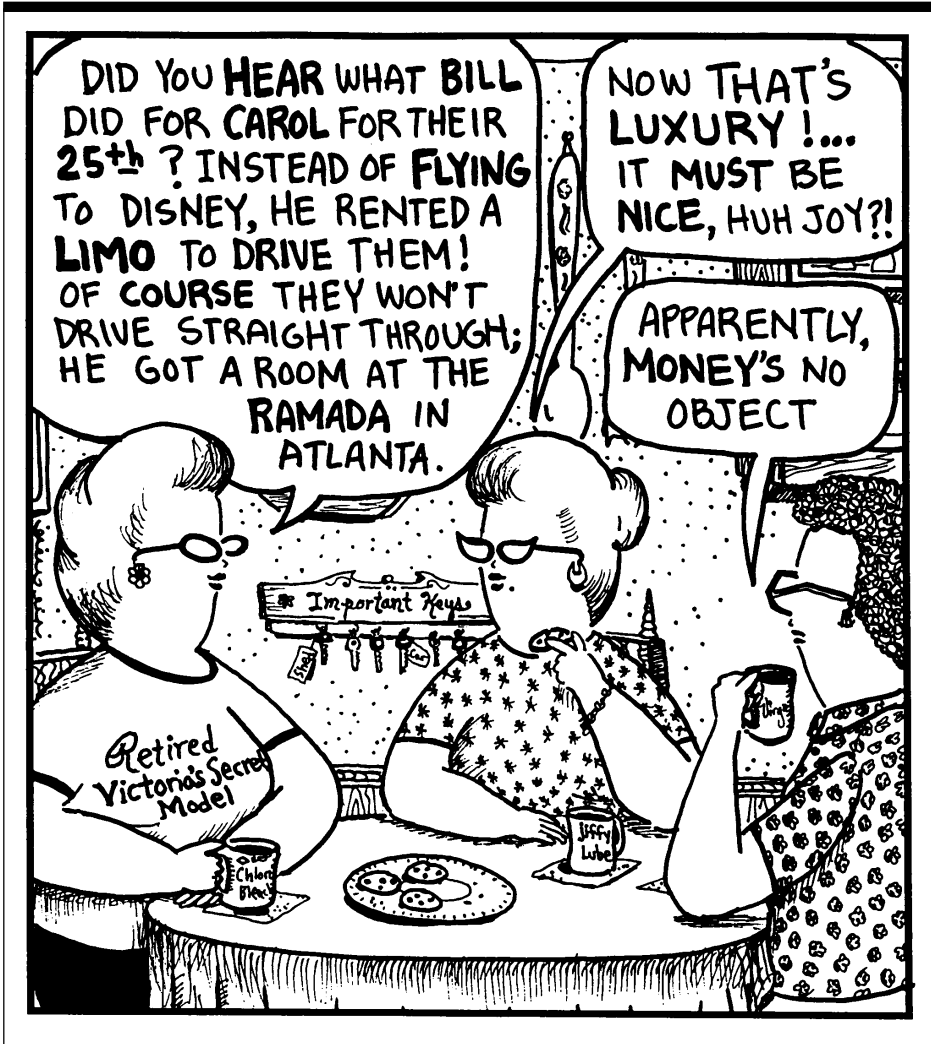
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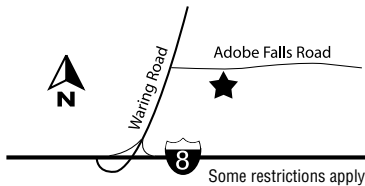
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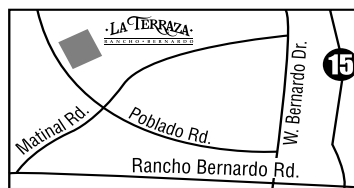
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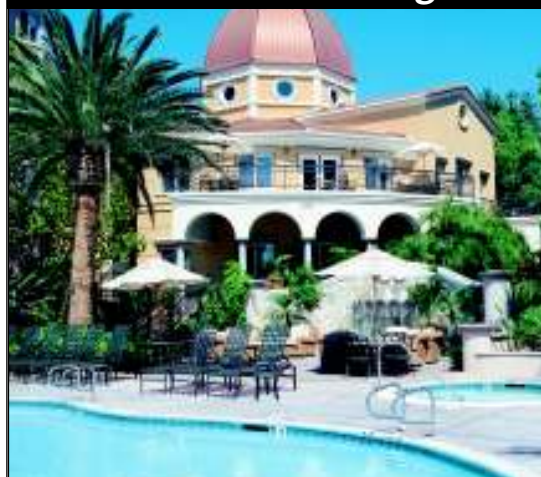
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My highest weight was 338 pounds, my lowest 147. I maintained a weight between 148 and 152 for a year, the longest I've ever maintained a consistent weight.

I lost weight by following a food plan given to me by my sponsor in a 12-step program for eating disorders, which I call the Stepfords. There are a half-dozen 12-step-based programs for food addiction.

I am addicted to food. There is science to back up the notion in general, and there is my behavior — eating to assuage or mask feelings, the barbiturate effect I seek, my inability to tell the difference between full enough and stuffed, the fact that I rarely really taste the food I eat.

The food plan I follow is three weighed and measured meals a day with a metabolic adjustment (a.k.a., snack) — no sugar and no flour.

In 12-step programs, or "The Rooms," we don't call this a diet. The phrase "food plan" is more specific in that

I plan my meals in advance and change them only after telling another addict what I'm eating instead. Further, the connotation of "diet" is finite. "I'm on a diet," a normie announces. "For how long?" or "How much do you want to lose?" is the usual response.

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I'm not of the anti-surgery school that thinks it's the easy way out. I think it's the much more difficult way out. I've had abdominal surgery twice. Nothing would induce me to face it again. The success rate for bypass surgery is something like 40 percent. It might fix my stomach, but it's my brain that drives my eating.

"Sometimes," my correspondent went on, "I wonder if all the self-analysis [in 12-step programs] is good for us. I also wonder if surrounding ourselves with people who deem themselves unhealthy or sick is a good thing."

I am unhealthy and sick. No one says

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such things of cancer support groups.

Don't get me wrong. I think a lot of the people in the Rooms are nuts, replacing life with meetings, the Bible with *The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Here is what I know about myself: I have been a whore for food, a thief, a liar, a magician, juggler, soldier, spy. Each of these roles had a different relationship with food and with the world of things and people.

In return, this compulsion has been my best friend, whipping post, lover, and god since the age of four. It has ruined my ability to be automatically generous about people. My sense of worth, my health, my confidence, my discipline, my finances, my market value, my potential as a mother have all been mown down by food, even as it promised me one more night of comfort against all those shortcomings.

Self-analysis? Jesus, with which self do I begin?

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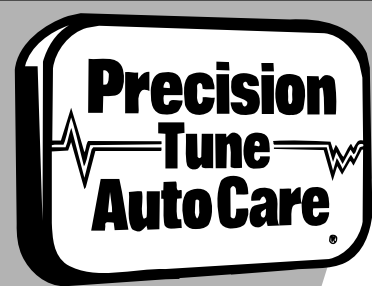
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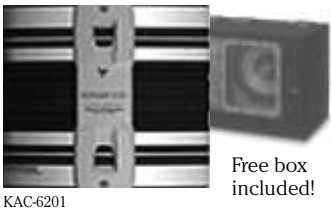
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LEAD STORY

— In April issues of *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, the chief executives of two huge companies in politically sensitive industries were revealed to have received such extravagant bonuses or stock options that even veteran industry observers were said to be shocked. While customers of both companies are chronically panicked about rising prices, Lee Raymond, who retired as CEO of ExxonMobil in December, was reported by the *Times* to have received the equivalent of \$144,000 every day for 13 years, and William McGuire, CEO since 1996 of the highly profitable health-insurance manager United Healthcare, was reported by the *Journal* to be sitting on stock options that, because they were mysteriously timed to kick in at the best possible date, are worth \$1.6 billion.

Chutzpah!

— Convicted drunk driver Joshua Campbell, 23, filed a lawsuit in April against the driver he hit, Bloomfield Township, Mich., police officer Gary Davis, asking the police department to pay him for the “humiliation,” “embarrassment” and physical injuries he received. Campbell claims that Davis unsafely turned around on Interstate 75 after a traffic stop and that the turnaround was the cause of the collision. Bloomfield police say that Campbell, in addition to having a 0.17 blood alcohol reading, was going 90 mph and that three patrol cars on the scene with flashing lights should have been a signal to Campbell to slow down.

Awesome!

— (1) Unexpected childbirths happen from time to time, but the genuinely surprised mother in Ojo Caliente, N.M., in February was Kayla Alire, 18, who just two hours earlier had hit two three-pointers as a starting guard for the town’s high school girls’ basketball team. (2) In March, Matt Robison, 21, of Ottawa, Ill., said he felt “like I’ve done something memorable with my life” after sitting for a 14-hour session in which he received 1,016 skin piercings to eclipse the previous Guinness Book record. (Immediately afterward, Robi-

son had to remove each one, which he said was just as excruciating as the piercing.) — Prosecutors in Chicago are proceeding with the case against Howard Morgan for allegedly shooting at a police officer, although Morgan denies it, but what is clear was that in returning fire, police shots hit Morgan 25 times (from which he is recovering satisfactorily, according to a January WMAQ-TV story). Also awesome was the endurance of a 35-year-old man in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who, according to a February *Poughkeepsie Journal* report, had just been a gunshot victim for the fourth time in the same housing complex. (The first and fourth incidents involved multiple wounds.)

Bright Ideas

— The El Bulli restaurant in Barcelona, Spain, has long waiting lists for reservations for innovative dishes such as strawberry walnut mayonnaise, foie gras ice cream, cocoa butter with crispy ears of rabbit, and Kellogg’s Paella (Rice Krispies, shrimp heads and vanilla-flavored mashed potatoes), according to a February report in *The Times of London*. The meals of the artistic chef Ferran Adria cost the equivalent of \$240 a person, but the world’s leading restaurant critics rate it at the top of their lists. — Shellie White, 30, was apprehended in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., in March, two years after she fled Arizona with her two children in a custody dispute with her ex-husband. For most of the two years, she has been living as a man (with a female partner), having convinced the kids, now aged 6 and 8, that she is actually their father.

Men’s Packages in the News

— In Savannah, Ga., in March, police picked up Carlos Little, wandering around a housing complex with a head injury, which he said was from a street robbery, but they later learned from a witness that Little and another man had fought over who was the better-“endowed” (and that, in the showdown, Little proved littler)....And in Mexico, according to an April Reuters dispatch, one distinct presidential campaign theme this year is how candidates explicitly tout their man-

liness; one radio ad, for example, praises Felipe Calderon’s “balls,” while a TV ad acclaims Roberto Medraza for having “big ones.”

Family Values

— (1) Because of unexpectedly large crowds visiting the new Hong Kong Disneyland in January, park officials limited admissions for the first eight days, provoking some mothers who had traveled from all over China to show their frustration by trying to climb in after first tossing their children, including toddlers, over the fence. (2) Elizabeth Bragg, 23, was convicted in January in Huntington, Ind., when her 4-year-old stepdaughter suffered a car injury. According to the prosecutor, Bragg, intending to punish the girl for misbehaving, told her other kids to “hang on” but then unfasted the belt in the misbehaving girl’s car seat, and slammed on the brakes several times, causing the girl to bang her head. — Super-Protective Parents: (1) In Mont-de-Marsan, France, Christophe Fauviau, 46, was sentenced to eight years in prison in the death of a young tennis player who ingested a sports drink Fauviau admitted to spiking with a tranquilizer. Fauviau said he spiked 27 young players’ drinks before their tournament matches against his son Maxime and his rising-star daughter Valentine. (2) Dieterich Doerfler Sr. was arrested in Seminole County, Fla., in March and charged with shredding his adult son’s child pornography collection, which police said he did in order to help the son avoid a probation violation.

The Continuing Crisis

— Eleven women in the area around the nation’s capital have bonded, according to a February *Washington Post* story, around a tall, athletic man of German heritage (with a master’s degree and who tans easily), whom none has ever met. The man, known as donor 401, is the one whose sperm each of the women chose to be inseminated with, selected from a biographical catalog of the Fairfax Cryobank. That the women’s 12 offspring have a common father has provided powerful motivation for them to learn about each other,

as a way of learning about 401 (who has now retired as a donor, though there is still a waiting list for his stored sperm.)

Least Competent Criminals

— Whoever tried to burglarize the Cell Comm/Nex-tel store in Victorville, Calif., in March escaped after bungling the job. The store owner told the local *Daily Press* that the would-be burglar tried to shoot open the door’s lock but that the bullet ricocheted and hit him in the chest, knocking him down. The bullet likely did not break the skin but was probably startling and painful, in that the man vomited at the scene before he fled.

Prolonged Childhoods

— Results and schedules of championship tournaments for grown-ups: (1) Rock Paper Scissors (The U.S. championship was held in Las Vegas in April for a \$50,000 prize.) (2) Marbles (The renowned British and World Championship was held in the parking lot of the Greyhound Pub in Crawley, England, in April.) (3) Paper Airplanes (The world championship will be decided in Salzburg, Austria, in May, among representatives from 48 countries.)

Readers’ Choice

— (1) Curtis Gokey filed a claim against the city of Lodi, Calif., after a municipal dump truck rammed his car in December, but the claim was dismissed when it was learned that the actual driver of the dump truck was city employee Curtis Gokey. (Subsequently, Gokey’s wife declared that she would sue instead.) (2) Adult education teacher Robert Colla was hospitalized in Ventura, Calif., with severe burns and shrapnel wounds and lost part of his right hand when he tried to smash a bug with the paperweight on his desk. The “paperweight,” which Colla had found years ago, was a 40mm artillery shell, which, unknown to Colla, was still live.

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Thirty Years Ago

“Hell, you want to know what flat broke is? Flat broke is when I had to walk seven miles home because I didn’t have a penny left. Lost every cent. There was a time when I’d rather raise the pot than eat.”

[T]here are quite a few men who try to make a living at poker. “They’ll hit a lucky streak, quit their job, get all puffed up, and turn professional. But when that streak breaks, they go down the tubes.”

—“**LIFE & DEATH IN THE CARD ROOM,**” Jim Mullin,
May 20, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Few things can clear a room full of people quicker than experimental music. Composer Pauline Oliveros discovered this when, as a composition student at San Francisco State College some twenty-odd years ago, her classroom presentations of her works caused an exodus of students that left three willing stragglers.... It is no coincidence that UCSD’s Center for Music Experiment, which Oliveros helped establish, has since become one of the leading experimental music performance centers in the world.

—“**FAREWELL TO OLIVEROS,**” John D’Agostino,
May 21, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

To find the metallic wood-boring beetle, it is wise to visit a jojoba plant in the early morning, carrying a beating sheet and an instrument for beating. Hold your, beating sheet — a two-foot-square piece of canvas stretched taut on a wooden frame — beneath the jojoba’s branches and rap the bush with your beater. Chances are the metallic wood-borer will tumble onto your sheet, still sluggish from the morning chill and therefore easy to grab.

—“**THE MAN WHO LOVES BUGS CRAWLING,**”
Gordon Smith, May 22, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I’ve never felt there was much I could do about making love happen, that is, getting the goods delivered to my door when I needed it. When I tried to force things, went about seeking a mate, the results were stilted, inauthentic, unsatisfying, and I learned, over years, it was better for me to tend my own small vegetable patch and await better days.

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—“**ONLY THE LONELY,**” Patrick Daugherty,
May 23, 1991

Ten Years Ago

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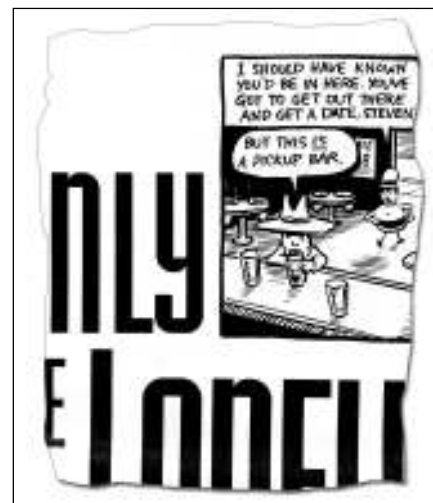
As we reached my door, I remarked casually, throwing away my line as if it had just come to me, “It would be nice if you came to the wedding. You don’t have to stay more than an hour.”

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—RESTAURANTS: “**NIGHTS OF WONDER,**”
Eleanor Widmer, May 16, 1996

Five Years Ago

Others have pointed out that baseball functions in the realm of possibility, in what might have been and what might be. Unless you root



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for the Yankees, to be a fan is to live in a diaspora. The fan leads an alienated life; we love the Kansas City Royals or the Detroit Tigers, but we call neither city home. Unable to watch our home teams, we struggle with garbled Internet broadcasts and the whimsical managers of rank sports bars, who choose which games to tune in on their expensive satellite dishes. For relief, the sad, isolated fan turns to online versions of print publications for kinship. It’s never enough.

—SIGHTSEER: “**BULL PROSE,**” Justin Wolff,
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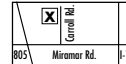
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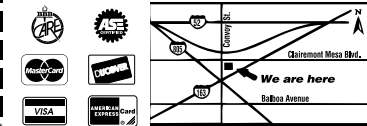
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I think his friendship is important enough that we should socialize frequently as a couple with him and his wife, and my wife should put up with him for my sake. She says that's asking too much — that she can only stand him in tiny doses, if at all. What do you say?

TRUE BLUE IN CHULA VISTA

Dear True Blue,

I think that somewhere in the house of almost every happily married couple there is a well-tended shrine to the god of compromise. Maybe you can both give a little. Your reason for not seeing your friend solo is weak. It's "not your style?" Time to rethink. Make it an element of your style. If you want to keep up a friendship with this patience-stretching guy with a heart of gold and not drive your wife insane, some just-you-two lunches are in your future. Then maybe your wife will be willing to compromise and go out for dinner as a foursome once in a while — say, every month or so. And it wouldn't hurt if you talked to good ol' Blake about how to clean up his act around your wife — how not to act like such a jerk in her presence. You're very close to this man and know how to talk to him. If he'll actually listen to and take suggestions from anybody, I bet it would be you. He needs social coaching. They say old dogs can't learn new tricks, but I'm always sur-

prised by how much humans of every age can change their behavior when they really want to.

Dear Saffron,

My close friend Miki has been seeing her boyfriend Tosh for three years. I am pals with them both. Lately, Tosh has been confiding in me that the thrill is gone in their relationship. He wants to break up. He says Miki is a great girl, and they get along well, but things are stagnant and bland. He's waiting to break the news, though, because both Miki's mother and one of her best friends are dying, so this is a very trying time for her. She is spending all her spare moments running back and forth between two hospitals, visiting. Tosh says he'll wait till after both sick people pass away to end the relationship because Miki needs his support during this awful period. That seems crazy to me. So her mom and her close friend will die soon, and then when she's wracked with grief he'll break up with her? Charming. I think he should tell her now, and get it over with instead of living a lie. I am tempted to hint around about what's going on so she can prepare herself for yet another bad blow...but I don't know how to bring it up.

IN THE KNOW IN DEL MAR

Dear in the Know,

Stay out of this. When and how they break up or stay together is between Tosh and Miki.

Sure, he isn't doing things the way you would, but he has to deal with this his own way. You're not going to help anyone by inserting yourself in the middle of this or by violating Tosh's confidence. What's that old saying..."Discretion is the better part of valor"? Sometimes the hardest but best course of action is no action at all. The right path here is to keep your mouth shut and be there for your friend when she needs you without trying to interfere or control what happens next.

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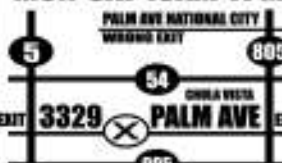
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She turned to look at me. Her face told me that she was serious. My eyes had opened wide in disbelief. My lungs filled with shock. My grandfather was a great man. He was my hero. A wonderful father, grandfather, and husband. How could she think that?

A smile slipped onto her 80-year-old face. "Oh, come on. I'm joking."

Relieved, I let out the air in my lungs and the wrinkles on my forehead let loose.

She concluded, "But it wasn't always easy you know. There were difficult times."

In all honesty, I *didn't* know much about the difficult times my grandparents had lived through. By the time I was old enough to pedal my bike down the street to their townhouse they were both retired.

What I did know was this. I thought my grandfather was the tallest man in the world. He grew shiny green tomatoes in a humble home garden. He had a seven iron in the garage, but no golf balls. He taught me how to cast a fishing line in a backyard that had no water. When he drove his Dodge Diplomat, he would crack open the window, place his hand on the roof, and rest his elbow on the door molding. He would watch Bob Barker host *The Price is Right*, but staunchly referred to it as "*Spin the Wheel*." He was always humming a tune. I knew Grandma had been a school teacher. She referred to my grandfather as "D" (the nickname my mom had given him), but only

when calling to him from another room. She traveled to faraway places and returned with magical souvenirs. She insisted that her grandchildren use good manners at the table by asking them, "Would you act like that at the Queen's table?" And she always kept baby powder stashed in the bathroom knowing full well I was going to get into it.

Indeed, their life appeared to be grand. And what I knew of it was grand.

Looking back now it isn't any easier for me to fill in blanks. I find myself contemplating just what Grandma meant when she said, "There were difficult times." I never witnessed my grandparents arguing, although my instincts tell me they probably didn't agree on everything. The closest vision that serves my memory is Grandpa's constant battle to keep Grandma out of the kitchen while he cooked. Their life and marriage couldn't possibly have been as perfect as it appeared in my memories, could it?

The answer had clearly been stated, but the details remain blurry.

Did she mean that the

world itself had been difficult? Together they had lived through some of the most difficult times in American history. The Great Depression, Grandpa's service during World War II, the Cuban Missile Crisis, an assassinated President. War in Vietnam, Korea, the Middle East. September 11.

Maybe she meant their personal lives had been difficult.



cult. Early on in their life, a catastrophic automobile accident forced them to recover apart from each other in separate bedrooms. They raised my mother in the remnants of a dying steel town, among economic uncertainty. They watched as my father and mother moved 300 miles from that town with my older sister, who at the time was their only granddaughter. They constantly and col-

lectively battled my grandfather's addiction to cigarettes. When Grandpa's body and mind were succumbing to Parkinson's disease, Grandma was his caretaker.

Or maybe she simply meant that 59 years of marriage to Grandpa was not always as perfect as it appeared to a young boy.

I know that Grandma's revelation to me about "difficult times" was not a complaint. Nor was it intended to paint a negative reflection of her life with my grandfather. It was, in fact, advice. It was a hint. And today I look back on what was, in my mind's eye, their perfect life together, and I can

understand. I understand that no matter how perfect two lives are as one, there will undoubtedly be "difficult times."

I see now that they did have a perfect marriage. A marriage that persevered through the "difficult times." I know now that is what made it so perfect.

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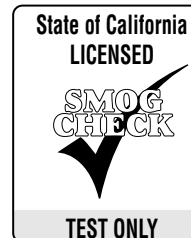
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Location: 2005 South 42nd Street, Shelltown
Time/Date: 9:48 p.m. on 4/26/06

Report: A Hispanic female, 19, got into a fight with her husband and he let her out of their car. As he drove off, a Hispanic male pulled up in a dark gray Honda Civic and got out of the vehicle. He approached the victim and grabbed her from behind. He forced her into the front passenger seat of the Honda and drove off as he held her head down so she could not see where they were going.

He drove around the Mid-City area for about twenty minutes. At one point he told the victim to take her pants off and then slapped her in the face when she refused to comply...he slapped her again, ordered her out of the car and drove off. The victim suffered a cut lip but did not require medical treatment.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY/STABBING

Location: 9550 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa
Time/Date: 5:04 p.m. on 5/5/06

Report: A Hispanic male transient, 30s, was in the Park and Ride lot when he was confronted by his ex-girlfriend and her three male accomplices. They demanded his money at knifepoint and when he refused to comply, they stabbed him in the back. The suspects then got into a small red vehicle and fled the scene.

STABBING

Location: 1900 Apple Street, Oceanside
Time/Date: 6:51 p.m. on 5/2/06

Report: The victim, a 44-year-old man...was walking [down the street] when he was confronted by his ex-girl-

friend, Megan C., and another man who was known to him. A physical altercation erupted among the three of them and the victim was stabbed during the struggle. Megan...stabbed her ex-boyfriend with an edged weapon.

ROBBERY

Location: [3600] Van Dyke Avenue, Fairmont Village
Time/Date: 9:56 p.m. on 4/28/06



Report: A male employee of Papa John's Pizza made a delivery. As he was carrying the pizzas to the residence, he was attacked by two Hispanic males who hit him on the back of the head with a blunt object. The suspects then took the pizzas and fled on foot northbound in the alley. The victim's injuries were not serious.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 2704 University Avenue, North Park
Time/Date: 9:33 p.m. on 4/27/06

Report: A Hispanic male, 20s, entered the Alberto's Taco Shop and pulled a double-barreled shotgun out from under his blue hooded sweat-shirt. He pointed it at the employee behind the counter and demanded cash in Spanish. The employee handed him the money.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: [2500] El Camino Real, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 11:00 p.m. on 4/10/06

Report: The suspect entered the victim's home, held her captive, sexually assaulted her, threatened her with a gun, robbed her, then beat and strangled her to the point where she nearly lost consciousness. The victim and the suspect had been dating for approximately two months.

The victim recently discovered that the suspect, Morrie N., had lied about his identity and possibly had warrants for his arrest. After the assault, N. left the house and the victim was able to flee to a friend's home. N. had an active felony assault warrant for his arrest in San Diego. At approximately 8:00 p.m. on 4/26/06, N. was observed in the area of 5300 Avenida Encinas. He was captured after a brief foot pursuit.

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Location: 14371 Penasquitos Drive, Rancho Peñasquitos
Time/Date: 1:21 a.m. on 5/9/06

Report: An armed suspect hid out in the Jack in the Box. He emerged from hiding after closing time, confronted the employees at gunpoint and demanded money. The suspect then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

STABBING

Location: 2400 East 4th Street, Alta Vista
Time/Date: 4:07 p.m. on 5/3/06

Report: A Hispanic male drove him-

self to the Paradise Valley Hospital emergency room suffering from a stab wound to his back and scratches to his face. He was walking in the area of Euclid/Imperial Avenue when an older gray pickup truck occupied by two white males, 20s, drove by. The suspects yelled at him and told him to get a job. He yelled back and an altercation began. The suspects exited the truck, hit the victim in the face and stabbed him in the back with a screwdriver.

GANG-RELATED SHOOTING

Location: 532 21st Street, Sherman Heights
Time/Date: 11:18 p.m. on 4/29/06



Report: The victim, a Hispanic male, 22, was exiting his grandmother's residence when an older white Dodge Neon, occupied by five Hispanic males, drove up and stopped. One of the males asked, "Where you from?" The suspects then open-fired with a shotgun loaded with birdshot and drove off. The victim was hit in the arm and chest. He got into his Ford Explorer with his wife and drove...[and] crashed into five parked vehicles. He had his wife exit the Explorer. He then drove to the east alley of 800 26th Street where he parked the vehicle and had his father drive him to the hospital for treatment.

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ONE TIME I GOT A HAIRCUT IN A POLISH TRAIN STATION. I wouldn't recommend it. The woman who gave me the cut must have been an amateur ornithologist because she fashioned the side of my head to resemble a whiskery brunette birdhouse.

Jutting out over my right ear was a patch of locks that had been coifed to come to a triangular peak like the gable end of a tiny roof. Just above my ear the stylist had cut into the tuft a little door, perfectly rectangular and all the way in to my white bristled scalp. I was thankful to be at least symmetrical because the left side of my dome had an exactly matching back door that I deduced must be the exact shape of the business end of the clippers. I can't fault the woman. Who doesn't like to smoke and chat with coworkers while performing the tedious tasks of a workday?

As luck — or a shrewd business strategy — would have it, there was a knitted beanie shop next to the Polish train station beauty salon, and I snuggled into a woolen cap for my train ride to Berlin.

I arrived late in the evening at the Mitte Backpacker Hostel in East Berlin. After checking in, I met a young, friendly Hungarian couple cooking stew in the kitchen. She had made extra stew and shared a bowl with me, and we talked about the beer bars, Communist memorials, and “Hero's Square” in Budapest. We talked about America, and I told them about my dad and where I grew up.

Usually watching TV is the last thing I want to do when I hit Berlin, but it was November, around midnight, and I knew my hands would go numb in the cold if I tried to walk to my favorite bar on Oranienburgerstrasse. Besides, I had this ridiculous haircut, unfit for the club scene in any city.

I settled into the TV room, which was occupied by three other guys, and watched the close of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. When the film ended and the lights came back on, there was one guy still awake, and I bummed a cigarette off of him.

“Hey, you American?” I asked, lighting the smoke.

“Yeah,” he answered.

I checked my watch for the time and noticed the date and added, “Happy Thanksgiving.”

“Hey, you too.”

“Thanks.”

“Nice haircut.”

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Woof, there's a 10-dollar title for a nickel-a-peep show. Seems like a long walk just for the mail, doesn't it? Somebody got deep down into the weird place to come up with that one, and I don't think it's going to translate into Average American. I want to pinch the cheekies of the exec who came up with that one and coo, “Somebody's got an English Degree. Don't you. You're a good boy. Who's got an English Degree? You're a good boy.”

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WB 8:00 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MAY 19

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my mind, I'm playing a big game of “Would You Rather,” and the answer keeps coming up *bang bang limp limp*.

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10.5 (2004)

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Oh, man. If you don't understand the title, it's in reference to the Richter Scale. This is a made-for-TV, fear-trigger drama about an earthquake destroying the western states. I'm going to loot Wal-Mart right now. I'm not waiting to be trampled in a teeming crowd. I'm going to hijack an electric motorized cart and head right for the shotguns and sewing machines. And sweet Mary help you if you get in my way.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION

ABC 7:00 P.M.

I can't watch *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. They always pick a family of clubfoot, hunchback mongoloids who live in a dog-house, and they remodel the drafty shack into the Governor's Mansion. It always makes me cry a little. And also, Ty Pennington's voice gives me a mean breakout of herpes, so this show's right off the list for me.



Bette Davis: Benevolent Volcano

MONDAY, MAY 22

IN HELL (2003)

USA 5:00 P.M.

A Jean Claude Van Damme prison movie. An ironic title, considering it's played on continuous loop back-to-back with Marky Mark's *Planet of the Apes* on the ninth level of the Inferno as a punishment to adulterers and pickpockets.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

A VERY BRADY SEQUEL (1996)

USA 5:00 P.M.

A Very Ollie Smashing of His TV and Stapling of His Eyelids

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

SECRETS OF THE SEXES

PBS 9:00 P.M.

Guys are simple. I'm about as mysterious as VCR instructions. Give me a sandwich, a bourbon, and some thigh-high fishnet stockings that make me feel like a caged lightning bolt when I run a feather up and down them, and that's all I need. Like I said, simple.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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FOX 8:00 P.M.

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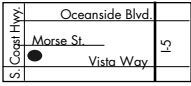
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T.G.I.F.

I turn to the man with the experimental TV phone.

By John Brizzolara

It's been a long time since I did this: polling random folks on the street about their Friday nights. One reason is that I've become less and less likely to go out among the public and initiate conversations; another is that it, again, reeks of the obvious. But one must be careful of a disdain for the obvious. I wouldn't be surprised if we were deprived of inventions like the wheel for years simply because the intellectuals in the Tuggagargh tribe considered the concept too obvious for the more sophisticated and rarified atmosphere they inhabited.

Eduardo, 45, on the #7 bus, an excellent resource for incidentals regarding the humanities at any time (3 to 5 a.m. is recommended for discussing life and "deep stuff"). Eduardo describes his plans for this coming Friday night this way. "I'm low income. I don't really do anything that costs any money. As you can tell from the area we live in, it is not, what do you say...?"

"Prosperous."

"Yeah. And nobody makes too much money at the same time. So there are both those things going on, know what I'm saying? I'll go to Jack in the Box and get a taco or two and a Coke. I don't need too much excitement. I got the traumatic stress symptom from Desert Storm. I got out in '92. On Friday night you can only go so far. You know how much movies are? Like, cheap shows, \$6.50."

"If," I ask, "you had all the money in the world, what would you do this Friday?"

"I'd invest in somebody that knew what they were doing. How to have fun but without spending too much. Like, myself, I'd look for one of those co-signers like I have at disability; that gives you all the money, you know? A co-signer and a judge to make these crucial decisions. And say, 'What's up? What do I do?'"

Ken tells me he is "10,000 years old. I usually play it by ear, off the cuff, whatever happens happens. I might go to a movie; I might go to a bar, a restaurant. Any place I can get in and out of, smile on my way in and smile on my way out. I like a chance to get away from the home activity. Don't have to do the dishes, don't have to prepare the meal, just sit there and enjoy the wonder and the beauty and the overall atmosphere. There's Croce's, Jimmy Love's, The Steakhouse, Uno's in Mission Valley — don't know if it's still there but a great spot for a Philly steak-and-cheese sandwich and a Rolling Rock beer. I'd like to try Trophy's."

"Are you a big sports fan? It's pretty big on televised balls being hurled through various apparatus or is it apparati?"

"I don't know. I don't know what you're talking about."

"Sorry. Just meant it's a sports bar. Are you a fan?"

"Yeah, I was always pretty big into it, but I don't know a lot of the logistics involved. I was active in high school. You better flip your tape over. That's a three-hour, Radio Shack Micro -27, a 14-1044. They have a reputation for reverse-action auto-implementation early on. That's not even slightly new, is it?"

"No."

At the Westin Hotel at Horton Plaza, I met a gentleman with a cell phone device that features high-def television. Very impressive but a prototype with Victorian-looking brass nodules, fixtures, levers, and dials. He would brook no photographing of the model. His compatriot, at least for the moment, is Bob from Texas. "I came in last Saturday. Went down to the zoo, went over to Coronado Plaza, checked out the play they had over there. Particularly horrible and can't remember its name."

Bob's wife, girlfriend, or daughter (really hard to tell) supplied, "Rehearsal for Murder."

I turn to the man with the experimental TV phone. (It has a huge screen for a device so small, and a great picture. I sound like my uncle George in 1955 when he bought his first Zenith. "Look at that! You can almost see the hairs on Milton Berle's knees!") I ask the gentleman at the Westin, with the top-secret device, his name.

"Jack Miller. Friday night we will probably go out to dinner and then come back home, La Mesa, and watch the Padres win. If we get take-out, we will go



Ken and Jack Miller

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to a small sushi place called Arigato. We don't have to go out all the time and do tourist things. We Netflix a lot of pictures and tend to order action, adventure, espionage. Once in a while, a little romance for my wife. You know.

Barry Rovner is a 50-year-old cab driver who might be at the Shakespeare Pub on India Street Friday night throwing darts. "Some people say I'm not bad at it. I'm getting into a league maybe. A good score for me is in a game called 3-0-1. The first one who gets to zero wins the game. A good score would be a double-score to win. I don't understand, but don't feel I need to. I like throwing darts, but in the past it has been a beery, meditative thing. Nowadays I'm hoping it would just be meditative."

My upstairs neighbor is going to her son's wedding in Las Vegas Friday morning. She will see some shows there, and as she tries to remember which ones, I think, there must be a huge influx of San Diegans every Friday to Vegas. I did a column on it years ago and recently one of our writers wrote at length on what has come to be known as Stripper Flights.

But some sort of term paper theme occurs to me: Desert Magnetism: *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* Factor as it Coincides with the Novels and Themes of Nathanael West: or, a Cuddly Panda in the Jungle of Neon Stars.

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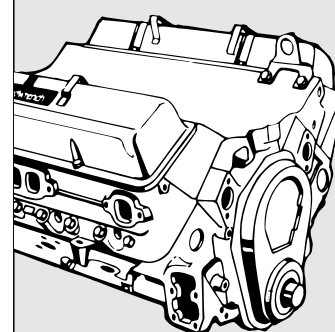


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