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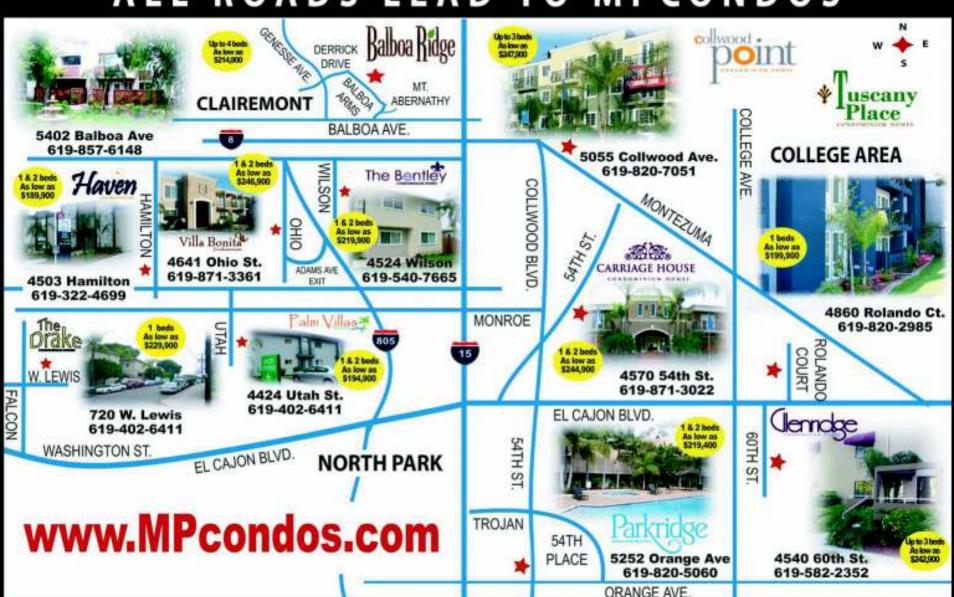
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Stonewall How hard is it to get information out of San Diego State University? Very, says attorney Anne Brunkow, an opponent of the school's plan to build 540 units of faculty housing and a hotel in the Adobe Falls neighborhood across Interstate 8 from the present campus.

Almost a year ago, on June 28, 2005, Brunkow wrote a letter to SDSU president Stephen Weber asking for copies of documents such as letters, memos, and e-mails that he, his assistant Edwena Ayers, SDSU vice president Sally Roush, her assistant Nancy Lopez, and other administrators had written to each other about their plans to advance the development project. The California Public Records Act requires state institutions like SDSU to provide records upon any citizen's written request, but some agencies are more cooperative than others.

After waiting four months, Brunkow finally got a response from SDSU human resources vice presi-



dent Sue Blair on October 24. "At this time, we have 6,060 pages," Blair wrote. "This is not a complete compilation as we continue to review our archives, files, and emails to collect all the communications you request." She added. "If you wish to receive the pages identified now, please provide a

check made out to San Diego State University in the amount of \$701.75. This cost is calculated at 11 cents per page plus postage. We do not copy the documents until such time as we receive the check."

Brunkow says she decided to wait for the university to produce all of its records before ordering copies, but she never heard back from the school. She finally wrote Blair on January 23 of this year asking about the status of the documents. "Hopefully, by now, you have completed your review and the entire group of documents responsive to my request is ready." After over a month had passed without a reply from the university. Brunkow said, she wrote another letter to Blair dated March 9. "I have not yet had a response from you as to my letter dated January 23, 2006 regarding the above-referenced matter. I expect to hear from you, or someone from your office, by tomorrow, March 10, 2006.... If I don't hear from you by the end of the business day tomorrow, I intend to pursue my legal remedies."

That brought a response the next day from **Steven** Raskovich, a lawyer for the state university system who is based in Long Beach. "SDSU has completed the document review, and the relevant documents number in the thousands." He went on to say that since some of the "most relevant" documents had already been divulged in a court case filed against the university by neighbors attempting to stop the project, "It may be more expedient and efficient for you to first review these most relevant documents with the court. If you conclude you still wish to review the thousands of related documents in SDSU's possession, the University will be happy to schedule a mutually convenient time."

But that, says Brunkow, was easier said than done. In a letter to Blair dated April 19, she wrote, "It has now been nearly 30 days since my last letter to you dated March 22, 2006, which indicated I would like the total amount due for copies of records responsive to the aforementioned public records request, minus copies of the Final EIR pertaining to SDSU's current Master Plan. Please let me know the amount due and where I should send my check by the close of business today." Since then, Brunkow says, she's made no progress.

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\$900 million in 1999; they each gave the mercurial exgovernor \$2000 in March. Ted Roth of Roth Capital Partners contributed \$1000. Rancho Santa Fe's Art Laffer, known for his Laffer curve theory of economics popular with Ronald Reagan, kicked in \$1396. Sempra Energy gave \$5600 on March 16.

Bail out With less than a week to go until the June 6 primary, last-minute money continues to roll into local campaign coffers. Among the more notable contributors, Rancho Santa Fe's Robert Spencer Douglass. Douglass owned the state's biggest bailbond operation until he was nabbed by Riverside County authorities who alleged that he had schemed to pay off jail inmates in exchange for referring bail



business to his companies. Striking a June 2004 deal with prosecutors to avoid a felony conviction, Spencer pled guilty to 123 misdemeanor counts of illegal solicitation, agreed to pay \$425,000 in penalties, and served 93 days of house arrest on the grounds of his lavish estate. He also gave up his California bail bond license

and was barred from doing bail business anywhere else

Last Thursday, according to federal campaign disclosure records, Douglass gave \$2100 to Democratic congressional candidate Juan Vargas, who is seeking to unseat incumbent Bob Filner in the 51st District

Since getting out of stir himself, Douglass has $established\ Liberty\ Lawyers, a\ criminal\ defense\ firm$ where he is managing partner. Featured on the firm's website is a video clip of Douglass urging potential clients to contact him: "We can save you money on the bail. If the bail amount is a low amount, we can put you with bondsmen who can give you discounts because you've hired a lawyer. If you're a union member, you can get discounts from some bondsmen because you're a union member. This is important money, and you should save it. If the bail is set too high, we can save you money with bail-reduction motions.... It is absolutely a disgrace that people have to spend their hard-earned dollars on bail amounts that are way too high." Reached by phone, Douglass declined comment.

— Matt Potter

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Peers Battle in Rancho Santa Fe

By Don Bauder

an Diego's old financial scandals never seem to die. Decades after the principals have gone to the hoosegow and been released,

the muck keeps rising to the surface. An example is Whispering Palms, a residential area that includes a golf course in upscale Rancho Santa Fe. (This lies outside super-upscale Rancho Santa Fe's historic

charging that an architectural committee dominated since 1978 by Richard Cavanaugh has exercised complete and arbitrary control over homeowners' expansion, remodeling, and landscaping Diego's seedy past, it was that U.S. Financial, a nationally infamous accounting swindle. Among many shady maneuvers, the company would sell products to itself and chalk up the proceeds as sales.

U.S. Financial plunged into bankruptcy in 1973. According to the report of the trustee, the chief executive, R.H. Walter, pleaded nolo contendere to charges of conspiracy and filing false government reports and went to prison for three years. Chief bean counter John B. Halverson entered the same plea to four fraud, conspiracy, and false filing charges and got



Whispering Palms; inset: Jeffrey Carmel

"covenant" area, home of the plutocracy, but Whispering Palms is hardly middle class.)

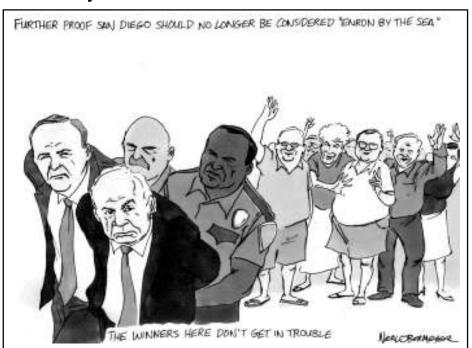
Today, people aren't whispering in Whispering Palms. They're shouting. A substantial majority of residents in a neighborhood of 154 homes, called Greens II and Greens III, has been in court for four years, plans, even though he owns only a handful of the properties.

Back in the 1960s, Cavanaugh's company developed Whispering Palms in a joint venture with partner Swan Constructors, which was supplying the money. Swan, in turn, was part of U.S. Financial. For those who remember San

seven years in the pokey. The trustee noted that the fraud lasted for years because it was so complex, and Walter and continued on page 8

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Trolley Crimes Surge

By Ernie Grimm

he year 2005 saw a significant increase in arrests and incidents for the San Diego

Trolley system. According to a report obtained

from the Metropolitan Transit System, the agency that runs the trolley, serious crimes, termed "Part I incidents" homicide, rape, robbery, theft, aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, burglary, and arson in trolley cars and stations rose

a 64 percent increase. During that same time, "Part II arrests" — for vandalism, sex offenses, drug abuse violations, drunkenness, disor-

from 84 in 2004 to 138 in 2005,

That must be small consolation to the 20-year-old woman who, on April 16, 2005, at 9:25 p.m., was followed off a trolley at the Fenton Parkway station in east Mission Valley by a man described as Latino, around five feet eight inches, and 200 pounds. The man threatened her with a gun, then forced her into some bushes where he beat her with the gun and his fists before raping and robbing her.



more serious Part I incidents

during 2005. In 2004, there were .29 per 100,000. In 2005,

Aggravated Assault Car Theft Arson

derly conduct, trespassing, and curfew and loitering violations — rose from 1438 in 2004to 1776 in 2005, a jump of 23.5 percent. But trolley officials say these figures are misleading. That's because "Ridership increased quite a bit in 2005," explains Luis Gonzalez, media communications specialist for the Metropolitan Transit System.

Gonzalez is right about trolley ridership. According to the report, the number of passengers rose 11.7 percent, from 28,772,441 in 2004 to 32,132,530 in 2005. "That's a significant increase in riders," Gonzalez says, "so even with the increase in arrests, our ratio"—arrests per 100,000 passengers — "was ridiculously low."

Part II arrests per 100,000 passengers rose from 5.0 in 2004 to 5.53 in 2005, a 10.6 percent increase. A bigger cause for alarm is the spike in the

the ratio jumped to .43, an increase of 48.3 percent. But a comparison of San Diego's statistics with those of the lightrail system in Los Angeles sup-

ports Gonzalez's claim of a "ridiculously low" crime rate on the San Diego Trolley. While San Diego's rate of serious incidents per 100,000 passengers is .43, in Los Angeles the rate is 1.96, more than four times higher.

According to the Metropolitan Transit System's annual report, the rape at the Fenton Parkway station was the only rape in 2004 and 2005. But robberies on the trolley and at its stations more than doubled, going from 17 in 2004 to 37 in 2005. Car theft in the trolley stations did not increase dramatically. There were 18 in 2004, 19 in 2005. Other thefts, including auto burglaries, vehicle tampering, and purse grabbing, increased 73 percent, from 37 to 64. One such incident happened at the Grossmont trolley station on Fletcher Parkway in La Mesa on August 23, 2005. Two women, aged 78 and 75, were sitting on a bench at the station when a 19-year-old man and two 17-year-old boys walked up. One of the teenagers

grabbed one woman's purse, hurling her to the ground in the process. Another tugged so hard on the second woman's purse that he pulled her up and over the back of the bench. A trolley employee, who saw the three teens sprint up a long staircase toward Grossmont Center mall, gave a description of them to police. Within the hour, an El Cajon officer saw the 17-year-olds exit a bus and get straight into a taxi at a bus stop on Marshall Avenue in El Cajon. Police stopped the cab the 19-year-old had already been in it — and arrested the three. The two ladies were treated at the Grossmont station for scrapes and bruises but were not hospitalized.

Aggravated assaults went up by 4, from 11 in 2004 to 15 in 2005. One of those, but for bad aim, could have been a homicide. The night of June 4, 2005, an argument between two men at the trolley station at Market Street and Park Boulevard in the East Village ended when one of the combatants shot the other twice. The resultant wounds weren't life-threatening.

Two thousand four and 2005 each saw one homicide on the trolley system. Two thousand five's killing happened late on December 1, when 16year-old Lemon Grove resident Darnell Bonds was shot at the Spring Street trolley station in La Mesa. When police found him at the station around 11:30 p.m., he was unconscious and bleeding from a bullet wound in his head. Bonds died later at the hospital.

The first half of 2006 has seen a couple of shootings in or near trolley stations. On January 18, around 7:45 p.m., 17year-old Keuane Kirksey and a friend were standing on Imperial Avenue near 32nd Street in Logan Heights when a car full of teenaged gang members pulled up. After words were exchanged, one of them opened fire on Kirksey and his friend. Both, though hit, ran to a trolley station less than a block away, where Kirksey died. His friend survived.

On the night of February 28, an off-duty police detective happened to be at the Iris Avenue trolley station in Otay Mesa when he heard a gunshot. As the shooter and a few cohorts drove away, the detective followed until he lost them on Interstate 805. Investigators found blood drops and a shell casing at the $\frac{\Box}{\Box}$ station. Later, they found a man nearby who had a head wound from heing hit with a bottle from being hit with a bottle. Police weren't sure whether he ent of the gunshot.



Peers battle

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Halverson, who dominated decision-making, were the only ones who knew how all the pieces fit together.

The original Whispering Palms architectural committee consisted of five people: Cavanaugh was one, and two others were Walter and Halverson, who were replaced after the sewage oozed to the surface.

In 2002, the Property Owners of Whispering Palms, residents of Greens II and III, charged in superior court that Cavanaugh, his company Newport Pacific, and the architectural committee had breached their fiduciary duty and covenant of good faith by, among many things, arbitrarily imposing restrictions on the residents and charging them fees up to \$1500 in the process, while permitting no appeals. Further, the members of the committee could appoint their successors; hence, Cavanaugh and his wife Chris had kept control for so many years. This tight control has scared off potential buyers in the area, thus depressing real estate values, says Jeffrey Carmel, president of the homeowners' group.

The judge ruled that because the residents of Greens I were not a party to the suit, the folks from Greens II and III lacked standing. The case was thrown out. The losers appealed, and the appellate court overruled

the superior court in September of last year. The case will go to trial again.

The Cavanaughs have been able to keep control for so long because of one document. As part of the procedures in U.S. Financial's liquidation, Cavanaugh won the right as "declarant" to control any changes to Whispering Palms codes, covenants, and restrictions. Dennis Schmucker, who was president of Swan in the bankruptcy proceedings, and Donald Helmer, the Swan attorney in liquidation, assigned those rights in October 1978.

In preparing for the retrial, homeowners' president Carmel searched thousands of documents. He discovered that in June 1978, what was left of

Swan was sold to Regis Homes. In August 1978, the name was changed to Regis. Therefore, argues Carmel, Schmucker and Helmer were not officers of Swan when they signed the October 1978 document. Greens II residents will use this argument. Greens III residents, to whom it does not apply, will rely on the main outline of the earlier case.

Schmucker went on to a distinguished career as a bankruptcy trustee in some of San Diego's most high-profile cases. Helmer, unfortunately, did not do so well. He sank deeper and deeper into alcoholism and, according to municipal court and California bar records, was convicted of stealing from his law clients. He was sen-

tenced to prison and resigned from the bar.

While Schmucker is sympathetic to the cause of the Whispering Palms residents, he fears they are approaching the case the wrong way. He remembers that the executing of the October 1978 document was "a correction of a prior error and a matter of oversight." After the Swan sale was consummated, "Cavanaugh came back and said we overlooked this; the attorney [Helmer] agreed, I agreed, we called Regis," and control of the project was turned over to Cavanaugh. "Even though it occurred after the sale, it was legitimate."

Overall, "I am amazed that the homeowners continue to be confronted with this type of control more than 25 years later," says Schmucker. He is sorry that for the court suit, "they continue to hold on to a technicality that I think they will lose on."

Replies Carmel, "There was never a document showing that this was a correction for something overlooked at an earlier time or that Regis had any part in the correction. Further, throughout the four years, Cavanaugh through his Newport Pacific has banked everything on this document."

Tracy Richmond, attorney for the architectural committee, claims Cavanaugh does not control the other committee members, including his

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wife. Similar charges have been made since 1971, "and nobody has prevailed in court, time and again," says Richmond.

The fees don't even cover the committee's costs. "They are doing their best in a thankless job. They are not making money on the fees," insists Richmond. The committee has tried to resolve litigation and create an elected body that Cavanaugh wouldn't serve on, but the homeowners want control, says Richmond.

Carmel counters that the current homeowners' board has offered to step down, "but democratic control should

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remain with the people who live here; control should not be dictated by an individual and his wife."

Potential homeowners know the situation before they buy, argues Richmond. The rules that govern the property "are in your deed and your contract; this is how the architectural committee will be run; the committee members will appoint their successors—that is in the contract. We are all big boys and adults. If we can't read and understand that, it is not Mr. Cavanaugh's fault."

Togo Hazard, son of pioneer developer Roscoe Hazard, wanted to put up a screen to keep golf balls from crashing onto his property. Cavanaugh said it was illegal and

threatened to sue. Hazard stood his ground. There was no suit. "But he sues widows who won't fight back," says Hazard. "He has been a terrible depressant on property values. Real estate people say it is impossible to deal with the man. He and his wife set the policies and try to stuff it down everybody's throat."

David Nugent is a member of the Whispering Palms Community Council, but because he doesn't live in Greens II and III, he is not a party to the suit. "Cavanaugh is a difficult man to deal with," says Nugent. The council has been trying for years to negotiate with him on another matter. "He seems to take the position that it is my way or the highway. He can be difficult and unreasonable."

Trolley crimes

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Reports of such incidents, Gonzalez believes, unfairly bring the trolley a bad reputation. "A guy on the street gets shot," he says, "ends up coming to our station, and dies there, and then all of a sudden, everyone's saying, "The trolley is unsafe."

On the contrary, Gonzalez says, the trolley "is a really safe way to travel. I think there's a misconception that people have about the trolley. They hear things on the news — 'An accident occurred near the trolley station' — and it had nothing to do with the trolley. It is just unfortunate that we get all that

publicity when something happens on or near our tracks. They assume that it was because of the trolley. And that is an issue that we need to try to change people's minds on."

Gonzalez says trolley riders should be reassured to know that over 50 security officers some armed, some unarmed are riding the trolleys and patrolling the trolley stations at any given time that the trolleys are in operation. "And much of the time it's a lot more than that," he explains. "If you go to one of the trolley stations, you're likely going to have a security or code-compliance officer there, and they are usually at every station as best as they can be. In order for you to be on our premises or around

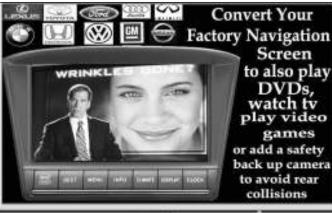
our station, you have to have a ticket. You can't just sit there and linger. So these security officers, they go around checking to make sure that before someone gets on, they have a ticket, or if they are sitting at the station, that they have a ticket in their possession. Once on the trolley, the officers go through the trolley checking people to make sure that they have tickets."

According to the annual report, one category of crime on the trolley fell last year. In 2005, trolley security officers performed 10,449,124 "passenger inspections" to make sure riders weren't evading their fares. "Fare-evasion arrests" declined from 23,193 in 2004 to 20,317 in 2005.













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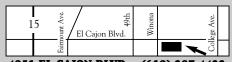


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Blast From The Past

Thanks, Ollie, for the article on the trip to Baja ("Ollie Takes Pals on Vacation in Mexico," May 25). I relived memories that I hadn't experienced in quite a few years. Reading your article was like revisiting various trips I've done to Baja, usually by myself, 600, 800 miles down. Good article. Hope to see more like this. It's definitely a blast from the past. I wish I knew more people now that I'm in my 40s to do trips like that. It's a lot more dangerous now going solo, but thanks again for the memories.

Name Withheld

Leitmotif Abuse

What on earth could have led you to print that annoyingly prosaic account of a desert camping trip ("Ollie Takes Pals on Vacation in Mexico,' May 25)? You could just as well have given us a brief synopsis. Something like this:

"Ten or so people go to the desert to camp. They lose their way briefly but eventually find the campground. They enjoy the natural springs. They break a piñata. They drink beer. There are mosquitoes, and many other adventures to keep you on the edge of your seat. And they lose their way again."

That all of this hair-raising action happens a hundred miles into Mexico is apparently supposed to be significant, as the rather abused leitmotif "That's Mexico" seems to indicate.

For "Ollie's" benefit, I'd like to point out that there are desert and springs in Southern California, as well as in Mexico. And people camp there too. People north of the border also lose their way in the desert sometimes, especially when they don't bring a map to a place they don't know well and can't follow directions. And, yes, some clueless people in the States will drive for hours in the opposite direction of their destination. Moreover, in the U.S. there are, unfortunately, many bad drivers who will cut you off dangerously, and sometimes twolane roads must be merged into one.

The U.S. has mosquitoes, too, and yes, they do bite when you don't use repellent. And believe it or not, Ollie, the deserts of Southern California also have snakes. Many dogs are aggressive here too, and they have been known to fight each other often. And Mexico is not the only place to have rehab centers in remote areas.

In all, very little in this story has much to do with Mexico itself. And yet when they return to the States, after incanting the complacent phrase "That's Mexico" over and over, Ollie, after only two or three days out of the States, feels the need to have the deep insight that the two countries are different. Amazing! The dialog doesn't help much either. (Upon seeing a guy jump the border fence, Mel feels compelled to say, "He must've

thought his options on this side of the border were limited." Hmm. You don't say.)

I would think that in a city of nearly one and a half million people you could find someone who actually has something to write about for your cover story. Someone who actually has something to say.

E. Videra San Diego

Extraordinary Woman

I am desolate at the passing of Judith Moore. She was an extraordinary woman, friend, and writer. So loving, giving, and funny, she leaves behind a very large hole in my heart.

Patricia Hoesch Boynton via e-mail

Great Pool, Great Skaters

I read the article about the Pala Pool being ruined by metalheads ("Blurt," May 25), and I think you guys are totally wrong and have no idea what you're talking about. Those shows are put on by skateboarders, and not just random skateboarders. People deep in the industry make those events happen, and we enjoy them a lot. The people who own the land don't care. What is actually happening is a turn for the good — great pool, great skaters, great music. I personally enjoy the bands, and so does the rest of the crowd, and yes, I am a skateboarder, and no, these metal bands are not running out skaters. You people have your facts all wrong.

> Drew King via e-mail

What Does The Reader Know?

What the hell does the Reader know about the skate community ("Blurt," May 25)?? Tell me that. Please. What the hell does the Reader know about Transworld??? Other than using them as a scapegoat for a poorly written article. Damn. Talk about poor journalism.

> Rrrrr via e-mail

Wow, Nice Article

Wow, nice article on the Pala Pool ("Blurt," May 25). A completely uninformed writer getting false info from one disgruntled skater that was in attendance and using photos from skateboarding.com without permission. Unprofessionalism at its worst.

Blair Alley via e-mail

No Salton Solution

I really enjoyed the article about the Salton Sea by Jeannette De Wyze ("You Could Hear a Pin Drop at Night!" May 18). I have been there many times. It is an interesting place with an interesting history. However, I found it curious there was no mention about the New River flowing into it from Mexicali, Mexico, and the massive amount of pollution that the river brings across the border each day. It flows into the Salton Sea with all kinds of sewage and other horrible toxins. This has been going on for years and years. It is one of the most polluted rivers in the world, and no one seems to really be doing much about it. It seems to me, as long as we have a sewer flowing 20-plus million gallons of raw sewage into the Salton Sea daily, there is no solution to the mess over there.

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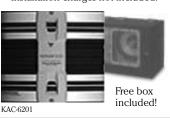
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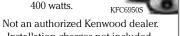
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I received a phone call on my cell phone from 999-999-9999. They kept calling and calling, and for a while I only got dead air when I answered. However, once when I answered a guy was on the other end. He stated that he had been watching me and couldn't believe how beautiful I was (he obviously had never really seen me, I'm no supermodel) and that he walks by the coffee shop I frequent all the time (I don't drink coffee, nor do I frequent coffee shops). He said he was in Nevada; I live in New Hampshire. I've never even been to Nevada! I had my boyfriend call the number back and we did end up getting through, and it was the same guy! He sounded like he's from Haiti or something like that. Ever since we talked to this guy, I haven't gotten a phone call from 999-999-9999 at all.

— Iessica Siemba, Hooksett, NH

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The big twist in your story is the fact that you "call[ed] the number back" and got the same guy. Immm-possible, sez my source, who actually sells and installs huge phone networks for a huge Japanese company. He's set up lotsa business and government systems that can program their own outgoing data.

When you make a call, the phone company's equipment receives not only the number you dialed but also the number you're dialing from. (This is why the person you call can *69 you.) In the case of your telemarketer, the only outgoing number the phone co. got was the fake 999, not the real number of the telemarketer's office. (That's the whole point of hiding a real number — so you can call idiots, but the idiots can't call you back.) Because there is no such area code as 999, if you redial you get the message that your call can't be completed.

"Okay, smart guy," I sez to my friend. "Explain Jessica's story." After considerable pondering and dead air, my friend replies, "The only possible explanation is that for whatever reason the original connection between the calls was never broken. You can't call a 999 number and have the call go through."

Does this scenario sound familiar, Jessica?

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"Eeeek! You pervert!" Jessica jams her thumb at what she thinks is the hang-up button. "Here, babycakes. Call him back and give him a piece of your mind!"

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"Hello, mon. You da boyfriend?"

"Yeah, you Bahamian scumbucket. Don't call here again!"

"Okay, mon. No problem. Don't worry, be happy." He removes your number from his database of suckers to cover his own butt.

Dear Matt:

In my college days it was "common knowledge" that a sharp rap on a cold beer would "reinfuse" the carbonation and prevent the foam and spray when the can was opened. Any truth to this? Will the rap somehow return that can toward the condition of a similar but unagitated can?

— Dennis, Ocean Beach

Here's another public service announcement in my continuing campaign to wipe out common knowledge, proven to be the cause of 40 percent of today's mayhem and gum disease. Nothing you can do will moosh carbonation back into a brew. Bubbly beverages are very unstable, and carbonation wants only one thing: freedom. Any jostle, tap, thump, rattle, tip, spill, or shake gives it the excuse it needs. Unopened, the can contains enough pressure to keep the carbon dioxide trapped in suspension. Pop the top and it's all liberated. That rap with the class ring soothed only the rapper, not the rappee.

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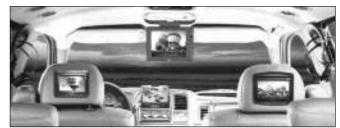
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Back In The Hunt

ast week I had lunch (lunch being a burger and a beer) with a woman I've known since the 1970s. She's a civil attorney now, seven years divorced, and is thinking about rejoining the hunt for a man. She paid for the beer and the burger and wanted advice. I told her I'd write it in a column since I write better than I talk.

So, Ellen, there are matchmaking services, singles clubs, personal ads, Internet sites, hustling prospects from local churches and clubs, and so on. Other than the intensity of personal humiliation, I don't think one way is better than another. And none of them alter the basic rule of the hunt, You have to do it yourself. The trick is, just be about your business, but be aware you're on a hunt. Say to yourself, "Bellies will go empty if I do not return home with dinner.

It is wise to communicate in standard English. Instead of, "struggling with growth issues," try, "I don't know what I'm doing." Instead of, "confronting the patriarchal tyranny," try, "I've got a lousy boss." Men our age are sick of feminist/therapy jargon.

Jargon and political fashion are for the young because they don't know who they are vet. Black and whites are to be expected in youth, but with age we see the grays, the textures, the subtext, the bonus of being a woman, the debits of being a man, and anyway, when you fall in love, little of that matters, everyone cuts his own, private, hand-tailored deal, which is based on the you behind the you and has little to do with gender. Hard, fast, and frequent rules, particularly those conceived by moneygrubbing self-help authors, make negotiations that much harder.

It's better if you don't actually hate the opposite sex. There's no sense hunting for a man with an attitude of, "I loathe men." Or, as a feminist acquaintance observed when commenting on the growing men's movement, "Why should I feel happy to see my oppressors organize?" No man with a pinch of pride is going to apologize for being a man. Find a man who will parrot feminist slogans and you have found somebody who will expect to be taken care of.

This may be hard to swallow, but the truth is that men your age are not that interested in women. Men are interested in a woman, namely, their woman. Men are interested in their consorts, their daughters,

and their mothers. They are interested in looking at tits and ass, but they are not particularly interested in women. Men, this age, don't talk about women amongst themselves, don't wonder what women think about, don't read their magazines, and don't have a secret desire to tag along when women get together and go out.

On first glance, this may feel insulting. On the other hand, I find it exceedingly pleasant to leave a bit of mystery in this world of relentless exposure, to have exotic tidbits brought to my table, to have dresses explained to me, or the workings of beauty salons, or the names of flowers. Yes, yes, women make damn good fighter pilots, combat engineers, and heavy-equipment operators. And that's mighty fine with me. But, it is enjoyable to live with someone who has a separate area of competence. It's agreeable to hear reports from the other side.

There are benefits to mating at this age. Most men aren't rounded until 40, until his hormones decay and he can see the world outside himself. Until then he wants sex. We all know this. Still, that is a more straightforward approach than what many young women have to contend with: a men's movement male with a practiced catch in his voice, tear in his eye, and an eagerness to share his special feelings. He still wants sex, but is now willing to spout, like a convict at a parole-board hearing, anything, anything at all, in order to get it.

There are drawbacks. I am part of a generation of males who will never learn to cook a decent meal, will never be able to walk into a department store and shop. That's just the way it is, accept it, go to restaurants, make sure he buys a microwave oven. We will do the dishes, help with the groceries, fix stuff around the house, and lift heavy objects on demand. We will not let strangers hurt you without hurting us first.

The best thing about this age is that we're finally old enough to realize that what matters is love, the rest is nitpicking, day-today crap that can be worked around, can be negotiated, and the only thing that really counts is hitting that front door on the way home, feeling tension dissolve, coming upon clear, sincere eyes, a genuine smile, and listening to a familiar, loving voice say, "Hi, baby, how was your day?'

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Length of reviewed service: 2 hours, 10 minutes **Website:** www.bethelamesd.com

The hard rat-a-tat of the drums set the beat for the choir as they processed into the high-ceilinged church. Swaying, bouncing, and clapping, they mounted the stage and sang out in a near-shout

over the booming bass, the organ, and the jazzy guitar. The shout gave way to bright harmonies as they repeated, "You ain't/Seen nothing/You ain't seen nothing yet." More shouts from the congregation, and a round of applause the first of many.

Pastor Williams was presiding over his last Sunday at Bethel A.M.E. before moving on to Los Angeles. His voice rarely rose above a deep purr — riversmoothed gravel. When he spoke, the shouting subsided, except to respond to his murmured "Amens."

After the Call to Worship and the Opening Hymn, Roderick Washington led the Celebration of Prayer, speaking from a low pulpit on the right. He begged "Father God" for forgiveness."Where would we be without forgiveness, Father? For the darkness in our hearts would overtake us." As he prayed, Pastor

Williams and Pastor Brooks knelt with their backs to the congregation, heads bowed, leaning into the seats of their carved wooden chairs. Throughout, congregants spoke out, "Amen!"

Washington continued, thanking God for life and for blessings, and asking blessings for the departing pastor, the incoming pastor, the sick, the homeless, the incarcerated ("Let them know that no steel bars can hold you back, Father!"), children, soldiers, and the bereaved. "There is darkness for some of us, Father. You are the light switch.... You bring us out of the darkness, and for that we say, 'Thank you." As he left the lectern, he dabbed a tear from his eye.

Call-and-response readings followed, and then the Creed. Then four congregants were baptized. "Father," said Williams, "we thank you this day for the privilege of baptism, for both the joy and the power that it brings. Thank you for those who have come to you to give their hearts over to you."

Williams addressed the candidates. "Baptism is simply an outward expression of an inward manifestation, an inward feeling.... We believe that each one of us is born into a world of sin. Baptism with water is one of the tangible ways that we can use through the sacrifice of Jesus to cover ourselves while we are still living." When Christ was pierced, "both water and blood flowed out. Therefore, the two most important liturgical acts in the church are baptism and Holy Communion." The candidates knelt. Williams drizzled water over their heads with his hand, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A group of youngsters put on a dance routine in the aisles, wielding plastic trumpets and drawing the congregation once more to its feet.

Pastor Terry Brooks, who was visiting, gave the sermon.

"Pastor Brooks!" said Williams.

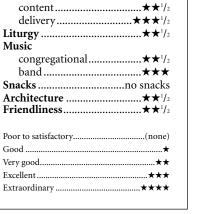
"Pastor Brooks!" replied the congregation.

"Preach the Word!" (Again they repeated.)

"Until Heaven [repeat]...is satisfied [repeat]."

Before he preached, the Youth Choir rang out "I Am His." Then a woman launched into

a gut-wrencher of a ballad, the last of the service. "Tell me what do you do when you've given your all/And it seems like you can't make it through?/Well, you just stand when there's nothing left to do/You just stand and watch the Lord see you through." Like the previous ballads, it built and subsided again and again, drawing round after round of shouts and applause, rising each time to a new height. "Don't you bow/Don't you bend/Don't you give up/Don't you give in..."



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Enduring suffering was the theme of Brooks's sermon as well, though he generated such enthusiasm that he might have been preaching on the joys of paradise. More than once, the congregation all but drowned him out. Referencing Peter's imprisonment and rescue by an angel in Acts 12, he said, "Angel, in the original language, just means messenger. God

takes him from incarceration to liberation by giving him a revelation!...The devil desires to have your joy locked up...but I have some messages for you! You're drinking your tears at night. I've got a message for you — that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning!"

A little girl answered the altar call — though preparing for baptism, she had not yet accepted the Lord Jesus. Williams had her repeat after him: "Dear Lord...forgive me for all that I have done wrong...and I ask you to come into my heart...I want to be saved...I want to be whole." Then he addressed God: "Thank you for this little girl that you have sent.... Bless her now.

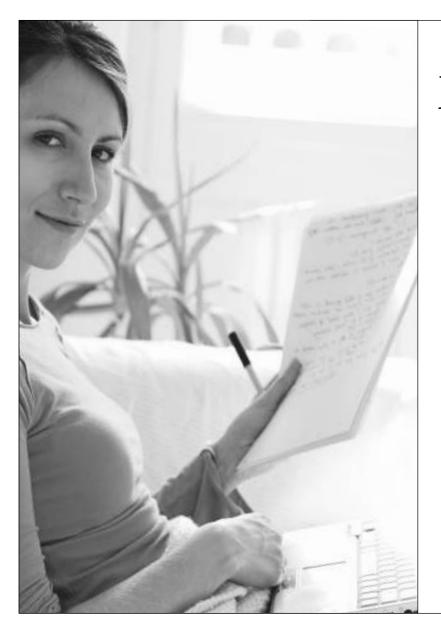
What happens when we die?

"Every Christian believes that our spirits go to heaven, while our bodies go back to the dust," said Williams. "Our spirits live forever. Therefore, death is not a goodbye, but just a hello for heaven."

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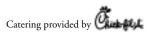
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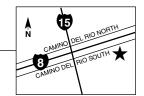
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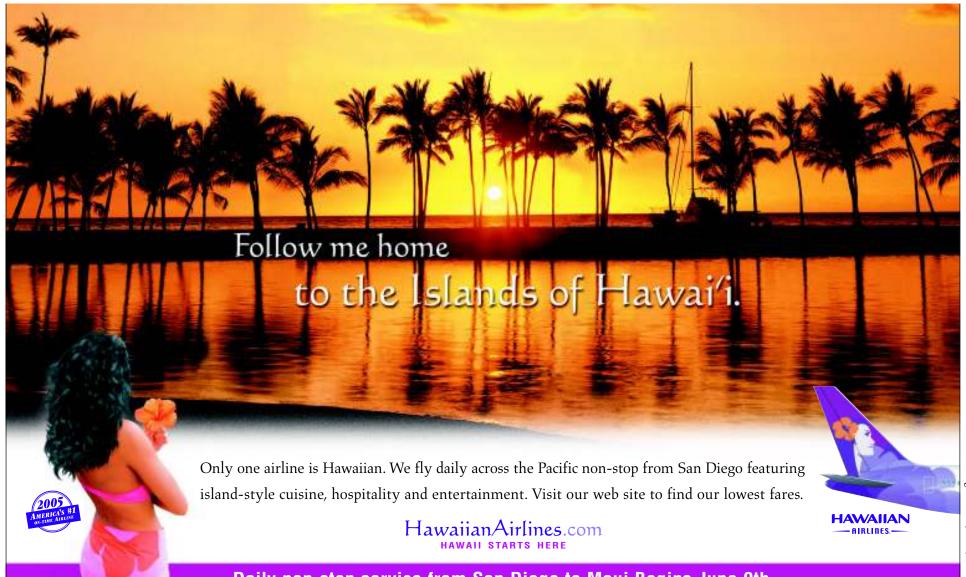
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My beloved husband Patrick spent many teenage years on the golf course. He played for four dollars after school and caddied on weekends at a high-end country club near his house. Caddying made him spending money and earned him free Monday golf privileges. Then Patrick went to college and lost the golf

bug. For the first ten years of our marriage, he was content to play two or three rounds over the course of a year. But starting with a recent round played at Mt. Woodson (\$60 weekday rate) in Ramona, the bug came back with ferocity. Since then, he has

been sneaking out just past dawn to play nine holes at Mission Trails (\$15 early morning back nine) and returning home by 8:30. He wants to refine his swing for a trip to Pebble Beach he's planning with his brothers.

I'm no golf expert, but I can tell the putter he's playing with is not cutting edge. I was there when he bought it for a buck at a garage sale. I thought for Father's Day I would buy him a respectable putter, something that his golfing buddies would not laugh at. But I was determined not to break the bank doing it.

My first phone call was to Polar Golf, where owner Terry Ames told me, "For a decent putter that is not high priced, I would have to recommend the Ping," he replied. "They make about four or five different models, but they still make their basic line that they have carried forever, their classic models." Two putters, "The Answer and the P60, are either made of a tumbled metal finish or kind of a gold finish, and they retail for \$79.95. They're Ping's Classic Putter line. All the new stuff that came out after that, they've used that same kind of head design but done different things with the insert, and that's what starts to get expensive. And most everything else cheaper than the Pings are just chunky putters."

What are you losing when you go to the

'Well, with the knockoffs," continued Ames, "the metal is not quite as solid, there are actually air holes in the metal,

they are not as durable, and they just don't feel as right.

And as for putters to buy when Patrick makes it rich, "For top-ofthe-line putters, there are a couple of them. If you go with Ping's line, they make what is called a Crazy Put-

ter, and those go for \$150. And of course thereare Scotty Cameron putters, which are the premium ones right now. Those run \$279 or \$299; they are what the people ask for, the ones that you see on television with the dots on the back. The Scotty Cameron's are locally made up in Carlsbad.'

Pro Golf Discount's general manager Chuck Skillern recommended Taylor Made putters. "They are a Carlsbad company, and we have stuff from them starting at \$79. The Taylor Made Monza is like a mallet-style kind of a half-moon look to it - and it is by

"I have seen people that have a \$20 putter that putt fantastically."

far the best buy right now.

"We carry Tommy Armour, which is not as big a name, but a pro-line putter company. That's a \$79 putter as well."

What about putters that run \$50 and

"You can still get good stuff," continued Skillern. "There is just not as much name recognition. A lot of them will have the same type of head style to it. A lot of the times it's made of the same material it just won't have that name recognition."

So if I like the feel of a Taylor Made, and I find a knockoff with the same feel, is there going to be some difference in

"There shouldn't be," answered Skillern. "If there is, it's what we call operator error."

Mark Rogers, a club-fitting specialist at Golf Mart, agrees. "I have seen people that have a \$20 putter that putt fantastically. Really, putting comes down to the feel. It's not nec-

essary that you have to go out and buy a \$200 putter. Putters are a personal-feel thing, not

necessarily a height thing. Phil Nicholson is six-foot-four and he uses a 32-inch putter. He likes bending over, being right on top of a ball. I am fivefoot-nine, and I use a 35-inch putter. It's all personal preference. Each putter has a different style face, whether it is a softer face, like a rub-

berized face, or a harder face." As for particular brands, Rogers said he

had a couple of Odyssey putters for under \$100. "I have a \$90 putter called Odyssey Dual Force Two. It's a blade-style putter, very similar to what a Scotty Cameron looks like." Rogers himself uses a Ping putter.

Jeff Hall, a "caddy" at Golfsmith, had a different take on inexpensive and expensive putters. "Scotty Cameron putters start at about \$250, and the off-brand can be about \$40," he offered. "Is there a huge difference? Yes. The Cameron is a superior technical product. But can you drain putts with a \$40 putter? Sure."

What's the difference between the knockoffs and a Scotty Cameron?

'Integrity in the materials," said Hall. 'Something that is \$40 is going to be a basic in the shaft and basic in the grip. With Cameron putters, the length and weight are matched with extreme precision."

What would you recommend if I wanted a recognizable name brand, with decent performance, but for as little money as possible?

"Probably the King Cobra Putters, which run about \$70 to \$80. They are pretty solid; they're traditional."

Hall said he prefers to have more than one putter in his bag. "I've always got three or four putters because two of them are always on time out. I just don't like their attitudes some

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THREE SLUSHEES, TWO POOLS, ONE OLD LADY

by Josh Board

party I went to in
Clairemont had trouble written
all over it. The host had a live
band in a residential area, and
he took down the fence separating his house from his
neighbor's to make one big
back yard with two pools.

The only trouble came from an 80-year-old lady who lived down the street. I was parking in front of her house when I heard that "Where's the beef?!" voice yelling at me. "Excuse me?" I said.

"How long is your car gonna be there?"

"I don't know," I replied,
"probably a few hours. Why?"

She yelled, "My husband will be coming home in an hour, and he won't have a place to park!" I looked at her driveway and told her they had enough space for two cars. She went into an explanation about how he's handicapped, but as much sympathy as I have for the handicapped, I have no sympathy for grouchy old people. Or neighbors who think that nobody should park in front of their house. I told her I'd try to move it in an

I saw balloons on a fence and Porta Potties on the driveway. A sign said that women could use the bathrooms



Top: Anna Osterag, Nadia Kean-Ayub, Kandice Beyer, Maricela Mendez;
Bottom left: Hooters girls; Bottom right: Birthday boy Rick Bryan and his wife Donna

They had three Slushee machines, which were filled with colored ice and alcohol.

toward them, I asked what he

thought of that. "Dude, I've

seen what guys can do to a

bathroom. I think this rule

makes perfect sense. And

of women waiting to go

besides, there was a huge line

parties." I saw the guy that owned the machine filling it up. He told me he pours two bottles in each one. I said, "Women seem to like this machine. I think they like

"Dude, I've seen what guys can do to a bathroom. I think this rule makes perfect sense."

There was a table next to the machines that had bottles of wine and other spirits. One guy noticed me looking at them and said, "You never drive away from one of these

their alcohol to be fruity flavored." He smiled and said, "That's why I paid \$1200 for this thing."

I ran into Rick, who was turning 50 and throwing this

party. He told me he has a few parties a year. The sky was cloudy, and he worried it might rain. It did drizzle. Rick hired the band Riot House to play, and they were in the process of setting up as I walked in

I talked to a few guys who told me that Hooters was catering this party. They didn't know if that meant their food or if it included the girls in orange shorts. We were surprised to see the women in the shorts show up 20 minutes later.

I asked one of the Hooters girls if it costs more to have

the girls show up and not just some guy with a Hooters shirt and 50 chicken wings. She laughed and said, "Yeah, it costs more. I'm not sure of the price, though." They served hamburgers, wings, and chocolate chip cookies. A girl named Nadia told me that when she was going to SDSU, she got a job at Hooters. She said, "I don't have a big chest, so they gave me these shorts my second day. They were short shorts. They told me I needed to show off my assets. I quit."

Rick told me he had clients at this party and several coworkers and friends. When I met his crew from Carlsbad, I thought, *They look like trouble*. One woman told me, "Yeah, that guy in the mohawk, he's my boss." They were all nice guys.

The band started playing. Their set included the usual classic rock songs you hear in a bar. "Roadhouse Blues," by the Doors, a Springsteen tune. They surprised me when they played a Weezer song and "Darling Nikki" by Prince.

I met Rick's brother-inlaw who had Down syndrome. He smiled and shook my hand. He never stopped dancing or drumming along as the band played. Several times he went







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up to his sister and gave her a hug. He had a smile on his face throughout the party.

There was an oversized card on a table with "50" on it, and everyone was writing birthday messages to Rick. Someone wrote, "Hopefully your golf score will reflect your age soon." Rick's wife was wearing beads that said "50," and a guy asked her, "Did he make you show your tits to get those beads?" As she laughed, another woman said, "You're too far away from 50 to be wearing that." Rick's wife was in her early 40s.

One guy at the party reminded me of Michael Caine. Perhaps it was his British accent that made me think that. When I told him he resembled Caine, he said, "I wish I had his money." He used to live next door to Rick and suggested that instead of making fun of his look, I should write about the mohawk guy.

A woman came over. and I told her that she looked like Melissa Etheridge. She said, "I'm not gay!" She then told me she went to a website that tells vou who vou look like. The site told her that she looked like Jennifer Jason Leigh and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

I met a woman named Karen, a teacher from Los Gatos. She used to live across the street from Rick and is still friendly with him and his wife. She told me some interesting stories from her ten years of teaching, and we wondered why so many female teachers are sleeping with their students.

As I was jotting notes, a guy asked me if I was a building inspector. Since there were contractors here. I suppose it was a legitimate question. When I told him I was writing about the party, he said, "Oh shit! I better not tell you anything." I asked, "Are you wanted by the law?" He smiled and said, "Which state?"

Rick had people of all

ages and races at this party, and everyone had fun. As I was talking to Rick about the variety of people he knows, his wife told me that she had talked to the old lady down the street.

"Well, since you asked me nicely," the old lady said, "I guess it's okay if you park there. It's just that somebody was there earlier for a long time." Hearing that made me want to leave my car there all night and take a cab home. After my third Slushee, it probably would've been a good idea. I was buzzing.

I told Rick that his pool slide was the highest I'd ever seen at a home. He said, "We are going to get rid of it. It takes up too much space." It worked great when he went up there to make an announcement.

I was talking to a few girls and told them I'd give \$20 to the one who went down the slide with all her clothes on. I found out after I left that a woman did jump into the pool, took her shirt off, and let it dry by the fire as she waited topless.

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Poked, Prodded, and Probed

by Barbarella

The trouble about always trying to preserve the health of the body is that it is so difficult to do without destroying the health of the mind.

id you fast?" The seated woman with goldrimmed spectacles balanced on the ridge of her nose held the clipboard to the counter with one finger, indicating with raised brows that I was not to take it until I gave the correct answer.

I stared at her dumbly. I didn't "fast," I just skipped breakfast. It was only 9:30 a.m. Thinking she must be the kind of person who keeps snacks in her purse so as to never

I refuse to believe it is possible for any man, however well educated, to be capable of understanding "girl stuff."

suffer the fate of a stomach pang, I answered, "Twelve hours, nothing but water, as you told me. Wasn't hard, I was asleep for most of 'em." I handed her my insurance card and snatched the clipboard from her.

I sat on one of two love seats in the lobby, taking precautions not to touch any part of my exposed skin to its coarse blue fabric, no doubt rich with the history of sick

people, and went about checking all the "No" boxes on the goldenrod paper. For a moment my pen hovered over the "Yes" square near the word "anxiety," but after revisiting the instructions at the top of the page, I marked "No" - my bouts of anxiety do not cause me "serious concern," I told myself, they merely confirm a healthy dose of neurosis.

Finished with the questionnaire, I ruminated on my mixed feelings for seeing a doctor when nothing was wrong with me. On one hand it was a relief to know I didn't have to try and make her understand some ailment and then scrutinize her level of concern, which is never as high as I think it should be. On the other hand, the visit seemed so irritatingly pointless - signing up to get

poked, prodded, and probed just so someone can tell me what I know, it was like paying good money for a show I'd already seen and

A woman's face popped into the room from behind a door she'd opened just enough for her head to fit through and called my name. On the other side of the wall there was a scale, one of those old-fashioned, accurate kinds with levered weights. I kicked off my shoes and hopped on, giving a little "woo hoo!" at the number before me.

The young nurse simply nodded and jotted the figure on her clipboard. Noting her long, dark hair hanging loosely over her shoulders, I wondered why they ever got rid of those stylish white caps and made a mental note to check and see if any were sold at the Crypt. The nurse, dressed plainly in blue scrubs, measured my height next, as if it were possible I might have had a growth spurt or lost a vertebra since my last appointment.

She led me into a room just large enough for an examination table, two small silver trashcans, a stool, and a sink with cabinets over and under it.

"You're getting a Pap today, right?"

"Uh, yeah," I muttered, relieved she didn't use the second half of the term, a word I find to be overly graphic and disturbing in any

"So would you like to use the restroom?" "You mean so I don't, like, accidentally

"Yeah, basically," answered the nurse. Her

face had contorted into a wry smile in reaction to my uncanny bluntness. I nodded. Yes, peeing prior to the moment of truth was a great

"It's right around the corner. When you're finished, you can come back in here and remove your clothing. This one," she pointed to a large, white, folded piece of paper on the examination table, "goes on your upper body. The other one," an even bigger piece of paper beneath the first, "gets draped over your lap."

"Got it," I said.

Ten minutes later, I sat on the edge of the table wearing nothing more than black socks (the last remnants of my dignity) and toilet paper. It wasn't even two-ply. What is this, a county hospital in the ghetto? My insurance doesn't cover actual cloth? I sighed, loud enough for everyone beyond the thin walls to hear, and waited — intermittently reminding myself out loud that it is not okay to handle, lick, or in any way contaminate any of those sterilized plastic ear-telescope covers that were stacked dangerously within reach against the wall.

I chose my doctor based on two criteria — she is local, and she is female. Despite the glowing testimonials of girlfriends who swear by their gyno-guys, I refuse to believe it is possible for any man, however well educated, to be capable of understanding "girl stuff."

Still, my doctor's woman-ness was not enough to put me at ease. Growing up with three sisters did nothing to help me in the modesty department. My sisters and I turned

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our heads or left the room when another was changing, our bodies our own to

I remember, during my first year of college, how disturbed I was when I hung out at a sorority house. I had stared hard at that freaky Nirvana-underwater-baby poster as some sorority sisters, in the buff, walked around aimlessly, painted their toenails, or sifted through drawers in search of the perfect outfit as though nothing was out of the ordinary. Even in Vegas a few weeks ago I made a show of averting my gaze so that any one of the mostly naked girls in the room would not think I was being rude with a longer-than-necessary glance at their naughty bits, despite their cavalier attitude toward the towels that were tossed on the bed instead of tied around those freshly showered torsos.

Two knocks, courtesy statements more than requests, and there she was, in all her doctorly glory. We said our hellos, and she sat on the stool slightly behind me and to my right, from where she had a clear view of my derriere, the one area of me not covered by the standard public park-issue toilet paper I wore as a half-shirt and the sheet of the same insubstantial stuff draped over my lap. I had to turn my head and hold it at an awkward angle to maintain eye

She looked over the goldenrod paper like she was grading it. Someone knocked on the door, and I was horrified to hear my doctor say, "Come on in!" Sure, invite the whole staff, why don't you? I want everyone to see me in my fabulous new Charminfucking-outfit!

"The rep on the phone told me her insurance terminated in December," said the same woman who had been sitting at the front counter.

"What? That's ridiculous!" I snapped, even though she hadn't addressed me directly. "I never miss a payment! I didn't receive any kind of notice or anything!"

My doctor looked at me with this sad, understanding expression, as if to say, "I'm sure you want to believe you paid, hon, but the reps don't lie." In actuality, she said, "I'm not sure how to proceed; if I should go ahead or if you want to sort this out

"Is this something we could have checked before I got all naked?" I shrieked. "Look, I'm sitting here in this toilet paper for Christ's sake. Just do whatchya gotta do, and if I end up paying more than my deductible, I'll deal with it. Okay?" I glared at the woman still standing by the wide-open door, offering every nurse and paper pusher behind her a glimpse at my revealing ensemble, and said, "Okay?"

but what I meant was, "Close the fucking door!" It wasn't until much later that I realized I had given the diligent woman behind the counter the wrong insurance card.

I fumbled my way through the next terrifically uncomfortable 20 minutes, making unfunny jokes in a sad attempt to divert attention from what was really going on — that some nearstranger was groping my breasts for lumps, feeling my abdomen for God-knowswhat, and sticking all kinds of shit up my, well, you know. After a Dick Van Dyke-like tangle during which my left leg got stuck in the drawer at the foot of the examination table and, in my fight to retrieve my foot, I ended up ripping away most of my "clothing," I was left in the room, a used and violated wretch in tatters of tissue, to re-dress in my real-fabric clothes and head to the laboratory to have my blood drawn.

Once in the lab, I eyed the needle with gross fascination as it was plunged into my vein, and I said a little prayer to the gods of technology that, by this time next year, someone will have figured out how to decipher my cells with a microscope more accurately than any doctor can read my body with eyes and hands, thus forever after sparing me the humiliation of the examination table. ■



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I couldn't imagine

being the kind of heel

who got a woman

pregnant and then

abandoned her.

my eyes watering from the cold, as I stared into the gray murk that I imagined to be our future. It was March 10, 1984, and Isabel and I were going to Nantucket to get married.

For some years afterward, Isabel claimed I hadn't really wanted to get married; I had only done it to provide her with a green card. A Chilean citizen, she had arrived in Boston with her daughter on Valentine's Day, which seemed appropriate.

But it wasn't true about not wanting to get married. I just didn't want to do it in the Watertown Town Hall in the

presence of chirping clerks. We had loved each other deeply since first meeting in Iowa City more than five years earlier, but our intimacy had the complexity of any love that is deeply felt. At times it was like shared music, at times like a skin graft or a root canal, but we seemed unable to live without it, and that remains true to this day. So it wasn't correct about marrying her to get her a green card, or not quite. Anyway, this isn't about love, it's about a wedding, and tucked in my backpack, as I stared into the gray sky and gray Atlantic, were two longstemmed glasses and a bottle of champagne.

Nantucket as a destination, when one has hardly 30 hours away from work, seemed potentially memorable. Buried in snow and 15 degrees, it would be blessedly free of the tourists who clogged its streets in summer. "An elbow of sand," it had been called by the Quaker whalers. Captain Ahab's hometown, Ishmael's departure point, and ours too, after a fashion. The only people I knew who had ever lived

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there were the writer Frank
Conroy and his wife Maggie.
So I had called them and
Maggie gave me the name of
Edward Anderson, minister
of Nantucket's Unitarian
Universalist Church, a highspired white wooden building built in 1809.

I didn't remain outside for much of our two-hour journey, but the wind's con-

frontational nature was as 34. Both of us had been marpurifying as a sweat lodge. ried before. The ferry was Inside, Isabel was either readnearly empty, and Isabel's plastic coffee cup slid back ing or taking a nap, wearing, as she said later, "an awful red and forth on the table as the ship rolled coat." I wore a thick, darkgray overcoat my grandfather from side to side. had bought in Utica around 1940. I was 43 and she was

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By the time the ferry docked that Saturday morning, the sun had come out. We found our bed-and-breakfast and then made our way to the church on Orange Street. Having been born in Orange, New Jersey, I found that significant. When you are getting married, even the tiniest things seem significant. The red brick buildings shone in the bright light, and the glare from the snow made my eyes ache. I imagined Captain Ahab negotiating these slippery slate sidewalks with his peg leg.

We had no guests at our wedding and no one to throw confetti. The Reverend Anderson was our only witness. He wasn't quite skeptical, but mildly interested. Isabel told him she was a biologist at Harvard Medical School, and I said I was a writer. Anderson asked what kind of writer. Instead of

saying I wrote poetry, I said I had written some mystery novels. It seemed, I guess, more socially acceptable than poetry.

"I don't read mystery novels," said the Reverend Anderson.

The church was unheated in the winter. and Anderson said, if we preferred, we could be married in his office. We chose the church with its huge golden chandelier, 1837 Winchester pipe organ, and central interior dome. The roseupholstered pews and rose carpet, the Steinway grand piano and Corinthian halfcolumns, the dark wood of the pulpit were all sufficiently remarkable to stick in our memory. Even the fact that it was freezing would stick in our memory. Sunlight streamed in from the tall, narrow windows. A photograph shows the two of us with red cheeks and red noses,

our scarves nearly hiding our chins. I have absolutely no memory of what the minister said, except that his voice echoed in the great empty space. I held Isabel's hand. Her hand was cold. I kissed her. Her lips were cold, but only for a nanosecond.

Afterward Anderson asked if we would like to see the view from the tower, so we climbed up and up the wood stairs until we were higher than all the town. There was hardly room for three people. The space was a hexagon with six open windows through which the wind blew. We could see the ocean in all directions and beneath us this collection of antique buildings where the rich now lived. The elbow of sand seemed to rest upon the ocean like a single bubble in a glass of champagne, so fragile as to make all human endeavor, and proceedings as perilous as marriage, seem like the wildest hubris.

When I showed Isabel what I had written, she said, "You forgot the most important thing. He asked if we wanted to ring the bell. I was so embarrassed. It seemed an inappropriate time to ring a bell. We had to pull a heavy rope. You rang it and I rang it and you rang it again and again. I can't believe that you forgot about it."

"You're supposed to say if you liked it," I said.

"I liked the part about Captain Ahab," she said.

Leaving the church, we hurried back to the warmth of our bed-and-breakfast. We took off our clothes, got under the covers, and drank our champagne, trying not to spill. The bed had a thick down comforter. Isabel said it was the first time all day that she had been warm. Almost exactly nine months

later our daughter Clio was born.

— Stephen Dobyns

I DO AT A COFFIN SALE

I used to say that you could get married when you ran out of things to do. So we got engaged after two rounds of Long Island ice teas at Carlos Murphy's bar on a Saturday afternoon in April. Somewhere along the highway, leaving the watering hole, Sean and I decided that we could save money on rents by jumping the broom.

June would bring another birthday for me, so that gave me two months to plan a wedding. Sean was Catholic, I was Baptist; we agreed on a Protestant wedding in the largest chapel of his dad's funeral parlor. With little time for details and no room for drama, there would be three bridesmaids and three groomsmen. I found the perfect peach

dresses at a deep discount in JCPenney's bridal salon. Someone else's cold feet made my decision easy.

The funeral parlor offered all the amenities, including an organist, a large viewing room that would be used as a reception hall, a fleet of new white limousines, and when wind of our unusual wedding location made its way to the local paparazzi, there wasn't a seat left in the overflowing chapel. Some guests even sat outside the chapel in the hallway underneath the signboard, which had been changed from its usual listing of viewing times of the deceased to "Congratulations to the Bride and Groom!"

Two rows were reserved "for clergy only." Not inviting every preacher in town could spell professional suicide for the local undertaker.

It wasn't easy to get my divorced in-laws to

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bury the hatchet long enough to pose for endless photos. For my mother-in-law, it took a beautiful one-of-a-kind number from Irene Sargent. No ex-philandering spouse was going to ruin her chance of being "Mother of the Groom." Poor Daddy, in his wheelchair, being rolled from spot to spot, had to endure the not-so-quiet whispers: "Poor thing, used to be such a strong man, he had a horrible stroke, Lord, have mercy, you just never know."

I had taken ten milligrams of Valium with no water, and when I walked through the chapel doors, even though I didn't recognize most of the grinning faces, I was literally beaming. I floated down the aisle on the arms of my favorite uncle. The room was cleared of the usual crowd and before nearly 300 people, under the most beautiful arch the florist had ever made (especially for us since dad-in-law was one of his best customers), we pledged to spend the rest of our lives together whether we liked it or not. When asked, "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" Daddy sat up straight in his chair and in his loudest voice proudly proclaimed, "I do!" The soloist wowed the crowd and even herself with a beautiful rendition of "Endless Love," which replaced her standard, "Soon and Very Soon, We Are Going to See the King."

Since I was working at the local television station, I got the weekend camera crew to film my special day at no cost. By the time we waltzed across the hall to the "Oval Office" for the reception, everybody was having a great time. Especially the limo drivers (a.k.a. funeral escorts), who skipped the last part of the ceremony and were already popping champagne corks.

There were people from my Baptist church and people from Sean's Jackand-Jill chapter, all enjoying the juicy slices of ham and roasted turkey his aunt had prepared, alongside the fancy hors d'oeuvres prepared by the caterer. Bright red punch flowed through the fountain in the center of the fourtiered cake, which had more flowers all around it, courtesy of the florist.

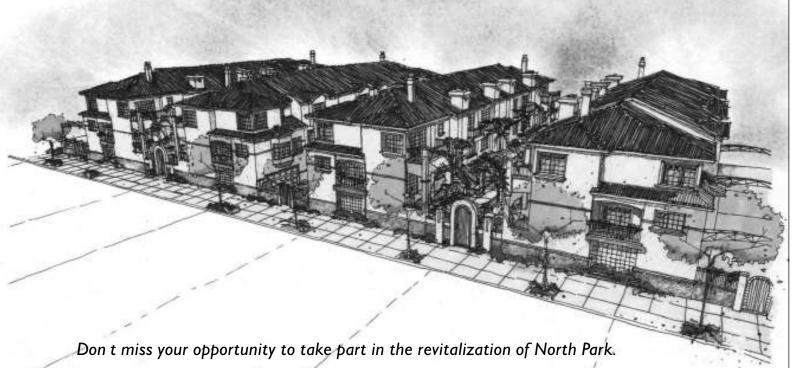
My news director didn't even notice that

his newsroom was operating with a "skeleton crew" because most of his staff was at the wedding. Exchanging vows in the house of the dead is any newsman's idea of a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

What an amazing scene. Television personalities sprinkled in with every minister from every church in town, little old ladies who just "happened" to be driving by and heard there was a wedding at the funeral

home, body snatchers from near and far who were paying their respects to the son of one of their oldest colleagues, and twentysomethings who were just there for the free food and drink and the chance to catch





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the garter. An hour or so into the reception, this eclectic group was doing the electric slide to the music of the good-looking DJ as if they were all old friends.

Then that magical moment struck — 5:30. "Oh my God!" Everyone left almost simultaneously to get home in time for the six o'clock news. Would they see themselves on television? It was reality TV before its time.

— Dorothy Stewart

A BEN & JERRY'S ICE CREAM CAKE COMES TO MIND

Happy weddings are all alike; every unhappy wedding is unhappy in its own way.

I've been married three times. My first and third were both happy, and startlingly alike. Both took place within a few miles of each other, on the same stretch of shoreline on Lake Champlain in Vermont. Both took place in summer, both had wonderful food, live music, strange in-laws, good friends. My second wedding was unhappy in its own way.

It took place in a small, dark house, possibly the smallest house in Burlington, in 1987. I was 34, give or take a month. The bride — I'll call her Sarah — was 37. I had been married once before; Sarah had been married twice. It must have been May or June, shortly after Sarah had the first of her psychotic episodes, when I came home to find her cowering naked in the corner of the kitchen, hyperventilating. I managed to persuade her to blow into a brown paper bag and then to take a warm shower.

No attendants. No maid of honor or flower

thing I can remember anyone saying.

Also present: our daughter Zoe, then about six months old. She was the reason Sarah and I were living

My friend, luke, whose little brother had died two weeks earlier in a swimming accident, showed up unexpectedly.

girls or best man. No organist. The justice of the peace was a friend of mine. He came over with his copy of the statutory wedding vows and a video camera. "I'm a full-service operation," he said dryly. It's the only

together. We had dated briefly as my first marriage was ending and then had broken up. A few days later she came to visit me, unexpectedly, saying that she was pregnant, that I was the father, and that she was going ahead with the pregnancy. I could be involved or not, but she was going through with it

I thought that

showed great courage on her part, and besides, I couldn't imagine being the kind of heel who got a woman pregnant and then abandoned her. So I said I was in, determined to make the best of things. It wasn't until later that I discovered how much I loved being a father — so much, that even with everything I went through over the next five years (the divorce was almost as long as the marriage), I still wouldn't change a thing.

No family. Sarah was ashamed, I think. We had never planned to get married, but once Zoe was born, Sarah had a change of heart. If word got out that Zoe had been born out of wedlock, she said, she would be ostracized and called a bastard for the rest of her life. I thought this was extreme, even bizarre, but I went along with it. This was what being married involved, I thought: taking whatever came along and trying to make the best of it.

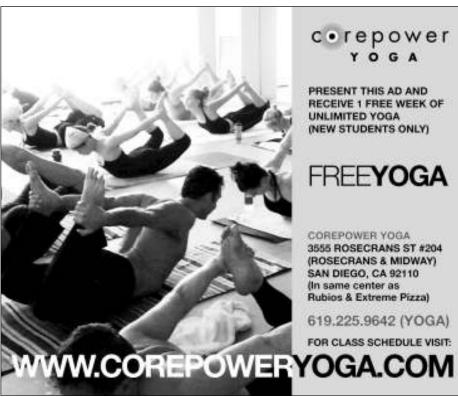
I can't remember saying "I do." I can't remember what I was feeling or what was going through my mind. That was how I got through the wedding: by not paying attention to anything that passed through my mind. In fact, when I think about the previous year, and the next three years, it seems as if at some point I sucked my breath in and spent the rest of my marriage holding it.

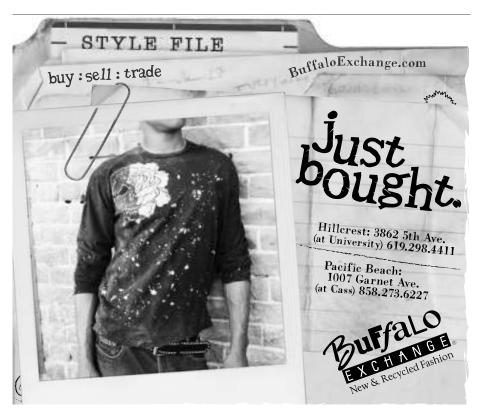
Afterward, there was a small amount of food, I think — a plate or two of











something. A Ben & Jerry's ice cream cake comes to mind, but the very fact that I remember it makes me think I must be thinking of some other occasion.

There must have been music, probably from a tape recorder, because I think I remember Sarah and myself dancing around the small living room in the space between the wood stove and the dining table, with Michael filming us. If that videotape still exists, I hope I never

After that, we moved to a slightly larger house, also in Burlington. My mother came over from England to visit and later told me, "It was very strange. I couldn't see the slightest trace of you anywhere in that house."

Two and a half years later, Sarah took to saying, "Why don't you just leave me? If you're so unhappy, why don't you just leave?"

That was my weakness, and my source of strength: I went along with things and tried to make the best of them.

— Tim Brookes

STEERED BACK **TO MARY**

"I probably shouldn't have stayed up so late," I thought as I paced back and forth in the little sacristy at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ridgefield, Connecticut, nervously flipping the long tail of my morning coat. "Either that, or we should have made this a 3:00 p.m. wedding instead of 11:00 a.m."

My feet ached, and the thin fog in my head refused to clear — the results of standing and drinking until 2:00 a.m. the night before. But as I thought about the bachelor party, I smiled. It was just what I'd always thought a bachelor party should be. No debauchery, just my friends, my brothers, and brothersin-law enjoying each other's company, drink-

ing some good beer, and singing Irish drinking songs late into the night. My friend Luke, whose little brother had died two weeks earlier in a swimming accident, had showed up unexpectedly. I was ecstatic to see him.

Last I had heard, he wasn't going to come. He was afraid he'd be a drag on the festivities. "The Faith is the only thing that makes sense of these things," I told him. He nodded. He knew about my brother David, who

had died two days before Luke, my bride Mary, and I had all graduated from the same small college a year earlier.

David. The thought of him made me very sad. I stopped pacing and dropped onto a carved

oak bench tucked into a corner of the sacristy. I missed David so much that I could feel a knot in my stomach when I thought about him. He was ten years older than I and had been the childhood hero of his four little brothers. A pilot for an aerial mapping company, he'd been hit midair by a student pilot blinded by the low afternoon sun. David, the photographer in his plane, and the student all died. His death had

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made my graduation day a weird blur of happiness and sadness. I couldn't let that happen today. I jumped up off the bench and peered out the door of the sacristy. My six groomsmen — three brothers and three friends - were busy escorting the last of the guests to their seats in the pretty neo-Gothic church. In the loft at the back, a choir of my sisters, brothers, nephews, and nieces was singing Hans Leo Hassler's 16thcentury motet "Dixit Maria." Normally, I

would have been up there singing in the bass section with them. I sang along sotto voce as I surveyed the crowd: "Ecce ancilla Domini / Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum."

I reflected on the Latin lyrics, which I had sung at least a hundred times in my family choir, church, and college choirs. It was the Virgin Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel's annunciation that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit: "Behold the handmaid of the

Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word."

"How fitting," I thought. Just as the Blessed Virgin had said yes to God's plan for her, today my own Mary and I would be saying yes to God's plan for us. And as I looked back over our nearly five-year romance, it was easy to see God's hand in it. There had been times when I thought Mary was pushing me away, times when I decided to put her out of my mind and move on. But God always steered me back to Mary.

And now here she was, standing at the back of the church, her arm hooked in her father's. The organist started to play the Schubert march Mary and I had chosen for the occasion. She'll be upset at me for not remembering what her dress looked like, but I wasn't looking at her dress as she walked up the aisle toward me. I was looking at her lovely face. Her blue eyes shone with the same beauty and strength that had captivated me in philosophy class five years earlier. She had pulled her dark, curly hair back and up, exposing her long, fair neck, which I loved to kiss.

Mary's father handed her off with a nod and a firm handshake for me, a quick peck on the lips for Mary. I had been very nervous at the rehearsal the night before. But now I was unexpectedly calm. "Are you nervous?" I asked my bride.

"No," she said, and she gave my hand a loving squeeze.

Mary's brothers

Peter and Greg, both priests, said the Mass and administered the vows. My last name is Grimm. Mary's maiden name is Short. Greg couldn't resist the humorous possibilities offered by two such names. "This Short Grimm wedding," he opened his homily, "is

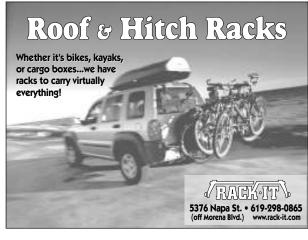
— Ernie Grimm

BEFORE PETA PROTESTS

about to become a

Grimm Short story."

The evening after our wedding Kevin and I sat on my — I mean our vintage mauve velvet sofa and ate Kentucky Fried Chicken. This was before I was a vegetarian, before I knew the horrors of factory farming or had seen PETA protesting out in front of our local KFC. It was before I knew about a lot of things, before I thought things through, which is good, because if Kevin and I had thought long and hard about it, we



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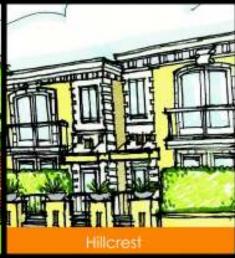


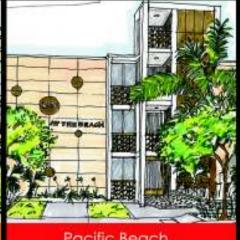
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never would have married. I was 35 and he 33, but neither of us had any grasp on adulthood. Our lives revolved around poetry readings and hanging out at bars talking about poetry. He was mostly gay, promiscuous, drank too much, and had never been in a longterm relationship. I was needy, unfaithful, demanding to the point of histrionic. I wanted to fuse with anything that moved. We were incompatible; we were both bad news. But we loved one another with a frenzy, and we could talk all night long. I fretted to my therapist, "What if

we run out of things to say!" She shrugged her shoulders and said that some couples never ran out of things to say. We pledged that we would forever remain together, crossing our fingers that we would never run out of whatever it was that fueled our crazy coupling.

We were married at San Francisco's City Hall, June 3, 1986. City Hall was magnificent even then, years before Willie Brown's gilded renovations. It was a site I associated with queerness and unrest, having moved to San Francisco in 1978, the month

before Dan White shot and killed Mayor Moscone and gay supervisor Harvey Milk. A year later, I got caught in the White Night riots, when thousands of gays went ballistic over White's manslaughter conviction. I was just walking home down Van Ness, and as I approached City Hall, suddenly cars were in flames, people were screaming, and I was facing a row of cops in riot gear. But the day of our wedding, as we stood in the rotunda looking up at the vast Beaux Arts marble staircase, Kevin declared, "This is where Marilyn Monroe and Joe

DiMaggio got married. Isn't it fantastic!"

We chose City Hall because we wanted the wedding to be intimate, to be about us, not about throwing a huge party. We invited two guests each — Kevin's sister Maureen and brother David and our writer friends Evangeline and Bruce. I wore a two-piece dress I found on sale at Macy's. It looked like something Joan Collins would wear on Dynasty, with its huge shoulder pads and flounce at the waist. Its skirt was a knee-length black sheath with large, irregular white dots, its white top a

reverse print with black dots. I accessorized with a gauzy white straw hat, ceramic earrings shaped like large white dots, and a simple corsage of two unadorned roses, one yellow and one white. In the photos I look clownish with my black-andwhite Holstein splotches, but to my credit I knew that when I bought it. I wanted to be extravagant, fun.

Waiting for our judge, we were surrounded by people of all nationalities and ethnicities. Some were dressed to the nines, some in tees and shorts. I remember a woman in a bright red

Thai wedding dress, another in a white satin dress with a matching headband. It was a long line, and the fluorescentlit hall was hot and stuffy, but everybody looked hopeful, eager. We joked that we felt like immigrants at Ellis Island. To pass the time we snapped a zillion pictures. In photo after photo the six of us are smiling so wide it looks as if our mouths will cramp. Kevin's wearing a thrift-store jacket with a yellow rose pinned to the lapel, his shoulderlength hair recently cropped military short. I thought the haircut made him look like a geek, but

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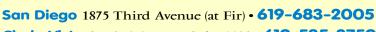
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I loved him anyway. Looking at him now, I'm struck by his handsomeness.

The one photo where we're not smiling, where we've stopped camping it up and laughing, is when Kevin is slipping the ring on my finger. He's looking over at the judge, who's out of the frame, and I'm looking down at my finger. On the wall behind us is a calendar that reads CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. Both of us are solemn, serious, as if the enormity of what we're taking on has hit us — or as if, like Garbo at the end of Queen Christina, we had been directed to think of absolutely nothing.

In keeping with the historic landmark theme, we took our wedding party out to lunch at the Cliff House, Back then, the Cliff House was a funky tourist trap that locals tended to avoid, but its food was cheap (important) and its ocean view was spectacular. The ruins of the Sutro Bath, which it overlooks, were still treacherous to climb around, rather than the railed walkways of today. The ruins were ceaselessly romantic to me. I imagined Kevin and me roaming among them, primal and passionate as Catherine and Heathcliff roaming about the moors of Wuthering Heights. But with a happier ending, we hoped. We ate omelets and gazed out at the predictably sublime ocean, holding hands.

— Dodie Bellamy

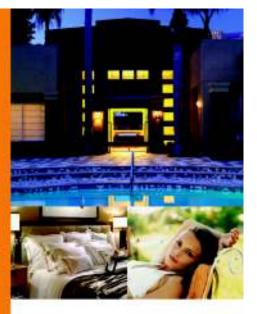
HITLER LOVED HIM

On September 15, 1962, Ellen and I got married. She was 22 and I was 26. Standing at the altar, I was thrilled as she walked up the aisle with her father to the strains of Richard Wagner's "Wedding March," more generally known as "Here Comes the Bride." It would be the last

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time Ellen was enthusiastic about Wagner, whose beautiful music and repulsive personality dominated the second half of the 19th Century. His music still flows copiously at larger opera companies, although it doesn't move Ellen. And that's no reflection on her musical taste, which is superior to mine. Back in his day, some of the great composers and critics had no use for Wagner (pronounced

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VAHG-ner). It's still true. His "Wedding March" comes from the third act of *Lohengrin*, which sophisticated people sometimes call "Lohengrin and Bear It."

I love Wagner now, although on our wedding day I probably didn't know the difference between Richard Wagner, the composer, and Honus Wagner, the old-time baseball star, who was nicknamed "The Flying Dutchman," which happens to be the only Wagner opera that Ellen truly enjoys.

We always laugh that after almost 44 years of marriage, the main thing that has come between us is Wagner. The only times we took separate vacations were when I was attending Wagner's Ring Cycle somewhere.

She thought I was nuts. Admittedly, Ring Cycle fans *are* mentally disturbed. You attend four operas that collec-

tively last 15 hours — and that's without intermission. In the afternoon, you go to a 2-hour lecture on that evening's opera, and then attend another 1-hour talk immediately before the performance. Wagner requires a large bladder.

At one of the Ring Cycles, I met a woman who was attending her 35th Ring. Even other Wagnerians, including me, considered such devotion selfflagellation — paying penance for some past sin

The Ring Cycle is a bit like *Lord of the Rings*. In writing his epic, Tolkien borrowed from the 13th-century Icelandic sagas, called Edda, just as Wagner had borrowed from them a century earlier. (And you thought Edda was only a crossword puzzle word, like aerie and eeler.) When most people think of opera, they think of ladies with horned hel-

mets, breastplates, braids, and spears. They are the Valkyries. In the Ring Cycle, they carry the dead soldiers to Valhalla. In a classic monologue, the comedienne Anna Russell, after poking fun at the Valkyries, would say, "Oh yes. They are virgins. And I'm not a bit

Wagner would be called a no-good son of a bitch. As Harold C. Schonberg writes of Wagner in *The Lives of the Great Composers*, "Amoral, hedonistic, selfish, virulently racist, arrogant, filled with gospels of the superhuman (the superman naturally being

We were married by a witch, in a regular living room, but one decorated, in the manner of the time, with lots of shaggy shingles, feathers, and fake jewelry.

surprised."

Nietzsche adored Wagner. Later, Hitler admired the composer's belief in Aryan superiority and his anti-Semitism. (One unconfirmed rumor is that his father, who died in Wagner's infancy, was Jewish.)

In today's parlance,

Wagner) and the superiority of the German race, he stands for all that is unpleasant in human character." Wagner had "a degree of megalomania that approached actual lunacy." He believed he was a god sent to earth by mysterious forces. Perennially broke, he loved and looted impressionable women. He seduced the wives of men who advanced him money. He was a political radical, probably not because of any idealism, but because he wanted to destroy the capitalists to whom he owed money.

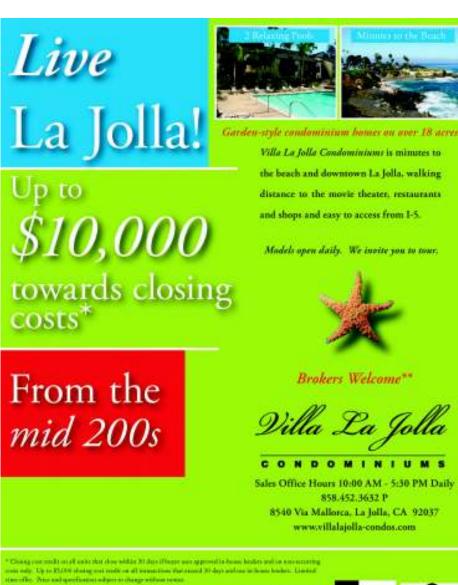
But that isn't why
Ellen has no use for him.
Megalomania afflicted
other composers. She
finds his music tedious,
repetitive, overemotional, bombastic, loud. I
understand the argument but don't mind
hearing beautiful, bombastic music repeated
loudly.

Now, whenever Ellen leaves the house for at least four hours, I put on a Wagner CD or DVD. If she gets home before it's over, she permits me to let it run to the end — usually, anyway.

Our romance began in spring of 1961 when we met at a party and began to talk about the symphonies of another German composer,







Beethoven. She was a Northwestern student. She had a date. I didn't. She also had two boyfriends at Ivy League universities. I was a hick with a couple of degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I had to impress her. So I bought her what was then the most expensive long-play record album going. You guessed it. It was a new recording of Wagner's Tristan und *Isolde* — all four hours. She was polite about it, not telling me for several months that she disliked Wagner.

By then I had stolen her from her Ivy League swains. I never told her that Wagner considered Beethoven's Ninth Symphony his ideal, "the human evangel of the art work of the future." Wagner believed his operas flowed from Beethoven's Ninth.

Had she known that back in 1961, the conversation might have died and the romance never flowered.

— Don Bauder

SERIAL MARRIER

I first got married at 21. I didn't intend to get married. One evening my girlfriend led the conversation into a general discussion of the institution of marriage, and the next thing I knew we were talking about dates.

I had the guts to break up once. I had my eye on a cute redheaded coworker, and I really didn't want to get married. But, later, I needed a date for a big fraternity dance, and I asked my former fiancée. Somehow, after the dance the engagement was back on, and I didn't have the heart to back out again. Besides, the thing with the redhead never got off the ground.

The wedding took place in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Guilt. Not exactly right, but close enough. It was a big deal, with the gowns and the

bridesmaids.

When the day dawned, I got up and thought I might flip a coin, heads the church, tails Mexico. But I didn't. One of my groomsmen had never encountered a shirt that required studs

before and didn't have any, so he had to stand extremely straight during the entire ceremony.

In the pictures the bride is a beautiful but determined-looking young woman, and I look like a fairly good-

looking unformed sap. And there you have it.

It lasted 11 years. The last 8 were hell. When we married I was a blank slate. When I left I had commanded troops in Vietnam, charged machine guns, all that kind of stuff. I was in no mood to take a lot of crap from a household Hitler. My mother, father, and stepfather had all been married three times, and my dad still had one to go. Her mother was married five

times and her father seven, three of them to each other. What chance did we have?

My second marriage was to my perfect hippie chick. We were married by a witch, in a regular living room, but one

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decorated, in the manner of the time, with lots of shaggy shingles, feathers, and fake jewelry. Our witch-pastor included in the ceremony the phrase "as long as you both shall love" but made no provision for one of us loving and the other not.

The bride looked like an elf princess, and I looked like a surfer Mephistopheles. That one lasted two years and was brought down by the "open marriage" concept that destroyed so many relationships in the early '70s.

I loved her beyond reason, and for the next two years I was prone to breaking into tears at the most inappropriate times. That ended when I sat alone in a house in the woods and screamed for three days. One day I just started screaming, and I screamed until I ran down, then started again.

We're friends now,

good friends. But I could never get what we had going again, and until about a year ago every time I thought about it, it broke my

The third marriage

was performed by a justice of the peace in Gainesville, Texas, and lasted five years. My wife was beautiful, passionate, and pathologically jealous. Once I accepted a Christmas gift from a woman friend with whom I had never had any sort of romantic relationship. This prompted a barrage of vases and ashtrays. I retaliated, wrecked the living room, tore down a floor-to-ceiling bookcase, hurled a coffee table. I was about to kick in the TV and slash the waterbed when she realized I was serious and shut down.

On another occasion she tried to run me down with a car. I dived over a hedge.

One day, I'd had enough and left.

My fourth marriage, and the bride's third, was in a university chapel. She was not only the most beautiful woman I'd ever been with, she was the most beautiful woman I'd ever seen. She made her own gown, and I'll never forget the sight of her arriving at the chapel. Breathtaking!

It was a great friendship and a good business partnership. I had a passion for her, and she had a passion for glamour. We went to New York and both sort of succeeded. I loved her when I married her, and I loved her when I left her. When asked what happened, she has replied, "New York happened." It's as good an explanation as any.

Now, again, I'm in a great relationship. We could save a lot of money on insurance if we married. I'm scared. — Jim Morris

LIKE PILLOWS

LOOPS

"Never say never," I thought to myself as I slid into my wedding dress in early May of '96. It wasn't that I had once supposed I would never get married. I was 25, in my prime, skinnier than I'd been in five years, and had a confident, outgoing attitude. It was the dress.

My fiancé Matthew and I had been to numerous weddings and always took time to assess the dress. We had even paged through bridal magazines, shaking our heads at the designers' apparent misogyny. Why else would they do such things to women on this most special of days?

"She looks like a meringue, she's so puffy."

"It's lingerie! No, it's a dress! No wait, it's both!"

A particularly mean stylistic flair was the bow-butt — as if a giant

butterfly had alighted on the bride's backside. "I could be wrong," said Matthew, "but I don't imagine that a lot of women are dying to wear a white dress that makes their derriere appear larger than it actually is."

I loved my dress from the moment I saw it. Champagne-colored raw silk for the A-line skirt, nubs and threads of uneven widths, a texture discernible from a distance. The tapered bodice and cap sleeves embroidered with wideopen roses, themselves dotted with tiny pearls. More pearls marched in rows down the slim train that draped off my waist and just skimmed the ground. But there was a bow at the top of the

I loved the dress; I decided I could live with the bow. Seeing it lying there against the dress, as if asleep, it seemed inoffensive. But when I opened the dress-bag in

the basement of the church, just hours before my wedding, I discovered that the bow had been roused from its slumber. The seamstress who had altered and pressed the dress for me had puffed, poufed, and broadened the bow. "Did she stuff the bow with cotton?" I wondered. "The loops look like pillows!" For a moment, my eyes searched the room for scissors. Then I sighed and laughed to myself — "Never say never."

After I had been fully assembled, I lined up with my gaggle of bridesmaids. Six of them, dressed in long navy Aline dresses with scoop backs. Tiny bows adorned the base of the scoops; long navy ribbons dangled from the bows. Those bows taunted me — so small.

But when I took my place next to my father, clad in his Air Force dress blues, and prepared





to process down the aisle, the bows ceased to matter. So did the beauty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a neo-Gothic church with a soaring ceiling and gorgeous carved-marble altars. "All that is just trimmings," I said to myself. "This is about the words and my will attached to those words." The priest had reminded us: "I don't marry you. You marry each other." Unlike other sacraments, such as Confession and the Eucharist, this one didn't require priestly ordination.

I glided through the Mass without a hint of nervousness. I knew Matthew was loyal, honorable, and loving. When he had proposed, I had not answered "yes" but "of course." When the moment arrived for the exchange of vows and I spoke the words, my eyes welled up and true joy washed over me. I'm a happy person, but joy, real joy, is elusive. I've felt it only a few times after the birth of my children, during a few special Masses, and when I spoke my wedding vows.

We got married on a Friday night. Afterward, we rode in a rented black BMW over to the Simpson House, a historic manse full of carved wood, antique tile, and large fireplaces, modified to host events like our reception. Most of the guests had already arrived; I drifted about exchanging niceties and then ditched the train and its billowing bow.

Matthew and I spent most of the reception seated at the head table. flanked by our wedding party, sipping champagne in a haze of candlelight. Every single member of our families was there, and a good number of our starving young friends had flown in from out of town. Again, the trimmings faded into the background; seeing all those loved ones gathered

together was even better than the church, the hall, the china, the band, the wonderful food and drink.

My friend Sarah Burns prepared the wedding cake as a gift. I have always loved tiramisu —

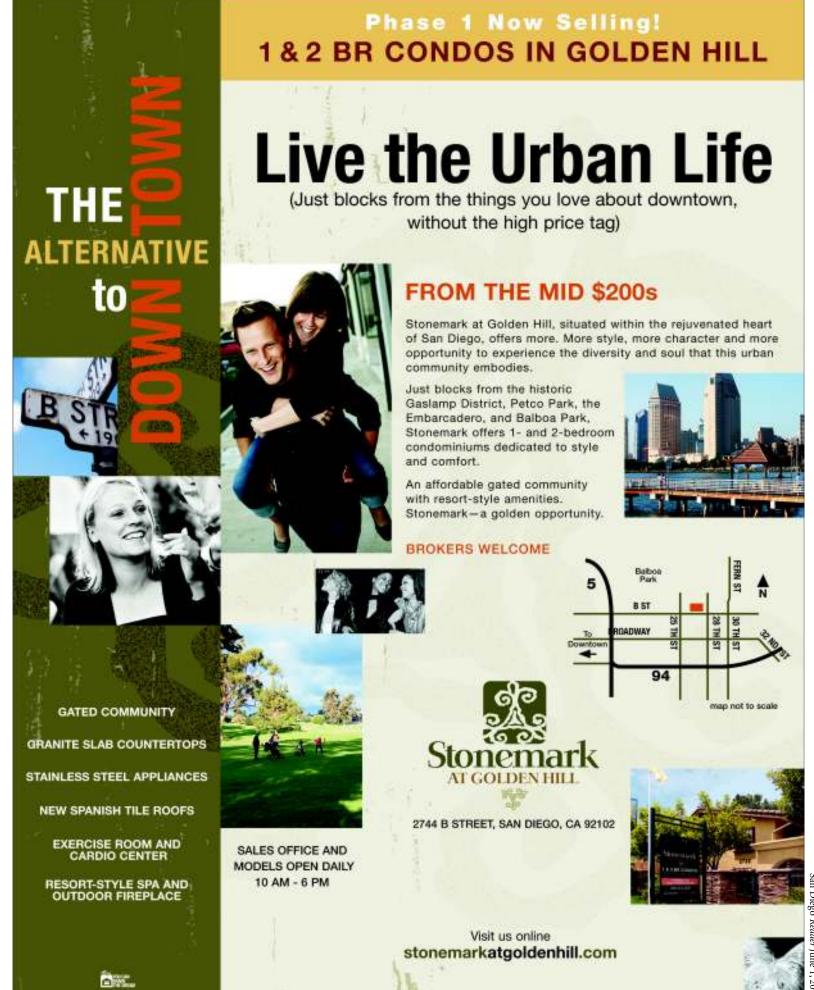
a layer cake stuffed with cream and infused with espresso. Sarah made three rounds of it, swathed in cream frosting and surrounded by white roses and fresh strawberries. Extra sheets of the cake waited in the

kitchen, but it was such a hit that Matthew never got more than the mouthful I fed him at the cutting.

My father brought out the Moon Sword for the occasion. He strode to the cake table, drew

the sword from its sheath, held it upright before him, and announced to the assembled that it had been created by the Wilkinson Sword Company to commemorate the first moon landing. It had always

hung in the living room, behind my father's chair. The Saturn 5 rocket was etched into the blade, as was the lunar lander, and the surface of the moon. Dad handed the sword to Matthew. Matthew turned to me, and



together we cut a sliver from the largest round and gently fed each other nibbles of cake. The crowd not only clapped; they cheered.

— Deirdre Lickona

SHE WOULDN'T CRAWL ON HER BELLY FOR A MONK

"William, do you take this woman, Lita..."

Ah, the Reverend Jones. It's 6:30, Saturday evening, August 21, 1982. I'm standing in front of 35 friends here in the old Authors' Lounge of the Oriental Hotel, in Bangkok. I'm gripping Lita's hand as though it were a lifeline from a life raft. For some reason I've cracked. Broken into tears. Had to use my brand-new white silk handkerchief to blow my nose

In one way I can't believe I'm doing this. Why settle down? In the last ten years, since 1971, Lita and I have been freelancing together around

Southeast Asia, Russia, China, the Middle East, everywhere. But mostly in this neck of the woods, Lita snapping the pictures, me scribbling the notes. We were known in certain quarters as the enfants terribles. Then, six months ago, we both got a scare in Phnom Penh. We came down with some kind of hemorrhagic fever. Suddenly we weren't so invincible. As we lay in that ghostly city, sweating and aching, I started to think about how much I loved this woman. Tying the knot just seemed right. Yes, she was a bit older than I was, seven years or so, but who cares? We clicked.

"...to be your lawfully wedded wife..."

Of course the crunch of all crunches came five hours before the ceremony. My fault entirely. We were going to be married by this Anglican priest. But as

the moment came closer, I started to feel, strongly, that we needed to acknowledge this Buddhist culture we'd come to love, too.

"Sweetheart," I said,
"I think we should ask
some monks to come."

"You're suggesting this *five hours* before we're getting married?"

I was adamant. I felt I had to get it right.

"Fine," Lita said, "if you can arrange it."

So I bought a bunch of lotus-flower offerings and went to Wat Bowon Niwet, a temple I knew upriver. Half an hour later I walked out across the moat with promises that four or five monks could make it to the six o'clock ceremony.

By now it was about four. We had to break it to the pastor. "I don't know if I can do this," he told us. "Mixing my holy water with theirs." In the end, we agreed to rent an extra room for the Buddhist part. So it was sepa-

rate. Pity. Two great ethical streams could have come together in love without getting persnickety.

Problem two. Lita, a Roman Catholic, refused to do what the Buddhist ceremony required: crawl on your stomach to give gifts to the monks while they chant prayers invoking blessings from Hindu gods like Indra, Shiva, Khali.

"I'm not crawling for anyone," she said.

Plus, there was the unspoken fact that she was wearing that \$3000 Thai silk wedding dress. But she agreed to do the part where you kneel on gold and satin kneelers, and the monks place string garlands on your head and press three white dots onto your forehead and tie strings around your wrists and pour celestial water over them.

Finally, around five, a very Thai solution: the aristocratic lady organiz-

ing the wedding banquet tactfully suggested that she could act as stand-in for Lita. A surrogate wife for half an hour...

"...for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health..."

Around a quarter to six, the preacher's here, the Thai government registrars have set up a desk in a little room next door (to marry us in the eyes of the state), and beyond that, five monks wait on a dais before a giant gold Buddha. It's going to be a long night.

The string quartet tunes up to play "She Walks in Beauty," because they don't know the "Wedding March." The 35 guests mill about, mostly journalists, including my radio boss, Agnes Wee Boonchai Wattana, who first introduced me to Lita.

I've taken my place up by the preacher, the orchestra starts playing "She Walks in Beauty," Lita's on the stairs. She begins her descent. I'm getting teary when the manager of the hotel comes rushing in. "Mr. Manson. You have a call. She says she's your mother."

The quartet falls silent, Lita stops on the stairs. I take the phone. "Mom? Yeah. Wish you could be here too. What? Mom, Lita and I have been living together for ten years. Mom, I'm 39."

My best man, Peter Heenan, grabs the phone. "Mrs. Manson, he has to go. They have three ceremonies to get through and 35 parched people, and the orchestra's only paid up for two hours. I'll make sure he sends pictures."

So what did I feel at that golden moment when we were actually saying our vows? I can't remember a thing. I remember only the struggle with the tears that started when I saw my bride float down that stairway. We did the

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Christian service, the Thai civil service, and then I took a second "wife" in the Buddhist ceremony. By then, our guests had had enough ceremonies to last a lifetime. Us too. No wonder we're still married.

- Bill Manson

BY THE TIPS OF HER RED LEATHER BOOTS

I was wearing nothing but a red plaid pajama top when Bryan proposed to me. He was so many things that my wild, hippie family was not: gentle, legally employed, and in therapy. I adored him; he would save me.

It was 1993 and Bryan was working as a counselor at Juvenile Hall, while I was a struggling writer-waitress. He was 38 and I was 32. We had just bought a little house and were broke — our wedding budget was \$1500. We decided to make it a potluck-chicken barbecue. We picked a date, October 16, and a place, Miwok Meadow, a secluded state park north of San Francisco. Miwok Meadow had glorious old oak trees, picnic tables, a large grill, a horseshoe pit, and a sand volleyball court.

As my parents were long dead, I asked my older sister Rosie to give me away. Bryan's brother Craig was to be the best man.

I had recently been the maid of honor for my friend Kathy, and I'd had to wear a fuchsia gown with dyed-to-match shoes. My main responsibility was to keep her tenfoot train from getting stained. It was terrible. *My* wedding would be simple.

I found a sleeveless white dress and a pair of red-toed cowboy boots with black-and-white tooling on the sides (both on sale). Rosie chose a sunflower-patterned dress. I had my great-grandmother's garnet earring and a strand of borrowed pearls. A florist designed my bouquet, lush with red roses, blue delphiniums, and sunflowers.

Bryan and his brother planned to wear white shirts and jeans. We had a little tiff about his shoes. Bryan wanted to wear new, white sneakers, which made his slightly splayed size-13 feet look like boats. I argued for minimizing brown or black shoes. He won.

I bought piñatas and

stuffed them with tiny toys and candy. Two days before the wedding it started to rain. Things were tense. Bryan was nervous that his parents would not behave. He and his laconic father were estranged, and his mother was a dry drunk who was on steroids for some unmentionable medical condition. But it was my sister who freaked out the night before the wedding.

The rehearsal dinner was at our house. Rosie and Michael, our wonderful, gay Episcopalian minister, got into a discussion about a book called The Moon under Her Feet, which proposed that Mary Magdalene was Jesus' lover and teacher. Rosie thought Michael dismissed her opinion. Her voice grew louder and louder. After our guests graciously fled, I tried to calm her down. She yelled, "Don't tell me how to feel!" and stormed out.

I immediately threw up. I was sure she wouldn't show — who would give me away? That night, Bryan walked me for hours. He patted my

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back as I vomited in the bushes. "It'll be okay," he promised as he wiped the tears and rain from my face.

The next morning Rosie showed up as if nothing had happened. She played Aretha Franklin while I held warm tea bags over my swollen eyes. When we arrived at Miwok Meadow, the rain had stopped. Michael was sitting on a picnic table, wearing his white robe and purple vestments over jeans. "It's a perfect day," he grinned.

Friends had hung the piñatas and streamers from the trees and decorated the tables with paper cloths and tiny, potted flowers. Fifty guests gathered, wearing raincoats over their finery.

Kathy's new husband, Jack, played his violin as our wedding party entered. Michael opened his arms and began, "Rain is a blessing on a wedding. We are blessed."

Bryan and I held hands as we took our vows. He smiled and I was flooded with faith. In us,

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everything was possible. Home. Love. Family and freedom. We were shaking and I knew it was joy.

A rainbow broke across the sky and Michael declared, "You are husband and wife."

"That's the easy part!" Bryan's mother bellowed. He cringed. Jack struck up the violin, and suddenly, Bryan and I were skipping, arm-in-arm.

The reception was chaotic. The chef from Juvenile Hall who promised to barbecue the chicken never showed up, so a sheriff's deputy and a probation officer flung themselves into cooking. The potluck dishes were eaten before the chicken was done, but no one seemed to mind. Bryan and I fed each other from a chocolate sheet cake decorated with plastic animals. People played horseshoes and volleyball as it started to sprinkle. Jack fiddled and the children danced and bashed piñatas.

My favorite candid photo of that day shows me wearing a green sheriff's-department—issue rain poncho over my wedding dress. The red tips of my boots are peeking out. I'm blindfolded and swinging a baseball bat at a piñata with all my might.

— Rebecca Wilson

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Saying "I do" was the easy part.

There used to be this redwood church, A-frame, about halfway between Los Gatos and Santa Cruz on Highway 17: some rough-hewn pews, but no altar, no icons, just a plain pulpit and, behind it, this huge picture window looking out on the Santa Cruz Mountains.

"That's where I'd love it to be," I told my fiancée, Rebekah. "Just family, close friends, and that evergreen expanse blessing us all."

We were getting married September 9, 1967 a fitting end to the Sum-







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mer of Love, I often shouted to the world. I was 23, Rebekah 19. She seemed to like the idea of a simple, rustic ceremony. Her mother Sherrie, however, had other plans.

Pop quiz: which movie wedding would you prefer: The Deer Hunter's festive sprawl or The Sound of Music's august formality, with Gothic ceiling shots and the bride's train half the length of Europe? If not the redwood chapel, give me the staggering blur. Instead, Rebekah and I ended up doing Julie Andrews and Captain Von

What we didn't know at the time — no one did — not even her husband: Sherrie had terminal lung cancer. She wanted a big society-page affair — and only she would know it was her last farewell.

At first I balked. A DeMille epic? NO WAY!

But deeper down, I didn't care. Exchange vows before half of California? Fine. Be glad to. After a long and stumbling search, I'd finally found Her and would put up with whatever.

By the time the Big Day came around, in fact, Becky and I'd been apart for at least a week. I missed her so bad they could've held the damn ceremony in the Roman Coliseum with lions and tigers and Spartacus on steroids, and I'd have fought through them all to be with her again.

I don't remember what people wore. The ushers, in "monkey suits," talked about Carl Yastrzemski's triple-crown season for the Red Sox; bridesmaids (in pink, I think...yellow?) spoke of honeymoons and hope chests.

By then I'd become convinced that weddings aren't for the bride and groom. They're for the parents, guests, and, most of all, the photographer. The whole thing's a photo shoot: cut the cake, give the toast, throw the garter, run the rice gauntlet.

So I resolved to stay in Portrait Mode and do our parents proud and hope to convince doubters that my bride wasn't making the dumbest mistake of her life.

The ceremony took place at the First Unitarian Church, a sleek glassy structure on a Berkeley ridge with a panoramic view of San Francisco Bay. A cast of thousands attended, or so it seemed.

Don't believe me? The reception line was so long they finally had to cut it short because the photographer was getting antsy.

Sherrie beamed like the sun on that clear September afternoon. Looking back — and I'm glad it happened this way this was her show, except for one moment.

The most radiant sun, that day, came down the aisle on her father's arm. About halfway to the altar, we gave each other a look that could banish shadows. It almost knocked me flat — not out of fear or marital trepidation. Out of relief! It hadn't been a dream after all. Here she comes. It's all true. Ocular proof!

I was so happy I almost forgot my place. I wanted to bolt from the altar, run up the aisle, give her a big, spinning hug, and say, "Isn't this GREAT?"

Come on, an impulse urged, just a quick timeout to let her know, amid all the solemn pageantry and handkerchiefs blooming from purses like spring flowers - amid this whole baroque Wedding Thing — that I loved her.

Couples these days argue about commitment in relationships. You hear them on cell phones haggling minute fluctuations in their emotional stock market, as if they'd much rather keep score about who stands where than co-exist.

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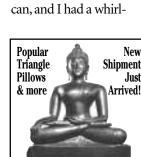
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information about myself, word I said.

I was married in Eng-

(As an aside, and to put this story into perspective, I should tell you that the marriage was a complete disaster: a year and a half of deafening strife between two people whose differences — cultural and personal would have taken decades of harmonizing therapy to work through. I was 33, and my wife — soon to be ex-wife — was 21.)

My ex, who's Corsi-



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I'll explain.

lish, in the eyes of the law, before the eyes of my parents, in the Cuvier Park "Wedding Bowl" in La Jolla on June 14, 2003. I was married in French, in the eyes of the Lord, before the eyes of my wife's parents, in the town church in Porto-Vecchio, Corsica, France, on September 23 of that same year.



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wind romance, a relatively hasty stateside wedding, and we were three months into our escalating difficulties when we flew to her hometown on L'Ile de Beauté (the Island of Beauty) to fulfill her grandmother's requirement that we experience a traditional Catholic wedding.

I was raised nondenominational, and happily so, and as a result I

had never received the Eucharist, nor confessed, nor bought into the Good Book as anything other than a good book. It was almost the same for my ex, despite her grandmother's promptings: she'd been to church a few times growing up, but her faith wasn't in the teachings of any religion.

But, by God, if any granddaughter of Mina Lorenzoni was going to

get married, it had better be a Catholic wedding!

We met the priest who was to marry us, an older Corsican fellow, three days before the scheduled ceremony. He spoke very little English, and I speak very little French. I thought we were meeting him to discuss what we were supposed to say, and where we were going to stand, and how things were scheduled to

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go on our wedding day. Instead, we were introduced (in French), the priest and my ex began discussing details (in French), and this Corsican holy man became incensed with the fact that I had never been recog-

Lord Jesus Christ.
I assured him,
through my ex, that I had
in fact been baptized. He
assured us, through my
ex, that I would have to

nized in the eyes of the

church in three days.

Needless to say,
reaching my parents in
Connecticut, so they
could reach my grandmother in upstate New
York, so that my grand-

sins to him, or else we

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prove as much, and then I

would have to confess my

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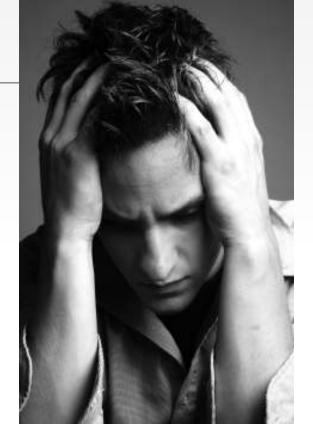
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mother could drive out to the tiny church in the countryside where I'd been baptized and find a priest who could visit the archives of that church and dig out an official paper that proved my baptism, which would then, in turn, be faxed to this Corsican priest — all in a day or two, no less! — was no easy task. I felt like putting my face menacingly close to the face of

this priest and mustering my best gangster accent and whispering, "Hey. Hey, buddy. Do I look like I have original sin to you?"

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stand more than a few words of what was going on. Three or four times, I was required to say, "Oui, je le veux" (vaguely, "I do").

And then we exited onto the cobblestones and were showered with rice and whisked off to a reception where one of my ex's relatives gave a karate demonstration, the band sang bad '80s American pop tunes with terrible accents, and no one but my ex and one or two others could carry on a conversation with yours truly.

It's ironic, now, in

light of the failure of my marriage, but when I'd said "I do" in English, in June, in La Jolla, I'd felt a sort of rightness in my soul, as though love had inspired me to accept my end of one of the highest possible human responsibilities.

The peculiarities in Corsica, in September — going through the motions of a faith neither my ex nor I believe in, in a language I hardly speak, and redoing the vows for a marriage that was already beginning to collapse — filled me with a feeling of grim foreboding and

ironic amusement as I said, "Oui, je le veux," in my best (very bad)
French. The second time around, it was all I could do not to laugh till I cried, or cry till I could laugh.

— Geoff Bouvier

A SONG WITH THE WORD LOVE IN IT

I made my husband Ernie wait three days for an answer to his marriage proposal. I had traveled to be with him for Easter, and he proposed after the midnight vigil Mass, April 1995. I left him hanging. We talked about it until the sun dawned. Easter

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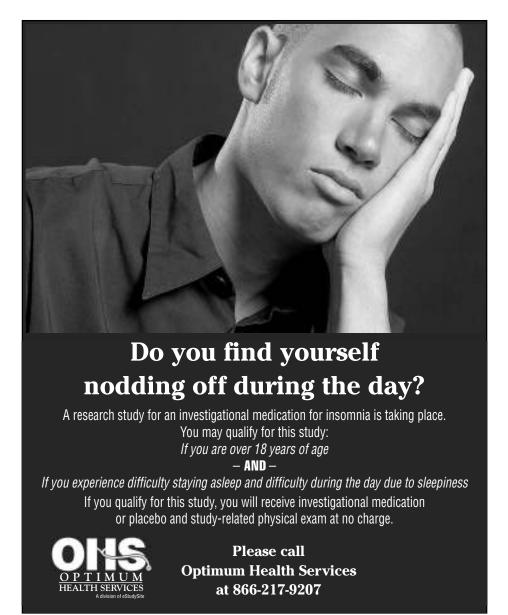
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All study-related exams, tests, labs, and an investigational formulation of a currently marketed medication will be provided at no cost. Subjects will be paid for their travel expenses.

If you have Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and have pain in your arms, hands, feet, or legs, ask your doctor about joining this study.

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To possibly qualify:

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

Participants will receive:

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Do you or someone you care for suffer from **DEPRESSION?**

Common symptoms include:

- Sadness and/or irritability
- Loss of pleasure or interest in usual activities
- Changes in sleep patterns, appetite, and energy levels

Optimum Health Services is conducting a clinical research study in depression. If you are between the ages of 18-65 and are experiencing symptoms of depression you may be eligible to participate. Eligible participants will receive:

- 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.

For more information about this clinical research study, please call: 888-290-9255

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dinner at his house was uncomfortable. All the siblings were eager with anticipation. We both were sleepless. His brother, thinking we were engaged, kept prompting him to make an announcement. Ernie kicked him under the table and assured him there was no announcement. Two days later I finally said "yes." I just needed to get used to the idea, I told him. "We Short women are not good with decisions." But from that "yes" on, I had not a doubt. I was filled with peace, a peace that only

grace can bring. That day we went shopping for rings. We found one at a Pacific Beach pawnshop — a 1940s English ring, white gold, with three diamonds. The saleslady found out we had gotten engaged that day and cut us a deal. We were happy to find out, ten years later, that it was indeed a quality diamond ring and we had paid a bargain price. A few days later, I flew home to Connecticut to prepare for the September wedding.

The day of the rehearsal, I was a nervous wreck, actually shaking as

I stood in the church. This doesn't bode well, I thought. The dinner was at a restaurant called Ernie's Roadhouse, and it went by in a dazed blur. A few moments stood out: Ernie's 70-year-old bipolar aunt telling my unknowing brother that she was the Rose Parade queen one year, and an Irish song my sisters dedicated to us with the soulful refrain, "It will not be long now, until our wedding day." They were a bit mortified to sing in front of Ernie's family, many of whom are professional singers. I was so touched

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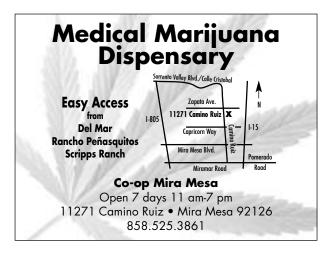
and proud of them. Ernie's mom was moved

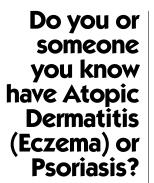
September 2, 1995, dawned sunny, with the glowing colors of a New England fall. I calmly got dressed alone, until my sister Meg arrived. "Oh, you're all alone, that's not right," she said, bustling about my childhood bedroom. My hair was twisted up on the sides into a high, curly ponytail, as I had often worn it during college. My mother's wedding veil, three layers of scalloped tulle, hung down from a tiara I had made of pearls and rhinestones. We took pictures in my front yard by the dogwood and Japanese

maple trees. My sisters Cathy, Meg, and Nancy were bridesmaids, as well as college friends Adele, Clare, and Molly. They wore purple silk suits and carried yellow lilies with baby's breath. My gown was a beaded silk top with











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

You may be eligible if: you are between 18 and 70 years old and are in general good health.

Participants will be compensated for participation.

For more information, please call Gabriela at UCSD Division of Dermatology 858-657-8390

Schizophrenia?

Do you or someone you love suffer with Schizophrenia? Services are available at no charge.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a clinical trial with investigational medication. Participants receive visits with a psychiatrist, study-related medication, lab work, and staff support.



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

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BIPOLAR DISORDER and ALCOHOLISM STUDY



Signs and Symptoms:

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

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

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

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- Do You Fear Meeting New People?
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- Are You Worried About Being Around People?

Affiliated Research Institute is evaluating an investigational medication for Social Anxiety Disorder. Affiliated Research Institute has 25 years of experience in managing clinical studies. To qualify for this research study, you need to be at least 18 years of age. If you qualify, you will receive studyrelated medical care at no cost. You may be compensated for time and travel as well



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DEPRESSION STUDY

Signs and symptoms:

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

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

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



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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

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

To qualify, you must:

- · be at least 18 years old
- · have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder
- · be experiencing symptoms of depression
- Qualified participants will receive at no cost:
- · Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms
- · Medical and lab exams
 - · Study medication



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

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ARE YOU SAD DUE TO BIPOLAR DISORDER?

Then there might be hope.

We are seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of depression due to bipolar disorder.

TO QUALIFY:

- You must be at least 18 years old
- You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
- You must be experiencing symptoms of depression

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AT NO COST:

- · Monitoring of biopolar and depressive symptoms
- Medical and lab exams
- Study medication



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sweetheart neckline and a chapel-length organza skirt with clusters of beading on the skirt. Yellow lilies, baby's breath, and purple irises lay across my arm. "You look like a princess," my oldest sister Cathy assured me. A joyful, relaxed aura was felt throughout the group. My mother's brothers poked fun at my father in his morning suit. "You're all dressed up for your

My uncle arrived to

funeral," they laughed.

whisk me off to church in his silver Jaguar. The Irish song "Maire's Wedding" blared from his stereo onto my town's small main street. We drew glances from window shoppers.

Saint Mary's was half full when I arrived ten minutes early for the 11:00 a.m. wedding. Glorious music wafted down

from the choir loft. Ernie stood peeking out of the vestibule, sharing jokes with his groomsmen. "She's probably halfway to Maine by now," his friends teased him. His groomsmen were his brothers James, Leon, and Peter and friends Alan, Josh, and Steve. They all wore dark morning suits with cravats.

I had prayed for months ahead of this day

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To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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Compulsive **Gambling?**

You may be eligible to participate in a research study for people experiencing problems with gambling if you:

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 - Can't control your gambling ... or
 - Have risked relationships or jobs due to your gambling

Patients will receive a study-related comprehensive mental health evaluation and medication at no cost.

Qualified volunteers will be compensated for their time and travel.

For more information or to see if you qualify, please contact **OPTIMUM HEALTH SERVICES**

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that I would be calm and happy and would remember all the little moments of the day. As I walked down the aisle to Charpentier's "Te Deum," I knew God had heard my prayers. Always good for a silly joke, Dad pulled at my arm, whispering, "Let's do a little twostep — down the aisle," as he danced a couple of steps. Arriving at the altar, Dad gave my hand to Ernie and told him to be good to me. My brother Peter met us at the kneeler and with a smirk asked, "How are we?" Our beaming smiles answered

The Mass was perfect — reverent, traditional, yet personal with fantastic music. We sat a foot from the altar and about five feet from the tabernacle. The gold from the tabernacle glistened. I remember thinking how intimate and powerful it was to sit so close to the sacrifice of the Mass. My two brothers and our pastor concelebrated the wedding. Most of Ernie's siblings were in the choir loft singing. His brother Danny sang the responsorial Psalm 127. "Your wife shall be a fruitful vine,

enriching your abode." How little did I realize the significance of that blessing at the time. Ernie and I now have a large clan of little people. The choir sang Hassler's Missa Secunda, Mozart's "Laudate Dominum," Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," Bach's "May God Smile on You," and Ernie's favorite, "O Jesu Christe" by de Mantua. At times during the wedding, Ernie sang along beside me in his rich tenor voice. My brother spoke in his homily about the wedding rings being sacramentals, that they should remind

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

Optimum Health Services is currently conducting a research study to find out how two common antipsychotic drugs, Olanzapine and Risperidone, may affect the way the body uses sugar.



Paticipants should be aged 18 to 65 years with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, and have not been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons in the last three months.

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).

Some symptoms of schizophrenia include:

- Delusions, or having false beliefs that others don't share
- Hallucinations, or seeing or hearing things that others don't see or hear
- Paranoia, or unnecessary mistrust or suspicion

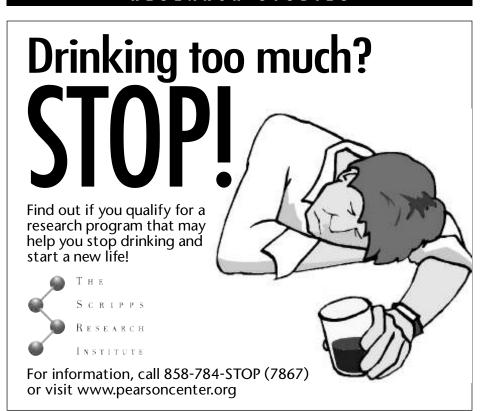
Hospitalization, medical evaluations and the investigational drugs will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive compensation for their time and travel.

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- > Have difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- > Feel restless or irritable
- > No longer have interest in once pleasurable activities

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

Some qualifications are:

- > Aged 18-65 years
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us of our vows to each other and to God. The Mass flew by. As we recessed down the aisle to Handel's "Hornpipe," I looked up at the choir loft filled to capacity with Ernie's family, beaming down at us. The church bells tolled as the choir sang Viadana's "Exultate Justi."

The reception was in the remodeled church hall across the street. Ernie's mom commented that she thought she was in an upscale hotel ballroom. White floor-length table-

cloths were draped over each table, and crackedglass bowls sat high in the middle of each table, filled with tea lights and surrounded with ivy. Trees with white lights lined the dance floor. A table by the entrance held old wedding photos of our parents. And in the corner sat a grand piano. The sound system we had rented for the music had arrived broken, so during hors d'oeuvres hour, my friend Sam played Mozart sonatas until the new machine arrived.

We feasted on roasted chicken and fettuccine. There were many toasts. In order to get a smooch from the newlyweds, people had to sing a song with the word "love" in it. The cleverest table sang, "It's a Jolly Holiday with Mary," from Mary Poppins. "No wonder that it's Mary that we love." My brother-inlaw Bill recited the St. Crispin's Day speech from Henry V. He had changed the ending to personalize

We few, we happy

few, we band of brothers

For he to-day that marrys a Short girl Shall be my brother

Be he ne'er so vile, This day shall gentle his condition...

The time came for the first dance, and I realized this was the one pertinent detail I had not thought about. One of our groomsmen, Josh, said not to worry and started the music. Neither of us knew what it was. He had chosen the song "At Last," soulfully sung by Etta

James. He knew it perfectly described the culmination of our rollercoaster courtship. Next, all the married couples joined us on the floor for Anne Murray's "Could I Have This Dance (for the rest of my life)." My sister Meg smiled at me and said, "I love this song." We danced away the afternoon, and as we left for our honeymoon in Bermuda, our guests serenaded us with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

- Mary Grimm

WHEN A MAN LOVES A MAN, WHY NOT **HIRE A PREACHER?**

Yes. Steven and I had a wedding. A real celebration of not only our relationship but also a big thank-you to all those close friends and family who gave us support and encouragement. I suppose what we were out to get was a big party for all the people we loved. This was September 13, 1997 which made me 54 and Steven 38. Of course I would have preferred that he had been at least in his

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forties. Fortunately, his grey temples gave him an air of maturity and helped me to look less like a predator of youth. It was easy to overlook this slight problem on such a happy

We arranged to use several garden areas of a large private estate in Stinson Beach. This was in Marin County, just north of San Francisco, where the high property values also include beautiful countryside and glorious weather. We invited 125 guests to meet us there at 11:30 a.m. Perhaps I should say right here that

tees are a considerable obstacle to blissful planning. And weddings do take a lot of planning. Even so I believe that all the choices of food, flowers, live music, location, clothes, invitations, and accommodations combined do not equal the stress of saying "no" to just one potential guest. At first we established a requirement that each guest should be close to both of us. Sometimes, we were ruthless; other times we just submitted. In the end the occasion was such a blur of contentment that

decisions about the invi-

I couldn't remember what I had worried about. There are a couple of people who still don't speak to us because they failed to make our final list. How-

party. Our focus was on the wedding itself rather than getting married. As a gay couple in the United States, these two words were symbolic and com-

ne problem was my new lacquered bouffant, acquired that very day, held in place by 97 hairpins.

ever, we were blissfully ignorant of those grudges at the time.

As I said, what we wanted was a really great plicated to us. We could not legally be married in California, and I was uncomfortable using the word "marriage," since it

reminded me of all the benefits we do not share with the heterosexual community. I much preferred "wedding," because to me it suggested a celebration of commitment, which was exactly what we were hoping for. I did not expect that my life would seem different after the ceremony. We had already been living together for three years. But I did worry about how emotional I might get during the vows. I wore a natural color of linen suit that I hoped wouldn't spot terribly with my tears. Steven wore light gray wool. I also chose a bright bow tie. I wanted the day to be festive and fun.

We used two very different types of music to set the mood. Before and immediately after the ceremony we had a classical string quartet. This made the large lawn and lively guests appear more sanctified — a quiet mood of eagerness and harmony. The champagne helped. Later at the gigantic Ushaped table for a sitdown lunch, we used a wonderful French cabaret group called the Baguette Quartet. You know how in

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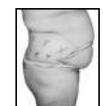
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those old French and Italian films the large family has a slow and boisterous meal under a garden arbor? I have always wanted to belong to one of those families, and we made this our vision for the lunch. So the music had to be upbeat. I think an accordion always helps. I smile just imagining that instrument. We had several courses of wonderful, simple food designed to go with our favorite rosé from the Bandol region of southern France. Then the huge explosion of a cake was carried to the table on a palanquin by two of the caterers.

For the ceremony, we asked a very close friend to officiate. Annie is a deeply religious person with a grand sense of humor. I loved how she was able to reflect the seriousness of our love and commitment, while slamming the bigotry of those who condemn the union of two men. Steven and I each read short vows we had written, two friends came up to say a few words about us, and all this happened under a canopy held aloft by our four closest friends. I remember feeling myself full of love and a sense of the rightness of the world. I remember looking out and seeing the faces of my favorite people. It was such a grand moment that I don't believe I had any consciousness of past or future. Now, almost nine years later, I still feel the same connection to Steven and those guests who were our witnesses. I just wish I could have another piece of that cake.

— Garth Bixler **KING KONG**

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I was 19, Mike was 21, and it was still early enough in the '60s that "The Sixties" had barely begun. My high school sweetie foolishly introduced me to his "brilliant friend" the summer before I started college. Mike and I liked the same music, the same books, he even pretended

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to like anchovies (until a week after the wedding). He was a soph at Cornell, I was heading to Ann Arbor. Six months later, he proposed. I never meant to marry young; in fact, I planned on becoming a wild bohemian spinsterpoet — but I was sure he was The One. I sped through college in three years so we could graduate at the same time.

Senior year, Mike fell madly in love with Mary Jane — grass. I wasn't very happy about it, and when I tried it I didn't much like it, but I didn't realize yet that I was already passé,

that Mike would embrace many successive passions in his lifelong attempt to win the status of "hippest of the hip." Exactly a month before the wedding, the Ithaca DA busted him and 17 of his dearest friends ("felony conspiracy to distribute..."). The dean suspended his BA for three years, too. Although Tammy Wynette was still years from recording "Stand by Your Man," I told myself that my Mike needed me in his time of trouble. Besides, the hall was hired and the invitations were sent. Backing out would

be too embarrassing.

The night before the wedding, I slept just two hours. One problem was my new lacquered bouffant, acquired that very day at a beauty parlor where 17 other brides were getting the same "do." It was held in place by 97 hairpins, which felt like sleeping on a combined motorcycle helmetpincushion. The other problem was that I was about to swear I'd be faithful to this one guy for the rest of my life. I'd only experienced three others, just enough to whet my curiosity. He was the best

of the lot but — nobody else for life?

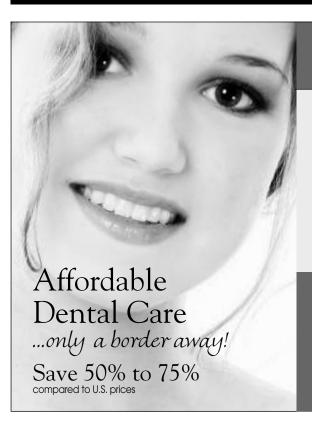
Since my parents were long divorced and still couldn't play nicely together, my future mother-in-law had volunteered to take charge of the arrangements. The ceremony and hotel reception were up in the Bronx, near their house. I wore a white silk cocktail dress from Peck & Peck and a cheap nylon veilheadband. Mike rented a tux. We had no attendants but our parents. Sleepy, numb, and hot, I wished we were going to the beach instead. At

rehearsal, the rabbi had insisted "no flashbulbs in temple," but foulmouthed Uncle Ben, the closet alcoholic married to Mom's youngest sister, Aunt Idie, appointed himself wedding photographer and flashed and flashed. (The drugstore misplaced all the film, he later said. Someday my prints will come. Or maybe he left the lens cap on.) As we left the temple, platinum-blonde Aunt Irma (three husbands, plus a Depression-era sugar daddy between #1 and #2) left sticky fuchsia lip-prints all over my face,

felt me up for the last time ever, and stage-whispered something about Vaseline. "That won't be necessary," I answered coolly. She looked poleaxed.

We had 100 guests at the reception - 88 relatives from all sides of both families, plus 6 of my father's business "friends" (whom I'd never met before but who donated a total of \$750 to the cause). We were allowed to invite just 6 of our own friends, and after duly greeting everybody and amassing more lipstick prints, we sat with our gang. Mike had been head of the Cornell

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Folk Music Club for two years, putting on a dozen concerts, and for the wedding he hired Oakland folk-blues musician Jesse Fuller, the One-Man Band. Jesse played something he called a "footdella" (a combination of guitar, harmonica, and drum) and sang his hit, "I got the blues for my baby sittin' by the San Francisco Bay / Ocean liner took her so far away..." The relatives didn't know what to make of him. Nobody danced. We ate overcooked capon and slimy white asparagus. I'd begged for any vegetable but that, but I was only the bride.

When the reception was finally over, Mike and I slipped up to our hotel room to change into jeans, then went out with our friends to a cheap movie house showing King Kong Meets Godzilla. Not only was the title apt, but the plot turned out to have something to do with exotic fruits that made humans, and maybe even monsters, blissed-out stoned. Back at the hotel, I felt wasted, and I still had 94 hairpins in my helmethead.

We'd given Jesse the key to our new sublet bedsit apartment in SoHo. We moved in there the day after the wedding, and I finally pulled out the hairpins and washed out the shellac. Jesse slept on the floor for three nights while working other gigs in the area. He was a champion snorer, truly a "one-man band."

— Naomi Wise

A ROAD TRIP WITH NUPTIALS

We didn't elope in the traditional sense, Annelies and me. No ladder up to her window in the middle of the night. We borrowed her dad's car and left after breakfast.

We were married over the Memorial holiday weekend, 1991, at a place called Lover's Point in Carmel. I was 25, her dark Italian boy from Boston's South end, and she was

24, my fair Irish gypsy from County Kerry. The service was presided over by a gal named Joy and her photographer, who doubled as our witness. Joy was an ordained minister of a nondenominational church we'd never heard of, but she was warm and cheerful on the phone, and this was her job — we found her through the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau under "shotgun."

It was a road trip with nuptials.

On Thursday we headed north out of San Diego, through L.A., and out to the Pacific Coast Highway. Our plan was to drive the coast road to Morro Bay where we'd spend a night. Morro Bay lies about halfway to Carmel and our honeymoon destination, San Francisco. At the Morro Inn, I remember our luggage hitting the bed with an audible thud and drawing the blinds on an enormous rock — "the magnificent Morro Rock"—that had been splattered white by pelicans dropping flybys. A briny breeze drifted into our room. That night, the eve of making it legal after six years together, we dined in a fisherman's grotto, drank a bottle of the region's wine, ate shellfish, tossed our leftovers to an otter lolling in the boat basin, and then we went down with the sun. We wanted to be on the road at daybreak.

Heavy fog blanketed the PCH Friday morning. Paso Robles and Hearst Castle were only road signs to us as we followed our headlights up the twolane blacktop. The sun rose and started its slow burn when we reached the winding cliffs of Big Sur. As the fog lifted, every vista begged a stop, but we had an appointment to keep. We swore to get back to Big Sur and have a proper look-see someday, hug some trees (which we did, on our fifth anniversary — appropriately, "the



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Museum, a vine-covered cabin tucked in the trees. Miller was one of our touchstones, and the conversation got headier here. I don't recall the discourse, but it got us to Carmel.

We were to meet with Minister Joy in a restaurant lounge across the street from Lover's Point Park. The scene was reminiscent of one of our local haunts, La Jolla Cove.
Giant, gnarled sea-breezeshaped trees shaded the fields of cropped green grass that led to the wellworn foot trails through flowering succulents to

the rocky shore.

In the lounge, a window seat offered us a view of the picturesque day. We drank Bloody Marys and munched on the celery and olive garnishes. We took turns changing in the restroom of the bar so as not to miss the lady minister. I waited as Annelies changed from her jeans and sweater into a knee-length floral summer dress. Her fuchsias, violets, and yellows, complemented by the rose bouquet her dad had given her to hold during the ceremony, stood in stark, radiant contrast to

the sea-foam greens and sky blues of the coastal park. I remained in the comfort of my favorite jeans and desert boots but donned a fine white shirt, tropical necktie, and blue blazer that Annelies had chosen for the occasion. We drank and we waited. Speech had escaped us, replaced by long draws at our drinks, grins, and giggles.

Joy, a pillowy woman in a soft green skirt and jacket, arrived with her photographer and greeted another couple across the room. She checked their names against her docket and then turned to us. We were her first appointment. She joined us at our table, and the photographer fussed over his equipment at the bar. Joy described her service and asked if we would like to make any changes. We shook our heads no, and she retrieved our license and her log from her shoulder bag. We signed here and we signed there, and we left our thumbprints in her book. It was time.

Across the street, Joy led us to a small outcropping above the shoreline. Waves swelled and

crashed against the rocks behind us as we turned to face her. We gripped each other's hands, a bond that Joy accepted and elevated from our hips to our hearts. She smiled at us as if she knew us. She read from a small book of sermons, and everything fell away from the three of us huddled there on the cliff. No camera clicking, no passersby or giant trees. The ocean froze. Joy stopped reading, closed her little book, and spoke to us. In our conversation, she asked me if I would take Annelies as mine forever, if I would protect her

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and love her no matter what. I assured her I would. The minister leaned in. "Don't tell me," she said. "Tell her." I repeated Joy's words to Annelies, who then said them back to me, the slightest need in her voice for relief, which I offered with a hug and a kiss. We were married.

That night, we took a room on Union Square and walked to a late dinner in a crowded, sizzling, clanging Chinatown restaurant - our wedding dinner - pot stickers, Peking duck, and steaming green tea. Again, everything fell away. At this brimming table for two, my nerves gave way to clarity. In the middle of this confusion, in the middle of this city, in the middle of this life, I took a

This May, in our home, with our two boys, we celebrated these 15 years.

— Robert Nutting

WHAT ABOUT THE IUD?

Everyone should be married - once, I think, just as everyone should be fat - once. I am lucky in that I have very little at all bad to say about my one experience with matrimony. Lucky that is, because my ex is in town and I speak with her daily in collaboration regarding our grown son who lives with me and is undergoing treatment for an ongoing illness. She is happily remarried, and I am happy to remain not so. If I had anything along the lines of a serious horror story, one that might include tooth-grinding animosity and garmentrending wailing, the gnashing of teeth, that sort of thing, I would be wise to decline any contribution here.

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which involved hitchhiking multiple times across the U.S. and once across northern Europe, for six years before the day she phoned me at my bartending job at a West Side joint to announce, "I am pregnant." She was calling from the doctor's office. It was happy hour, and I shouted, "What about the IUD?" All eyes at the service end of the bar were blearily upon me, wondering perhaps if this were not some variant on the latest cocktail whiz-bang

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something along those lines. I recall nothing more of that conversation other than saying something more or less like "Holy shit! Well, that's great, I guess." She may recall this differently, but it can't vary much. I do

remember the reaction of my regular patrons, which were variations on "Too bad" or "Don't worry, I know a guy." None of which were reactions I was looking for.

It was an ungodly hot summer in New York, and

a few weeks before the blessed events was the famous blackout of '77. I was 26 years old. Diane was 32, just turning 33 in early July. Spike Lee shot some high points of that season of barking lunacy (Berkowitz's talking dog?)

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as Summer of Sam. Elvis Presley would be dead in his bathroom by late August.

Though at the time it was all quite acceptable, expected really, for a bartender/rock musician getting married to get snotslinging drunk the night before the vows, I threw myself into the spirit of the thing with the manic Viking glee of the true and budding dipsoma-

niac. My bachelor party was a pub-crawl with other musicians and bartenders through Brooklyn and Manhattan. I remember little of it, but there was no sex (not even a blowsy old hooker in a cardboard cake), only one memorable comeback from a friend after I delivered a soliloguy from an Upper West Side rooftop. My garbled, stentorian gibberish finished with

the phrase, "... THIS IS MY LAST DESPERATE AND PATHETIC FLING AT YOUTH, YOU BAS-TARDS!" And my bartender buddy, Gerry Bowes, the laconic Irishman, muttered, "Don't be absurd. Nothing pathetic about it. Damned fine iob."

That night was my first blackout. Apparently, I kicked out the screen door to our postage-

stamp-sized garden patio apartment and returned to bed as if I had just put the cat out for the evening. This subconscious protest of events is shameful in retrospect because the eight-year marriage, on the whole, represented many of the best years of my life.

I remember eating strawberries and cream for breakfast with a monstrous hangover, my wife-

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to-be across the table from me, dressed in a peach-colored shawl and floor-length maternity gown, her hair drawn beautifully (and expensively, as I recall) away from her face and neck. I recall our best man, an Englishman named Andrew (where are you, old son?) arriving, herding us into a Checker cab and briskly instructing the driver, "City Hall, Mac.

And step on it. We got a fella and a dame need hitching!" (Andrew seemed to exist forever in some 1940s American noir film.)

What I can summon from remnants of brain cells has to do with Moët & Chandon in the back seat of the cab, the movie moment when Andrew pretended to lose the ring (silver and turquoise, but we liked it), and the arrival

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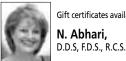
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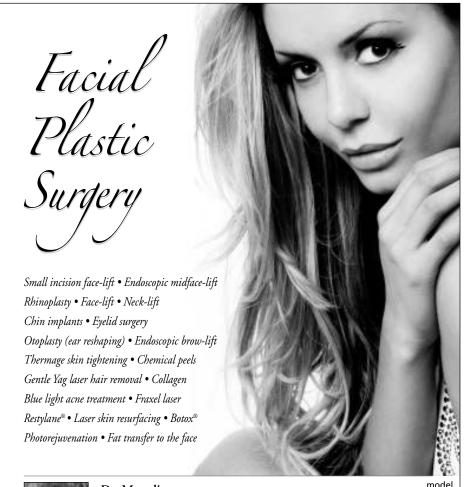
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on the correct floor of the famous building that has been filmed countless times. The floor for licenses, ceremonies, etc., appeared also to be something from a grainy and sienna-tinted film about Ellis Island at the turn of the century. Every third world nation on earth was represented and every female over 14 visibly pregnant. All previous jokes about sitting, clearly with child, in the waiting room, among virginal debs and their gawky boyfriends, evaporated like the residue of the previous night's cognac at the armpits of the type of shirt I might have worn for a weekend with the Maharishi.

I remember a joke: "Would you like fries with that?" after our assemblyline exchange of vows.

Our reception was held at the bar/restaurant where I worked. Bloody Marys arrived in carafes, and then more champagne, and more shrimp than I'd ever seen in one room, Our chef, Jeff (last name no doubt a casualty, brain-cell-wise), created pastries of architectural beauty. Wine flowed from the bar, and Steely Dan's Aja album (I think that was the one) was cranked so loud that at one point the ice sculpture (Diane, help me out here; was it a swan or velociraptor something?) cracked, then collapsed in a rubble of ice chips and cold cuts.

Yet another party followed that night on the Upper West Side, and my recollection finally dims in surrender. There was, as Gerry put it, nothing pathetic about it at all. It was a damned fine desperate fling at youth. Of course, it never worked, they never do, and a 24hour King Hell party is not proper preparation for marriage, much less parenthood, in any way.

On balance, I felt cheated of no fun, I felt no curtailing of asinine behavior and am extremely grateful that I seemed to have avoided

the unforgivable (the only true secret to a happy marriage), or I most certainly would have missed out on joys at which, formerly, I could never have guessed.

— John Brizzolara

TWO GUYS IN A ROOM

I was nervous in the final minutes before my wedding, but not for the usual reasons. I was 22, young,

but I had known Deirdre since I was 18 and dated her since I was 20. I had found the right girl, and there didn't seem much point in waiting. Living apart from her was becoming increasingly

intolerable.

Regarding the impending promise to spend the rest of my life with Deirdre, I had, if not exactly zeal, then a certain detached peace. I felt as if I had boarded this train a

long time ago, and now I was arriving at the inevitable if still somewhat incomprehensible and mysterious destination. What remained was simply to go out there and

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do it, say the words that would bind me to her. This feeling persisted up to and including the moment I became married. (It sounds a little cold, I know. That's me at momentous occasions. By way of defense, I offer ten years of wedded bliss with, and deepening affec-

tion for, a woman I see for a good part of every day.)

Preparations had gone smoothly enough, bringing in family and friends, getting our old college chaplain to preside, finding black threebutton tuxes (with a white vest for the groom), securing a gorgeous neo-Gothic church for the wedding and a stately Craftsman house for the

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reception. I had driven the wine to Kansas City from California (Trader Joe's!), and we had found a caterer within our budget who could give us salmon and flank steak on proper

china

It was cold for May, and spitting rain, so the jazz band would be packed inside instead of out on the big stone porch, but it was okay. I was hoping not to do too much dancing anyway, just enough to satisfy tradition (the dance with Mom) and my new wife.

I was nervous because I needed to compose a prayer to the mother of Our Lord. After the exchange of vows, Deirdre and I would process, she carrying a white candle, over to the side altar dedicated to Our Lady. There, we would kneel and say a prayer, asking her to watch over our marriage, to shield it with her mantle, to...to...what?

It was up to me to decide. I had to write the prayer. I had chosen the readings for Mass as well, but this was the one part of our traditional Catholic wedding ceremony in a traditional Catholic church that was wide open for personal statements. I had no intention of ever doing this again, so this was my one shot at getting it right. And true to form, I had left it until the last minute.

It might not have been so bad, if it hadn't been for Clark. But for Clark, I would have been alone in the little room just off the sanctuary, free to let pressure and the moment squeeze some inspirational juice into my pen. I had done the same thing for the best man's toast at my brother's wedding, and that had come off beautifully, a tribute to our grandparents' marriage and the love that Pappy still bore his wife five years after her death.

But Clark was there.

He was the acolyte; he would assist Father during the Mass. He was the block-jawed, fierceminded friend of Deirdre's brother, someone I had met only once before, the perfect sort of near-stranger to inject himself awkwardly into a

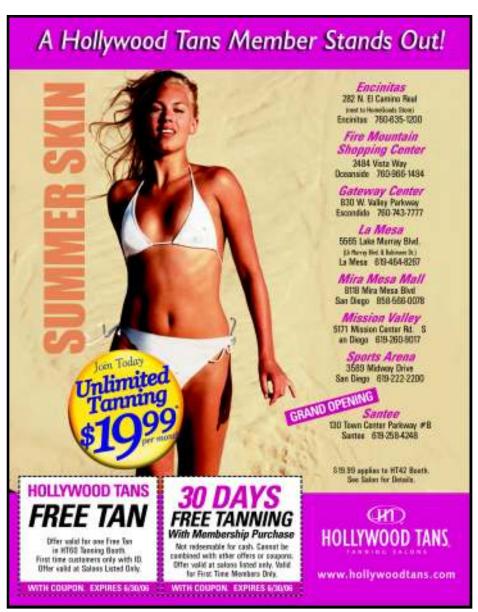
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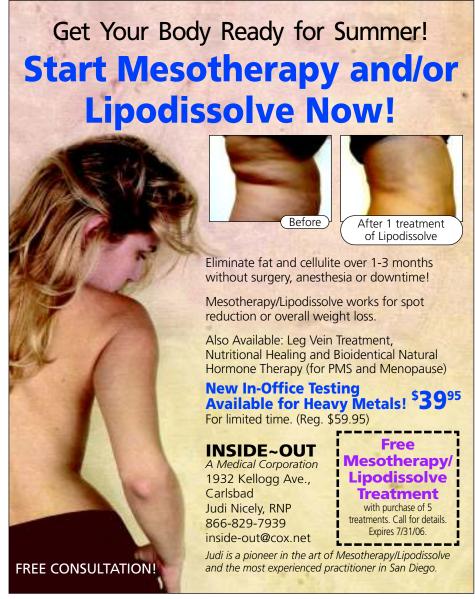


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moment. I'd had a dose of the same thing a couple of nights earlier at my bachelor party, when one of Deirdre's bridesmaids decided that she and her boyfriend (another nearstranger) would join us. "I've never been to a bachelor party before," she grinned. A total stranger or a friend I could have politely refused. She wasn't quite either, and so

I didn't know how to tell her to go away. I'm socially crippled that way.

Clark knew I was working on the prayer, but the excitement of the moment (he was single), or maybe just the proximity of two guys in a small room, or whatever, made him gregarious. He kept starting conversation, and God help me, I kept responding with something besides "Keep it down, willya? I'm writing here." I grew increasingly frazzled. My brain started to freeze up. I had a tension in my stomach that I had not felt since the timed exams I had taken in high school.

But I pulled it off. I seem to remember that Deirdre liked the prayer, and I'm pretty sure Mary didn't mind it. Some-

times, I wonder what became of it. Deirdre thinks she might have it with the poem I wrote to serve as a marriage proposal. (I spoke the proposal as a toast over bourbons, but I gave her a written copy after she said yes.) She says she's got them packed away somewhere. Not that it really matters so much. However meaningful, it was only the beginning. It is so much better now. A photo of Deirdre in her wedding dress is enough.

— Matthew Lickona

POODLE IN A BACKPACK

No one's ever asked me

about my wedding before. Have I even thought about it? I don't think so. Not recently, anyway. I was a bride? I have to squeeze my brain like a grapefruit to extract a memory. I do know the cere-

mony involved a midsized Lutheran church, a pastor, bride, groom, his parents (the Lutherans in question), my mother, and my mother's handler. My mother was deep into her alcoholism years and needed a companion when she traveled any distance. They'd flown thousands of miles to be there.

The groom wore a suit he regularly went to work in. I had on some yellow linen number with a matching coat trimmed in lace daisies. The pastor's outfit was very, very white, I recall, in contrast to the general gloom of the church, even on that sunny afternoon. I know the date was April 15, because the groom had to turn in his tax forms on the way.

My overriding remembrance is that no one was happy. Neither his parents nor my mother had been happy about much of anything in decades, and this event was no reason to break with tradition. His parents considered me a

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snob because I had once lived in New York City and because one day in their living room in Ohio I had read a newspaper instead of chatting with them, which would have been the respectful, Middle America thing to do.

My mother didn't like him for reasons she never made clear. His IQ was something in excess of 160. He'd gone through college on a full Westinghouse scholarship in math. He had a more-than-respectable job. I think she was hoping for breeding or good looks or connections or something and was unhappy not to find them.

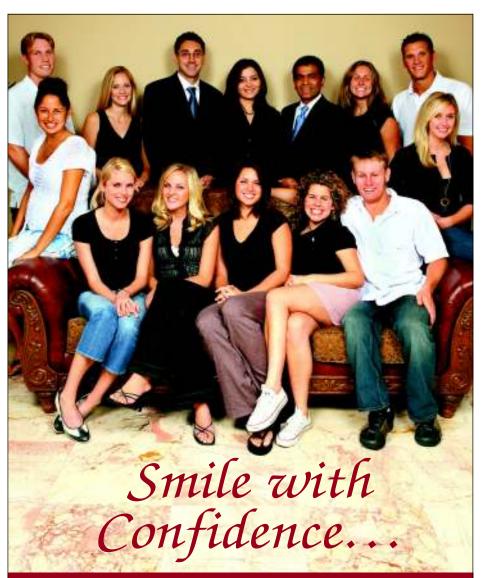
The pastor had no particular reason to be happy. He just seemed quizzical. I do remember that at the mandatory premarital counseling session he had seemed perplexed, as if he didn't know quite what to do with these two strangers (strangers to him) ready to set sail from his church on such a serious voyage. He did peer at me as if to ask if I knew what I was doing.

Of course I didn't. Well, actually, I did but wouldn't admit it to anyone. I felt like a poodle in a backpack. Panicky, trapped, helpless. Hostage to something I couldn't fight. I knew I didn't want to be there, but without the nerve to cancel the engagement, I had to live with my choices.

Now that I think about it, the groom seemed a bit happy. A bit. Relative to the rest of us.

The ceremony apparently went off smoothly. I have to assume this, not because I remember it, but because in a few years it would require a lawyer and paperwork to undo it. The same lawyer represented both of us, and I do recall that he actually asked me if I'd known what I was doing.

A reception followed. Same cast of char-



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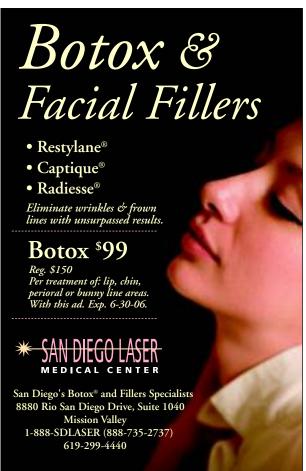
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acters, minus the pastor. I think we took potluck, inquiring at several upscale joints as to

whether they could accommodate us on short notice. We ended up at a fine spot that in

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later years would require three weeks' notice to get a table. Gloom similar to the church, but in this case it was called ambience and was included in the price of the meal. We ate. We went home. I recall only dining in the dark. Something significant must have been said or done. Why don't I

remember? The honeymoon involved camping in Northern California. I'd never been camping. Turns out it's a lot of work, much like being at home, only with mud and flies and no good cooking or cleaning gear. The marriage and

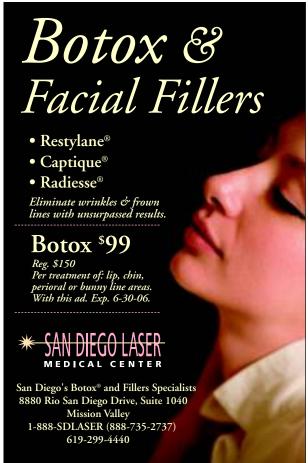
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Had I any sense at all I would have clung to the woman as if she were a life raft, the last bit of

flotsam from a shipwreck on an evil sea. I should have quizzed her mercilessly about what she meant, what she saw in me or him that forced her to break every professional oath and make a statement like that to a client. What was she thinking? I can do better? Better? Something to do with bathrooms? Instead, I left the office in a daze.

Cut loose from his bride, the groom went on to academic achievements and a professorship in the Cal State system. I only remember a few increasingly bizarre phone calls from him over the next few years. His story would end much later in a coastal town up north. It involved a motel room and a .357 magnum. That would leave only me from the original cast to regret it all. Oh, and the pastor. I'm sure the pastor, at least, had hoped for more. ■

— Alice G.

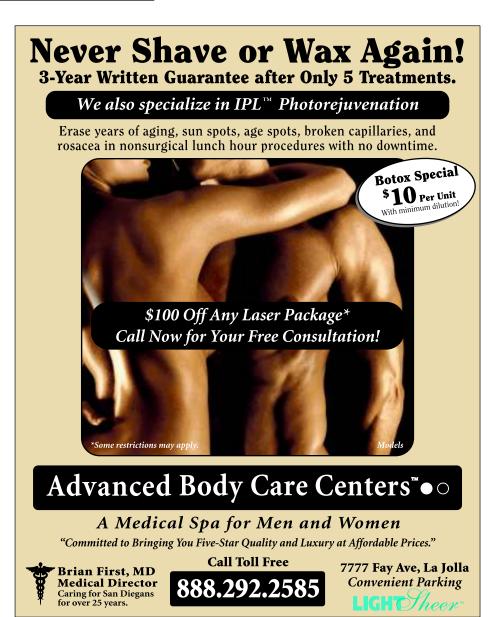


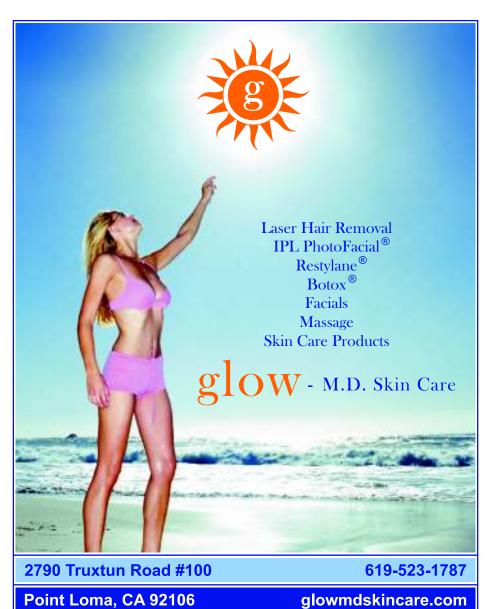


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A woman who identified herself as Rosie answered the phone when I called. "Yes, I still have a place," she told me. "Would you like it?" Her voice sounded almost too eager, nearly desperate. Surely there was no shortage of people willing to pay a little money to get back East. I decided to ask her a few questions. How many people would be going? What was the schedule, the route? What kind of car? What kind of

price? To these I received vague but not altogether discouraging answers. I did want to get to Boston or vicinity, even though the one thing she wasn't vague about, the 75-dollar price, sounded a trifle high. But I had been told to expect to be overcharged. It was considerably cheaper than the airfare, and I really didn't have the time to investigate the market thoroughly. Anyway, flying is impersonal. Suddenly, you're

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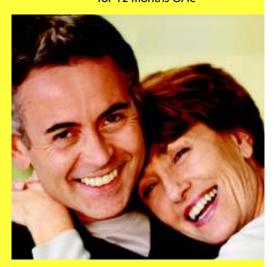
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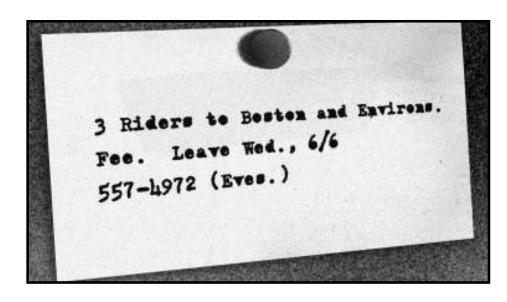
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at your destination; there's no transition. Hell, I told her, I'd go.

At the appointed day and time I arrived at an address somewhere in the maze of Mira Mesa. In a driveway identical to every other driveway sat the blue VW bus belonging to Rosie. Standing beside it was one of my two companion riders, a tall, thin, ascetic-looking individual who introduced himself as Steve. He told me in an irritated sort of way that Rosie would be out soon. We stood silently together, he staring balefully, I curiously, at the van which we thought would soon be transporting us to Boston.

Shortly, Rosie made her appearance. She was accompanied by a suntanned twenty-two-yearold wearing a headband and short pants. His name was Henry. Behind Henry was an extremely decrepit old woman introduced to us as Granny Babs. Henry was to be the third rider.



There were no young girls, voluptuous or otherwise. Rosie herself, a short, dark woman in her mid-40s, seemed quite dynamic and on top of things; she rattled off satisfactory answers to everyone's questions. Nevertheless, I couldn't help but notice strains of skepticism in the voices of Henry and Steve. I soon found out why. We wouldn't be going tonight as expected. "Maybe tomorrow," said Rosie. We

were asked if we would please come back then.

This was hard news for me because the friend I had persuaded to drop me off was now undoubtedly happily back in Encinitas. He would certainly be in no mood to return and get me again. Henry asked permission to camp in Rosie's yard. Steve, who might have been heading north for the night, appeared far too mortified to question a possible ride to Encini-

tas. And Granny Babs, now virtually hidden behind the lemon tree she had been skulking around, didn't seem to have any answers either. Remembering some friends who lived in nearby Scripps Ranch, I sighed with relief. I asked Rosie if I could use her phone, and shortly found myself accommodated.

That night I explained the situation to my friends. They seemed to think it was no big deal;

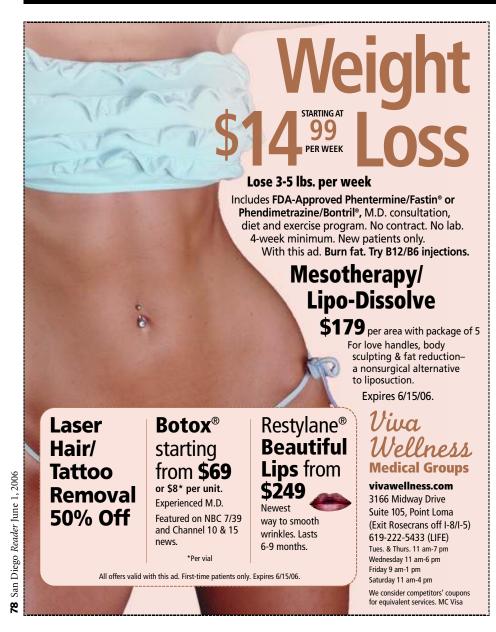
the woman was probably reliable. One day off on a trip all the way cross country wasn't bad. Anyway, I was welcome to stay until my ride to Boston left. Their offer was extremely fortunate because we weren't to leave for two more nights. The van needed new tires, then an oil change and a lube, then a valve adjustment. So I remained in Scripps Ranch, which isn't a ranch at all, but a meandering mass of condominiums and tract homes. During the hot night I spent on the living room floor, I was plagued by mosquitoes. These, I conjectured, came from the foul-smelling artificial pond which lurked nearby. Although this lake seemed to be widely regarded as a tremendous asset to homeowners, it really functioned as little more than a place neighborhood urchins could ambush flightless ducks.

When Rosie finally assured me late one afternoon that we would defi-

nitely be leaving that night, I was elated. I was not only anxious to get on the road, but also eager to escape the Scripps Ranch bloodsuckers. Although experience had taught me not to be overly trustful of Rosie, it appeared this time she meant business. Steve, Henry, and I stood at attention like Army recruits as she laid down the ground rules for the incipient expedition. As we had expected, there would be no food or rest stops. We had with us sufficient provisions, and we were to time our bathroom needs in concert with gasoline stops. Drivers would change every four hours, with the most recent driver given preferential treatment as to sleeping space in the back of the van.

Then, the bombshell: Would we mind if her mother, Babs, came too? Rosie apparently could not bear the thought of leaving her mother like this. What if the old woman were to die? Rosie

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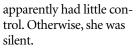
would never see her again. On and on.... None of us was overjoyed by this prospect. Space was limited enough in the van. The old woman wouldn't be able to spell drivers, she was half-blind and hard of hearing, and for all we knew, would have to go to the bathroom every 15 minutes. Rosie continued her pleas, careful to accentuate the lifeand-death ramifications. To refuse would have seemed callous, if not cruel, so we grudgingly assented, sacrificing a little comfort for the greater good. Rosie took the first turn behind the wheel, with Henry riding shotgun. Steve and I lay side by side in the back, with Granny Babs tucked into the top left-hand corner, resting more or less on her side. It was 11:00 p.m., very dark, and it seemed as if we were sneaking away. The first few shifts passed uneventfully. Steve and I spent the time getting acquainted. It turned out he had graduated from a school in New England the same year I

did. He had majored in Classics and seemed to have a wide variety of interests. He needed to get to Boston soon as his mother would be going abroad. In the front seat, Rosie seemed intent on getting some conversation out of the uncommunicative Henry. She wasn't having much luck. Granny Babs, the meanwhile, was alarming us with intermittent flatulence over which she

When dawn finally

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broke, somewhere in the southwestern corner of Arizonian desert, I was behind the wheel and Steve was in the passenger seat: everyone else was asleep in the back. Steve took advantage of this opportunity to voice his concern about Granny Babs. It was his opinion she would not survive the



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trip. The heat was bound to be insufferable all through the so-called sunbelt; in the van it would be ten to fifteen degrees warmer. The old woman's health appeared to be fragile. After all, hadn't Rosie openly questioned her longevity? I had visions of digging a grave by the roadside while Rosie wailed. Steve definitely felt Rosie had been criminally negligent in insisting the old woman come along; he didn't trust her at all.

Steve took his turn at the wheel and I moved to the back, switching places with Rosie. Despite the fact it was early and the heat not too intense, Granny Babs was beginning to look bad. Her eyes seemed a little more glassy, her skin a shade or two more pale. Every now and then she would nibble a piece of cheese or bite out of one of the tomatoes she had strategically placed around her. I figured, though, that she would live, at least

through the day.

Arizona became New Mexico and New Mexico Texas without a great deal of drama. But the reality of Texas was something else. Crossing it became a Sisyphean task. Whenever I felt the border close ahead, it proved to be yet another hundred miles. Then, another hundred. The endlessness of it was little relieved by scenery. This was definitely Nabokov's Lolita nightmare of motels, billboards, and desolation. Straight, unbending highway punctuated occasionally by a gas station or passing truck. It was at a Coke machine in one of the ubiquitous Texan gas stations that Steve volunteered information about trouble afoot. Henry had told him that Rosie had implied our route might change. Henry was not the most reliable source of information, but Steve also remembered Rosie alluding to the same subject. Something about taking the southern route,

through Arkansas, Tennessee, and Virginia rather than through Ohio, Indiana, and then New York as we had originally agreed upon. Henry soon joined us. He confirmed Steve's story and then began to carry on about Rosie's mother. He felt

both Steve and Henry felt that Rosie was devious, and, if for no other reason than general principle, the two of them wanted to go the northern route.

Back in the van, Steve and Henry began to question Rosie. Had she any intention of going south?

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"Why, yes," she confessed, "hadn't you known?" She had decided to go south after the phone call she had made in Las Cruces. It seemed that her daughter would be flying in to Washington, D.C., from Switzerland in two days. Perfect timing. The girl

apparently was deaf and had been participating in the Swiss Deaf Olympics. Rosie had to see her.

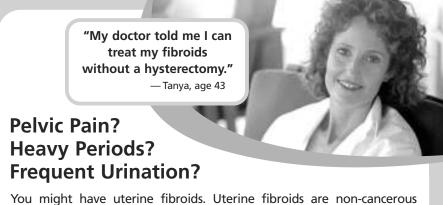
Discarding any notion to ask Rosie how they hear the guns to start the races, I asked her instead how this would affect our time frame? "Well," she explained, "we may have to spend a day in D.C., but we could sleep in the van." Since neither Steve, Henry, nor I relished the idea of lying in an old VW bus during the heat of the day in sticky Washington, we complained in unison. What, after all, had our arrangement been? We had each paid her 75 dollars to go to Boston. Now we would be delayed a day in D.C., plus the additional time involved in the less direct, southern route. But according to Rosie's thinking, this was not a matter open to debate. It was her car and her decision. Besides, from our point of view, it was difficult. Like the issue of the old woman, this, too, was

a sensitive one. A deaf girl coming back from the Deaf Olympics, whatever they were. It would be subhuman of us to refuse.

That night Steve and I passed the time discussing etymology. His contention was that Greek provided more English language roots than Latin. I argued that most Greek derivations were technical and seldom-used words. The only way we could have solved the argument would have been to count up words in a dictionary. Had we possessed a dictionary we were about bored enough to do it. Once I took over the wheel I began to enjoy myself. From 2:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m., with the exception of trucks and drunks, the roads were free for driving. Even though the van was not particularly maneuverable, a curvy road, like the particular one I was on in Arkansas, could be fun to drive. Trucks were my chief obstacle. Whenever I could, I'd pass one. Invari-

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ably the driver would flick his high beams at me. Whether this was a friendly or hostile gesture I could never really determine.

At the morning's first gasoline/rest stop, Rosie had a hard time getting Granny Babs to the bathroom. The old woman looked weak, and Rosie seemed concerned. As we watched the two stumble away, Rosie shot us an extremely suspicious look. It was almost as if she sensed the discontent building up in her three riders. While the women were in the bathroom, Steve pointed out that Little Rock would be our Waterloo. It would be there we could branch out and head north, or stay on our present course through the south. Once past Little Rock it would be too late to change, too impractical. Steve then offered us his solution. In Little Rock he would, with our cooperation, stage a mutiny. His plan was simple. He would be at the wheel when we reached Little Rock; at that point

he would simply commandeer the van and head north. "Anyway," he reasoned, "Rosie will probably be asleep in the back." If she wakes up and objects, that'll just be too bad. "Hasn't she lied enough to us already?" Steve saw this as the only alternative. If we were a day or two late, he'd be liable to miss his mother in Boston, and he didn't have enough money to fly there from Little Rock.

This plan struck a positive chord in Henry. However, he wanted more. He confessed that he had located Rosie's cache of gasoline money and that he had already helped himself to five dollars of it. He intended to take more. "What the hell," he muttered in his South Carolina accent, "she's cheated me out of 75 bucks." This behavior did not surprise me in Henry. He had struck me

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from the outset as an unprincipled thug. But as for Steve, was this the same Steve I had talked with the night before? Calm, introspective, almost pacifistic Steve? Rosie was by no means an angel. She had shown herself to be manipulative and conniving. And she probably should have refunded us some money to compensate for her mother coming along. But I didn't think she deserved all this. I tried to reason with Henry and Steve, but they were implacable; there wasn't much I could do.

As we approached Little Rock things looked good for the mutineers. Rosie and the rapidly deteriorating Granny Babs seemed to be safely asleep in the back. Henry, sort of half sitting up, looked around furtively. Steve was staying quiet, hoping to make it through town without arousing Rosie. Suddenly, without a hint of warning, Rosie's head popped

up in the front seat. "Down to a quarter tank," she said, looking at the fuel gauge. "Better pull over here in Little Rock." We would have been at the crossroads in five more miles. She must have had a sixth sense.

Steve stayed at the wheel while I pumped the gas. Rosie's hand appeared out the window with a ten-dollar bill for the attendant, right on time. I wondered if she ever counted the gas money and how she'd react if she did. The tank filled, I closed the door, and Steve started the engine. Again, but even more abruptly, Rosie popped into the front. This time, however, she reached all the way to the ignition, shut off the switch, and pulled out the key. "We are going to Washington!" she declared.

Numerous threats, recriminations, and denials followed. There had been too little motivation for any of it to

make any sense to me. It was like being trapped in a B movie. Not only was the plot ridiculous but the dialogue was bad. I couldn't figure out how Rosie divined Steve's mutinous intentions. She was always one step ahead This did not discourage the old woman, however. She continued to nibble both cheese and rotten tomatoes, apparently oblivious to their odor and appearance. Surprisingly, though, she was alive. At this point I could

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of us. Rosie stayed at the wheel for a long time after the hijack attempt. In the back, Granny Babs's food was beginning to rot. The cheese, slimy and orangey in its plastic bag, looked particularly disgusting.

barely say the same thing of myself.

At the next stop, in Knoxville, Tennessee, Steve informed me of his new plan — sabotage! Rosie was in the restroom and Steve and I were talking just outside the van. Inside, Henry was in the process of rifling Rosie's gas fund, directly in front of the semicomatose Granny Babs. I tapped on the window and indicated to Henry that the old codger was watching him. He signified to me with a shrug that this made no difference to him and began to stuff bills in his pockets. Steve elaborated on his sabotage plans. He confessed that he and Henry had already started to wreck the van. They had assured Rosie that they would see to maintenance, but they had intentionally not added any oil since noticing it was low in New Mexico. Steve speculated that the oil would by now be almost completely depleted. Rosie didn't have enough sense to ask the gas station attendant to check it. I pointed out that this low oil condition might also cut our trip short, but he fervently believed all difficulties would miracu-

lously occur as soon as we

split up with her. But this wasn't to be all. Steve had other plans. Deflated tires, fouled gasoline supply, damaged spark plug wires were some of his inchoate notions. "Do you have any suggestions?"

Rosie returned before I could reply. She was now beginning to look very strained. Her eyes were bloodshot, her face flushed, her body shaky. Henry, noticing Rosie's approach, hurriedly returned the money to its hiding place. Steve chose this moment to announce to Rosie that he would abandon ship in Washington; he wasn't about to sit around there an entire day and he thought he could scrape together the bus fare to Boston. This news upset Rosie far more than it should have. She insisted that Steve had promised to come all the way to Boston. She had to have his help in driving. Even one person's defection would foul her up. Steve countered by pointing out that the stopover

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in Washington wasn't in the contract, Deaf Olympics or not. And what about Granny Babs? Wasn't that subterfuge? These complaints had a profound effect on Rosie. Up until this point she had been impervious to all criticism, but now tears began to form in her eyes. Steve relented.

When we got back to the van, Granny Babs began to babble and point at Henry. Her words, the first we had heard the entire trip, didn't make much sense to me, but I thought they might to Rosie. Apparently not. She ignored the old woman, much to the relief of Henry.

Arguments began to crop up in the van. Henry's vicious side was starting to show. He felt cheated. Seventy-five dollars was too much, considering everything. He was enduring the exhaustion of nonstop driving only to lose a couple of days with the stopover. Steve joined in. Rosie was able to hold her own. She, too, could be nasty, and

snapped back at them. Things were so intense that even Granny Babs seemed to be listening. I was too tired to care.

All through the green hills of Virginia we played country-western music on the radio. There was nothing else available. Even in Texas there had been one or two alternatives to Hank Williams and Merle Haggard, but not here. I spent the time trying to figure out how to salvage the increasingly untenable situation I found myself in. At the next gas stop I suggested

to Steve that we bail out. Even hitchhiking, we were unlikely to tie up with the kind of lunatics we were now in league with. Not that Steve was completely normal; I had my doubts about him. If I'd been free to choose anyone to go hitchhiking with, it probably would have been Granny Babs, but she seemed in no condition to make the trip. We decided we would separate at the next gas stop, wherever that might be. Steve suggested that to befuddle Rosie further we invite Henry to join us. The lar-

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cenous Henry luckily declined the offer. He had decided to break free in Washington and head straight for South Carolina. "What," he asked us, "was there to do in Boston anyway?" This news gladdened Steve because Rosie would now be faced with no relief drivers for the Boston trip.

The last 200 miles of the journey in the van were guilt-ridden ones for me. Could I abandon these two women here in Virginia? Worse, could I leave them to Henry's devices? Was he worse than a thief? Could he be a murderer? Or a gerontophile, if such a thing existed? Looking at Rosie in the front seat, I decided I was following the best

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course of action. She really looked as if she were about to break. This could lead to long, involved, and potentially embarrassing confrontations with local authorities. Yes, I thought to myself, looking at the glaucoma-scarred eyes of Granny Babs, I've got to get out of here.

In Winchester, Virginia, Steve and I hurriedly gathered our things. Neither of us had any food remaining, so that would be one less load to worry about. We were stopped at an Amoco station. Rosie was in the garage checking over the map with one of the mechanics. Henry sat stoically behind the wheel. Granny Babs was on her side, staring blankly at a tomato. For all I knew, at this point she was dead. Rosie returned to see Steve and I outside the van, our bags in hand. "You can't do this to me!" she wailed.

"I'd like a 20-dollar refund," said Steve. He was serious.

Rosie let loose a long

and demonic laugh. She looked at Henry, who was still sitting behind the wheel. "You'll stay?"

Henry nodded.

That seemed to satisfy her. She jumped in the van, slammed the door, gave Henry the go signal, and they were off. Not even another look.

Sitting in Winchester's unprepossessing Jolly Burger, about a half hour later, I asked Steve if he felt we had done the right thing. "We'll get to Washington before her," he snarled.

"Why's that?" I asked, almost afraid to hear the

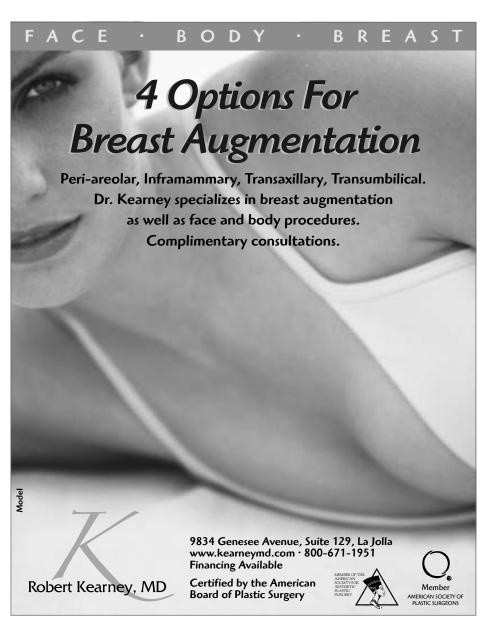
"Well," he explained,
"before we left, I pulled
out all the lighting wires
from under the dash.
Before that, I cut through
half the fan belt. Anyway,
she'll be lucky to make it
another hundred miles
with no oil. I checked it at
the station before
Winchester."

It took us a long time to get out of Winchester. The locals eyed us with considerable suspicion. Hitching proved impossible; in fact, I ended up leaving Steve on a street corner. I took a bus to Washington, then another to Boston, where it was nearly a hundred degrees even at 10:00 p.m. People were draped over their front steps, totally enervated, snarling at passersby.

As I write these final words, safely ensconced in the city of Fenway Park, I can't help wondering about the fate of the van. Had Rosie been able to overcome all the mechanical sabotage and reunite with her Deaf Olympics daughter? Was there really such a daughter? Had Henry stolen all their money, or simply killed them both and tossed their bodies into a swamp? We'll never know, but I'm certainly not sorry for having left when I did. And one thing is certain. When I decide to return to San Diego, I will take a train, bus, or plane, even if it does cost a little more — anything but go near a 3x5 card on a bulletin board. ■

— R.W. Bell, Jr.





Cartoon Portrait

Tintin and I: Film screening and discussion

ergé projected everything he wanted to be onto his characters. How different the artist is from his creation is what I found to be the most interesting [about the film]," says Phillip Gay, department chair of sociology at San Diego State University. On Sunday, June 4, Gay will host a screening and discussion of the Danish documentary film Tintin and I at the San Diego Public Library.

Tintin, a comic-strip character, was created by Georges Remi, whose pen name was Hergé. The comic strip, The Adventures of Tintin, began its weekly run in the Belgian

LOCAL **EVENTS** publication Le Vingtième Siècle in 1929. The artist is known for ligne claire, a style of drawing that trans-

lates to "clear line." According to wikipedia.org, the style "uses clear strong lines which have the same thickness and importance" and "often features strong colours and a combination of cartoonish characters against a realistic background." Hergé frequently drew from photographs taken of foreign locations.

Tintin and I is composed of interviews between Hergé and journalist Numa Sadoul that were taped over a period of four days in 1971 and assembled by filmmaker Anders Østergaard. The film was originally released in 2003, 20 years after Hergé's death. In Britain's DVD Times, Anthony Nield writes, "Østergaard and his own interviewees seemingly follow the example of the author insofar as the frankness and psychoanalytical approach with which he approached his own life over those four days in 1971 is mirrored

elsewhere. What this means is that Tintin et Moi comes across not only as a deeply personal portrait, but also a deeply serious one."

"If I were to title the film, I'd title it Tintin et Moi, Glimpses of an Artist Who Survived," says Gay. "Hergé survived by going with the flow. He went with the flow during the '30s, when Tintin albums reflected current ideas regarding colonialism and racial superiority. During World War II, he vacillated between support and admiration for the Nazis and contempt and anti-Nazism. I'd almost venture to say that whatever political convictions he had were not deeply held, because he was willing to change and adapt.'

Hergé, who never left Belgium, made Tintin a young reporter who traveled the world with his dog Snowy and friend Captain Haddock. "The character projected virtues that not only Hergé wished to embody but that also represented the nation," says Gay. "Tintin was a fresh-faced, fair-haired young Belgian boy; there is nothing ambiguous or offensive about the character. He goes and conquers and prevails." Hergé was coaxed by his mentor, the abbot Norbert Wallez, to create a character who embodied the virtues of the Catholic Church. Hergé was a devout Catholic and a Boy Scout, and he included in Tintin's profile the traits of an ideal Boy Scout, such as being trustworthy, loyal, cheerful, thrifty, and

The Adventures of Tintin was most popular in Belgium and France. "Tintin amused and entertained," says Gay. "He was an unchanging youth with a spirit for adventure who adapted to foreign environments and culture. The issues [Hergé] dealt with



Tintin and Snowy

were strictly European, like the Catholic Church and Germany and colonization. [America] didn't need Tintin. We had our own heroes. Look at our cartoons during the war period, like G.I. Joe — they're all pro-American, anti-Nazi, and anti-Japanese. [Tintin] was not very American. [Americans] always knew [they] were the good

Another reason Tintin's adventures might not have caught on in the States was the artist's affiliation with the Nazis. When the Germans occupied Belgium during the war, Hergé published his work in Le Soir, a Nazi-controlled newspaper. During this period, he was arrested four times by resistance groups for his association with the

The Adventures of Tintin reflected the state of the world at the time. "In one, Tintin is in the Congo, and he's basically quite racist and quite supportive of colonialism, like 'These people are not able to govern themselves; we have to go and govern them.' When [Hergé] was called on it years later, his response was, 'Well, that was then, and

that was the general current thought, and I just went along with it," says Gay, adding that Hergé reflected public opinion but never created it.

"That's how he was able to survive he adapted," says Gay. "He worked eight hours a day in the same place, in the same office.... I found it fascinating that a perfectly ordinary person could create a character so extraordinary that it has such a broad appeal. He created something that was a lot greater than he was. He knew what the people wanted."

— Barbarella

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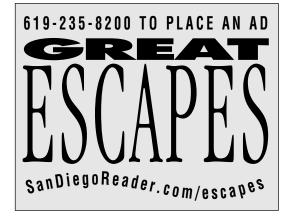
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The Chirping of Crickets tells us the warmer weather of summer is not far away. Their plaintive pleadings for mates are heard wherever bits of semi-natural scenery cut across the urban tapestry of San Diego. Try visiting the Spruce Street suspension footbridge, just west of Balboa Park between Front and Brant Streets. From the swaying bed of the 70-foot-high bridge, you can admire a canvon filled with green and gold grasses, nasturtiums, and eucalyptus, pepper, and palm trees. Sound effects begin by

Buckwheat, a late-bloomer among native plants in our area, is showing off its small, inconspicuous clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat, found in dry, sunny locations throughout San Diego County, are the source of the "wild buckwheat" honey sold locally. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-fac ing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community like black sage and California sagebrush.

The Bright Planet Jupiter shines boldly from a prominent position in the eastern sky during early evenings this month. Jupiter's Galilean satellites, the four largest and brightest moons circling the planet, can be easily observed using equipment as simple as firmly supported, highpower binoculars. First observed by Galileo in 1610, these satellites noticeably change their configuration from night to night as they swing around the planet. Views through high-quality telescopes may reveal relative motion among the satellites in as little as a few minutes, and certainly within an hour. The innermost satellite, called Io, speeds around Jupiter in a period of less than two days.

Be Prepared for Hot Weather during Audubon Society birding adventure at Lake Morena, Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m.-early afternoon. Possible sightings: Bullock's oriole, phainopepla, ash-throated flycatcher, many others.

Take I-8 to Buckman Springs Road exit; drive south five miles to Oak Drive, turn right (west), go about two miles to Lake Morena Drive. Turn right, go through the village and on to park. Vehicle day-use fee. Bring lunch (if you wish), water. Moderately strenu-OUS. 619-692-3246. (LAKE MORENA)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena



Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, June 3, 8-10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Hike through seasonal wildflowers in oak-pine woodland with Canyoneers during hike to Volcan Peak in Volcan Mountain County Open-Space Preserve, Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Round trip: 4.6 miles. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203.

"Wild, Wild West at Daley Ranch." naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads easy to moderate 3.1-mile hike in celebration of National Trails Day, Saturday, June 3, in Daley Ranch. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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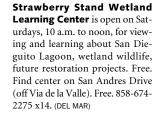
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and characters of the area. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Look for Wildflowers, Butterflies, and Birds on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 3, 4 and 7, 9:30-11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Friends of Ruffin Canyon are looking for help cleaning up the canyon, maintaining native garden on first Saturday of each month, including June 3, 2-3 p.m., at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Drive). Free. 858-560-8327, 858-268-0106, (SERRA MESA)



Wildlife Baby Season Is Here! Wildlife Assist, an emergency response organization, needs volunteers to rescue orphans and other animals in trouble. Recruiting sessions on Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Help Restore Chollas Creek Earthlab, plant fruit trees, and native vegetation along stream bed, along with other outdoor tasks, Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.-noon, at Gompers High School (1110 Caroline Lane). Free: hot dog lunch for all who participate, 619-206-1345, (SAN DIEGO)

Celebrate National Trails Day in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nature walks, mountain bike and equestrian rides, children's activities, vendors, live music. Find preserve at 12020 Black Mountain Road. Free. 858-484-7504. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuvamaca the first Sunday of every month, including June 4, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike

Romantic Mountain Getaway

covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79, 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

California Native Plant Society Walk on Sunday, June 4, starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road), 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanishspeaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)







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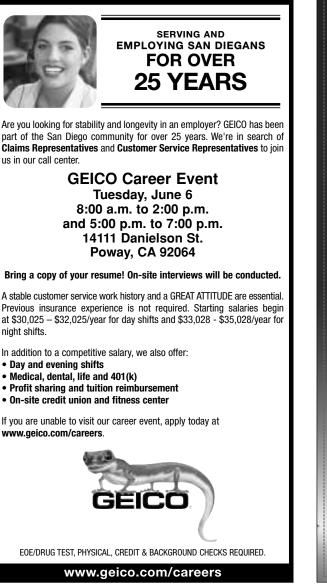
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Geology Hike with Don Albright in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m. See "a rare fossil" and preserve's waterfall. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group at intersection of Calle Cristobal and Caminito Propico. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Old Mission Dam Guided Nature Stroll designed for those with limited mobility and others, Tuesday, June 6, 10 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, in Old Mission Dam parking lot (at northeast end of Father Junípero Serra Trail). Focus on history of dam, park ecology, interaction of local plants, animals, the elements. Wheelchair friendly. Free. 619-668-3281. (SANTEE)

DANCE

Spring Dance Concerts with various dance styles showcased by students at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, continue through Friday, June 2, 7 p.m., in school's Florence Johnson Grand Theater (2425 Dusk Drive). Tickets: \$5-\$7. 619-470-0588, (PARADISE HILLS)

World-Beat Dance and Music, dancers Bimala and Shalimar joined by Damaru, Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK

"Soul of a Young Girl-Dances of Anne Frank" presented by

Eveoke Dance Theatre through June 4. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 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)

Calling All Jitterbugs! All-age swing dance with live boogie and blues music by Nathan James and Ben Hernandez Quartet, Friday, June 2, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Music for dancing, 9 p.m.-midnight; salsa dance performance by Majesty in Motion, 10 p.m. \$12 general. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Hey Wire provides music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance, Friday, June 2, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

SENIOR SHOWCASE

by Coronado School of the Arts students, Monday, June 5, Southwestern College.

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Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Vintage Two-Step Dances featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, June 2, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing for all ages.

Partners not required. 619-583-9956. Free (BALBOA PARK)

Mojácar Flamenco performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Dancer/choreographer Katerina Tomás and guitarist Stephen Dick present traditional and original works, along with percussionist Johnny Sandoval. \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Mexican Waltzes" presented by Mainly Mozart and San Diego Dance Theatre as part of Mozart-Fest, Saturday, June 3, 3 p.m., at San Diego County Administration building (1600 Pacific Highway). Music by various Mexican composers is performed by Cuarteto Latinoamericano, with dancers from Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, California Ballet, Malashock Dance, San Diego Ballet. (DOWNTOWN)

Catch "Mexican Waltzes" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). \$35. (CARLSBAD)

Program is repeated for "Lunchtime at the Lyceum" series, Tuesday, June 6, noon, at Lyceum Stage in Horton Plaza (free); and at 7 p.m. on 6th at Jackie Robinson YMCA. 858-484-7791 or 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including June 3, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities, \$7, 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, June 3, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard), Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30-10 p.m. Lesson: 8 p.m. \$7: first time free, 619-275-3533.

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet Arnold is caller on June 4. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. Fee: \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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

Body Rock Hip-Hop Dance Competition, Sunday, June 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue). Ten teams will battle, along with freestyle battle between Southern California and Northern California dancers. Tickets: \$15, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

"Celebrating Summer" is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112).

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Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including June 6, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8-10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Hip-Hop Don't Stop, hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FILM

"Cinema under the Stars" showcases Cher and Nicolas Cage in Moonstruck, Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2; and Jagged Edge with Glenn Close and Jeff Bridges, Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040

Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

> Patricio Henríquez's The Dark Side of the White Lady, a documentary, seeks to unravel the lies told about the Chilean Navy's training vessel's past as a floating prison and torture site more than 30 years ago" during reign of General Pinochet. Film screening on Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) followed by discussion with Chileans who were detained in 1973. Free.

619-223-8074, 619-236-5800.

"Tintin and I," documentary about Belgian writer-artist Georges Remi (better known as Hergé) and his creation Tintin. More than 200 million copies of the comic books have been sold, translated into more than 58 languages. Film screens for Sunday Matinee on June 4, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion led by SDSU sociology professor Phillip T. Gay follows. 619-236-5800, Free, (DOWNTOWN)

The Spanish Film The Archimedes Principle screens for Film Forum on Monday, June 5, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Field," starring Richard Harris, Frances Tomelty, and John Hurt, screens for First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues," June 6, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street), Discussion follows. Free, 760-839-4656, (ESCONDIDO)

"Kabul Transit" — documentary exploring "soul of a city devastated by nearly three decades of war" by David Edwards is shown Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Reception with filmmaker follows. Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. currently screening in the IMAX theater: Greece: Secrets of the Past and Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France. "Fridays at the Fleet" features Lewis and Clark (6 p.m.) and Special











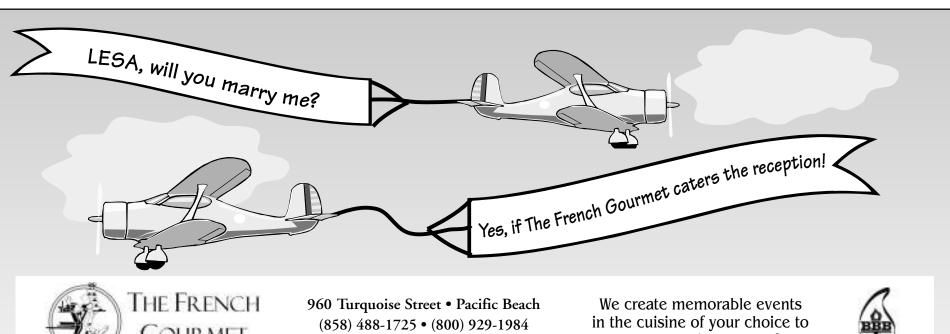
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Calendar Local Events

Effects at 7 p.m. on June 2. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Iconos Rusos, entre la fe y el lujo" — Professor Monseratt Sanchez lectures — in Spanish — for "Art in the Afternoon" lecture at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, June 1. UCSD medieval literature professor Sister Elizabeth Walsh chronicles "Romanov Riches: A Study of the Icon," June 8. Lectures begin at 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

Whither Lemon Grove in 2007? City Manager Graham Mitchell provides answers for History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, June 1, 1:30 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Print on Demand" is topic when author Charlotte Foster discusses her experiences writing and publishing two novels, Thursday, June 1. This Sisters in Crime meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313.

"The Realities of Iraq" discussed by independent journalists Dahr Jamail and Mark Manning, Friday, June 2, 7 p.m., in room 200 at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (2120 San Diego Avenue). *Caught in the Crossfire*, a short film about Falluja, will be shown. Requested donation: \$5–\$10. 619-374-6923. (SAN DIEGO)

"Funding Your Film and Creating Your Future" presented Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.—1 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Carol Dean coaches students on perfect pitch, where and how to find donors, tips on film branding, more. \$40. Registration: 619-230-1938 x102. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Return to the Moon," Philip Blanco's "family-friendly presentation" includes activities to demonstrate how big and far away the moon really is, how to observe the moon from Earth, and what it would be like to go there, Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233.

Lavender Wreath Workshop led by Nadine Spear, Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$60 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VAL-

Perennials and Grasses examined during class on Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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OUT & ABOUT

(SEE LECTURES)



"Designing for Design" is cryptic topic when architect Jennifer Luce speaks on Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation:

"Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" explored by landscape designer Jan Bubiolo, Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Plant selection, principles, planting techniques. \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Pastel Artist Shandel Gamer plans demonstration when Pastel Society of San Diego gathers, Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-470-7117. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Game of Go" explored by game historian Wayne Saunders for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, June 5. Learn rules, play agame with board and game pieces supplied, take home instructions. \$6.619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

American Minimalist Sculptor Richard Serra discusses his career for annual Axline Lecture, Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$5. 858-454-3541.

Women's Backpacking subject for clinics on Tuesday, June 6, at

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REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, June 7, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free.

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

Noted Illustrator, Cartoonist, caricaturist Tom Richmond plans drawing demonstration when Southern California Cartoonists Society meets on Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Veoh Networks (Sorrento Ridge Corporate Center, 7220 Trade Street, suite 115). \$10 general. 619-921-1936. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Mozart: The Boy and the Man" examined by psychological anthropologist/cultural historian/musician Stanley Walens for "Lunchtime at the Lyceum" series, Wednesday, June 7, noon, Lyceum Stage at Horton Plaza. Free. 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tips and Tricks for Better Business Writing" divulged by professional writer, editor Laurie Gibson, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., at University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free. 858-539-0508. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Goya's Portraits" examined by Karin Homberg during Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, June 8, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"1001 Beds" — performance artist Tim Miller presents his story "about the transforming power of art and the richness of gay identity lived out loud," Thursday–Saturday, June 1–3, 8 p.m., at Real Theater (116 West Washington Street). \$20 general. 619-297-7309.

Political and Social Satire and musical comedy on tap when Roy Zimmerman performs Thursday, June 1, for AcousticMusic-SanDiego. Tickets: \$15. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Folk Collection plans First Thursday Concert on June 1, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Real People Who Inspired Characters in Freaks: Alive on the Inside discussed by author Annette Curtis Klaus, Thursday, June 1, 4 p.m., at Imperial Beach Library (810 Imperial Beach Boulevard). Free. 619-424-6981. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Author Joseph Finder discusses and signs *Killer Instinct*, Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author William Sleator discusses his experiences and signs books, Friday, June 2, 3:30–5 p.m., at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road). Sleator is author of many science-fiction titles for teens, children. Free. 619-475-4642. (BONITA)

"1964–The Tribute" — Beatles tribute show replete with period instruments, costumes, and hairstyles, Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$40, \$45, \$50; 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)









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"To Life, to Love, to Music," San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note, Serra-Naders, perform selections from *Fiddler on the Roof, Wicked*, and other tunes on Saturday, June 3, 4:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). \$8 general, \$4 for those 12 and under. 619-574-7741, 619-427-2448. (SAN CARLOS)

"Earl Thomas, Nurturing Young Talent" — concert by bluesman Earl Thomas, St. Augustine High School's 32nd Street Jazz Band, and Papa T, Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$20.50-\$100. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

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

"The House of War" signed, discussed by author James Carroll, Saturday, June 3, 6:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book chronicles Pentagon — who created it, "pathologies it has spawned." Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Novel Launching! North County Times columnist Tom Morrow discusses, signs his book Nebraska Doppelganger, Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-966-4104. (OCEANSIDE)

A View from the Top, folk and jazz music by singer/songwriter Randy Phillips, Peter Sprague, Bob Magnusson, Daniel Crawford, Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m., at Top of the Park (Park Manor Suites, 525 Spruce Street). \$15. 619-291-0999 x167. (HILLCREST)

Playing Two Guitars at One Time? Jimmy Patton speaks of this and on flamenco, Tim Laranc

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

ROAM- -RAMA

San Antonio Canyon, a yawning gap in the towering San Gabriel Mountains, serves as the main gateway to the third highest mountain mass in Southern California — Mount San Antonio, or Old Baldy. At 10,064 feet, Baldy's summit looms large over the eastern Los Angeles Basin and the Inland Empire communities of Riverside and San Bernardino.

At San Antonio Falls, high above the San Gabriel Valley but still well below Old Baldy's summit, San Antonio Canyon's fledgling stream shoots down a broken rock face, falling a total of about 100 feet in three tiers. With a drainage area of only a few hundred acres, the falls put on a decent show only after a rather big storm or when the snow above is melting at a rapid rate. This might be the case early this month, since the L.A. region received about 80 percent of its normal precipitation this past rain-year (San Diego received less than 50 percent)



San Antonio Falls

and much of that precipitation came relatively late. Three springs above the falls are likely to keep the water moving, at a greatly subdued level, into perhaps July or August.

To reach the starting point from the San Gabriel Valley community of Upland, exit Interstate 10 at either Euclid Avenue or Mountain Avenue, and proceed north to Mount Baldy Road. After several steep uphill miles, you'll through pass community of Mount Baldy. On the left is a national forest visitor center, where you can obtain a National Forest Adventure Pass required for parking on national forest lands ahead. Continue another four uphill miles, to a point just above Manker Flats Campground and just below the parking

area for the Mount Baldy ski lift. Plenty of roadside parking is available here. Follow on foot the gated, ski-lift maintenance road on the left (west), which is paved for the first 0.6 mile. That's just enough distance to reach a hairpin curve with a good glimpse of San Antonio Falls to the left.

From the curve, a short but slightly precarious trail contours to the base of the falls, where the plummeting water hits not a pool but a stream bed of broken rock and gravel. If you have small kids, watch them carefully on this trail and near the base of falls to ensure their safety.

For more exploring in the area, consider taking a ride on the Mount Baldy ski lift, open on weekends in the summer. The lift accoticipated last year. Visit www.run2top.com for more information.

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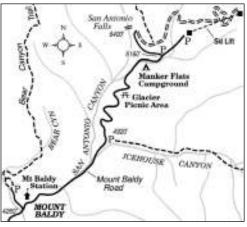
SAN ANTONIO FALLS

View San Antonio Falls at Mount Baldy, before summer's heat renders it dry

Distance from downtown San Diego: 130 miles Hiking length: 1.2 miles round trip Hiking difficulty: Easy

modates sightseers, hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. The village of Mount Baldy sponsors an annual "Mount Baldy Run to the Top" every Labor Day. The grueling foot race, which originates at the ski lift parking lot, involves eight miles of one-way travel and 4000 feet of elevation gain. More than 500 runners par-

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



Otay Lakes Road). Enjoy dance, Gilbert Castellanos Quintet

featuring Anthony Wilson performs for Jazz in the Park, Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Reading by Sylvia Levinson for Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-602-2012. Free. Open reading follows. (CARLSBAD)

Poetry Unlimited showcases Marisa Martin and her La Jolla Elementary School poetry students, along with music by Judd Handler, Jim Wakefield, Joanna, Wednesday, June 7, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD's Jazz Ensemble plays compositions by Steve Kuhn, Grant Green, Kenny Garrett,

Common, Joshua Redman, and others, Wednesday, June 7, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Brain Circuitry of Romantic Love is examined when Helen Fisher signs, discusses *Why We Love* and *The Anatomy of Love*, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Vintage Mystery! Susan Kandel discusses, signs *Shamus in the Green Room*, Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Outdoors San Diego" is theme for slideshow planned by Tom Leech and Jack Farnan, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Duo co-authored *Outdoors San Diego*. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Daughter of the Yellow River" signed, discussed by author Diana Lu, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

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

The Three Singing Harpists plan concert with early music, Celtic, Renaissance, folk, and Broadway tunes on Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., at St. Therese Church (6016 Camino Rico). Who are these harpists? Kathy Kavanaugh, Kathleen Harshorne, Kevin Kennedy. 760-473-7254. Offering. (MISSION HILLS)

A Mind with No Horizons, it's how John Steinbeck described marine biologist and conservationist Edward Ricketts. Editor Katharine A. Rodger discusses new book *Breaking Through: Essays, Journals, and Travelogues of Ed Ricketts* on Friday, June 16, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

June Jamboree Festival Horse Show, June 1–4, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171.

Region-One Arabian Horse Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds continues through Sunday, June 4, 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Free. 619-445-5520. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Padres are in Pittsburgh for games against Pirates, June 2–4, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday

of Taylor Guitars, and Tom Boyer on "Chet Atkins-Style Guitar" — San Diego Guitar Society meets for lecture and playing, Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). Meeting open to players of all levels, styles. Free. 619-280-9035.

Thriller Author Lee Child visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to discuss, sign *The Hard Way*, Sunday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Concerts in the Park, series features Tokeli and Jazz Ensemble, Sunday, June 4, 6 p.m., at Spreckels Park (600 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-437-0470. (CORONADO)

"Tales from the Far Side: My Life as a Freelance Writer" presented by local author Lonnie Burstein Hewitt, Sunday, June 4, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Hewitt is writer/producer of *Tales from the Far Side of Fifty*. Free. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"With a Song in My Heart," annual spring concert by Pacificaires and Cedar Center Choruses, Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m., 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). 858-274-0687. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Senior Showcase by students of Coronado School of the Arts, Monday, June 5, 7 p.m., in Mayan Hall at Southwestern College (900

musical theater, instrumental music. \$8 general. 619-522-8969. (CHULA VISTA)

117 West plans CD-release party during band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

Various Styles of Gospel Music as well as other forms of sacred music of 20th-Century African-American experience are promised when UCSD Gospel Choir performs on Tuesday, June 6, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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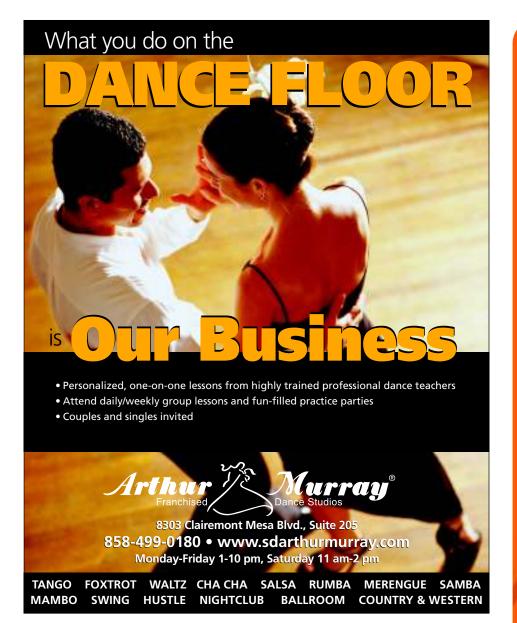
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and Saturday, 10:35 a.m. on Sunday. Road trip continues with match-ups against Milwaukee Brewers, June 5-8, at 5:05 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11:05 a.m. on Thursday. Tickets for future games: 877-374-2784.

Battle of the Badges charity boxing event, Saturday, June 3, 4-8 p.m., at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino (1932 Wildcat Canyon Road). Card boasts 12 bouts, with participants from many area law-enforcement organizations. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ten and younger. 619-474-2922. (LAKESIDE)

Scrum Time! North County Rugby Club hosts rugby camp, Saturday, June 3, at Cerro de las Posas Park (1387 West Borden Road). Three age divisions: youths 8-14, full-contact for high schoolers 15-19, full-contact for men older than 19. Fees: \$10 youths 8-14, \$25 full-contact. 760-747-5141 (SAN MARCOS)

Elite Tae Kwon Do Championships on Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre. 760-724-5659. (OCEANSIDE)

Return of the Rock and Roll Marathon! This year's event begins at Sixth Avenue and Palm Street on Sunday, June 4. Wheelchair division rolls at 6:25 a.m.; marathon starts at 6:30 a.m., finishing at MCRD in Point Loma, 858-450-6510. (BALBOA PARK, POINT LOMA)

OUT & ABOUT

HONG KONG SONGSTRESS

Frances Yip, Pala Casino Resort, Saturday, June 3.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Mystery Express Ride promised when Sierra Club bicyclists head out on Sunday, June 4. This 50-miler with moderate hills, brisk pace to Elfin Forest, Lake Hodges, starts at 8:30 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Del Mar Highlands Town Center (12835 El Camino Real). 858-509-8977. Free. (DEL MAR)

The San Diego Surf Dawgs open home season with football games against Yuma Scorpions, Monday-Wednesday, June 5-7, at 7:05 p.m. each night in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

SPECIAL

San Diego Brazil Summer Fest, Saturday, June 3, 9 p.m., at 'Canes (3105 Oceanfront Walk). Forròçacana performs inside; pre-World Cup celebration outside

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(10 p.m.). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, 619-224-4684. For those 21 and older. (MISSION BEACH)

Spectacular Specimens! San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show is June 3 and 4, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Exhibitors on hand to answer questions, plant sale, demonstrations. Show opens at 10 a.m. both mornings, closes at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

Kierkegaard's Either/Or is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m. 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Forum Art Walk benefiting Childhelp, Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., upstairs at the Forum (1905 Calle Barcelona). More than 25 local

artists exhibit work, food for sale. 760-436-2736. (LA COSTA)

City Heights International Village Celebration, Saturday, June 3, 1 a.m.-6 p.m., at corner of Fairmount Avenue and University. Entertainment on four stages, job fair, health fair, fun zone, arts and crafts, more. Free, 619-584-1535, (CITY HEIGHTS)

Fiesta del Sol, 27th annual installment of festival is Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, in and around Fletcher Cove (at west end of Lomas Santa Fe). Live music. arts and crafts, children's activities, food for sale, more. Free admission, 858-755-4775, (SOLANA BEACH)

La Mesa Flag Day Parade replete with marching bands, floats, antique cars — is Saturday, June 3. Parade begins at La Mesa Boulevard and University at 10 a.m., proceeds down La Mesa Boulevard to City Hall (on Allison Avenue). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Support Grassroots Art and Activist organizations during community fundraiser, Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m.-midnight, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Bands include Hijos de la Malinche, Batwings, Rabbits, Hostile Comb-Over. Donation: \$6-\$10. 619-230-1869 or 619-269-4693. (EAST VILLAGE)

"The Greatest Show on Turf," annual car show sponsored by San Diego Automotive Museum and Greater San Diego Car Club Council, Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Enjoy vintage cars, modified vehicles, motorcycles. Free for spectators. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

MozartFest, Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., on east side of Harbor Drive from Ash to Fir Streets. Main stage at County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Highway). "International Village" of food and merchandise vendors representing "specific countries," dance, lots of music, children's activities, puppet making, more. Free admission. 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

Novelty Dog Show, Saturday, June 3, at Tom C. Dyke Park (1000 Tavern Road). Classes include "least-trained dog," "best trick," "teeniest dog," many more. Registration at 8 a.m., competition at 9 a.m. Show proceeds sponsor assistance dogs for disabled. Spectators free; entry fee is \$6 per class, \$20 for four classes. 619-445-6201.

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday, June 3, noon-6 p.m., at Alexandra's Book-Store (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other



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"Art Around Adams," live music, dance, theater, and gallery exhibitions in variety of media promised along Adams Avenue (between Biona Drive and 30th Street), Saturday, June 3, 6 p.m. Mini-shuttles between participating venues. Free. 619-501-9910. (KENSINGTON, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The House of Denmark presents a program of Danish music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m. Danish foods offered for sale. 619-234-0739. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Cultural Bazaar, Buddhist lecture, *hondo* (altar) tour, martial arts and variety of cultural demonstrations, koto, taiko drumming, dance, ikebana, foods (for sale), games, and crafts for children — the party is Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m.—5 p.m., at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). Free. 619-239-0896. (GRANT HILL)

"Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming" provide theme for scholarled, theme-based discussions exploring contemporary and classic Jewish literature. Examine *Kaaterskill Falls* by Allegra Goodman, Sunday, June 4, 1–3 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Free. Registration: 858-694-2484 (SDSII)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m.—2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Everything Photographic — from vintage to modern equipment — on offer during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m.—3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4. 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Sunset Labyrinth Workshop planned Sunday, June 4, 4–6 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys

Creek Road). Learn history of walk, how to "get the most out of your walk." \$25 fee includes bottle of lavender oil. Required reservations: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

Yoga All Over! Hatha yoga classes led by Sylvia Castelluzzo every Sunday, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Castelluzzo also leads classes on Sundays, 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.

National Hunger Awareness Day Empty Bowls Luncheon is Tuesday, June 6, 11:30 a.m., at San Diego Food Bank (9850 Distribution Avenue). Light meal includes "souvenir ceramic bowl" created by students from three area schools. \$25. Reservations: 866-350-3663. (MIRAMAR)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Sohya Ayako
Stott and assistants present
demonstrations, Tuesday, June 6,
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Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission.
619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Drum Circle led by Frank Lazzaro for all levels, Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m., at 101 Artists Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). Donation: \$4, 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

What Is a "Liberal Education" — and Is It Important? Discuss on Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University

Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

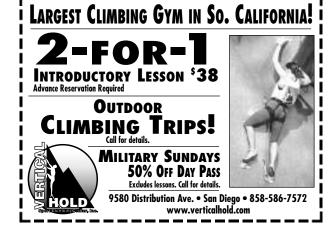
Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through June. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5800 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

"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

"Comical, Magical Ventriloquism" presented by Lynn Trimble through Sunday, June 4, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy *The Country Mouse and the City Mouse* and *The Monkey and the Crocodile* when Puppet Express takes stage June 7–11.

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:









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Reading

Red Weather



Pauls Toutong

By Pauls Toutonghi Shaye Areheart Books, 2006, \$23, 246 pages

Yuri Balodis, the hero of *Red Weather*, is an exile from a country he's never seen. He's never been there, yet it dominates much of his life. He is a nativeborn American, the only child of immigrants who have immersed him in memories of another culture. The recollections are partly his mother's, but especially his father's. Both defected during the Brezhnev era from the Soviet-dominated Baltic republic of Latvia. Their angst and

anguish inform his young life, their fears direct his politics, and their history haunts his future. In a way, they are living on different planes.

His mother never wants to go back. She can't abide the tragedies that befell her there. His father, meanwhile, cannot wrest himself away from his constant longing for the life they lost by leaving. Not that he had much choice. Having insulted the reigning powers, he was impris-

oned there and tortured. He and his wife flee years later, risking all in an escape by sea. Yet his every moment is taken up with remembering and lamenting the loss of their former lives, their old world. He is resigned but not reconciled.

Milwaukee is where they've settled, and where their American son is attempting to deal with his heritage. Ironically, neither parent wants their son to speak their language, and he's never been taught it.

Red Weather is spirited and heartfelt, a story of emigration's challenges to identity. It is deceptively insightful, subtle, and funny.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"A lightning rod of captivating humor, colorful characters and well-crafted prose." — Seattle Times

"Toutonghi's unflinching

and hilarious account summons all the tormented urgency of one's high-school years, when everything feels so fraught with meaning because it actually is...Toutonghi, himself a first-generation American, renders the family's Soviet-inflected speech and mannerisms with wit and sensitivity." — Time Out

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Pauls Toutonghi is a first-generation American. He is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and a Fulbright grant, and he is the winner of the first annual Zoetrope: All-Story Short Fiction Contest. His work has appeared in Sports Illustrated, Zoetrope, One Story, and the Boston Review.

A CONVERSATION WITH PAULS TOUTONGHI:

I meet author Pauls Toutonghi at a quiet Middle Eastern cafe in

Brooklyn, with a serene back garden. Unfortunately, we don't stay, and wind up in a sidewalk Mexican restaurant at a very noisy intersection. The screeches and sirens of the big city will interrupt our conversation constantly.

I shout at Pauls: "Your hero, Yuri, narrates the novel and says at one point, 'So much of my life with my parents had been solitary. We were a small kernel of Latvians, buried deep within the folds and seams of the broader American culture.' Does he speak for you in that instance?"

"Oh absolutely."

"You grew up in Seattle, in a Latvian community?"

"Yeah. My mother is Latvian; my father, Lebanese. I actually spoke Latvian before I spoke English."

"It was your first language? Did your mother speak it to you when you were little?"

"Yes, although when she scolded me for anything she'd do it in English. She didn't want me to develop any negative connotation with the Latvian language. So she would talk Latvian with me exclusively, and of course I spent a lot of time with her when I was small, and I started speaking it with her."

"When you went to regular public school, did you speak English?"

"Yes, I spoke English by that point. I spoke English pretty soon after I learned Latvian from my mom."

"Were you an only child?"
"I have two half-brothers and two half-sisters."

"How large was the Latvian community in Seattle?"

"I would say about 400 people. My grandfather was fairly prominent and very active in the

"Like many immigrant parents, they don't want their child tainted by their history. They want him to only look to the future."

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Stories Inspired by Paintings at Timken Museum of Art told by Harlynne Geisler, Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For those five and older. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

Folk Life Day — this "celebration of the creativity of different peoples of Africa" is Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Multiple art-making activities, traditional African performances, demonstrations. Free. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

"Strange New Family Day!" Artist Gerardo Yépiz presents "spectacular activity" for family day events, Sunday, June 4, 2–5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (86 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

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

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.

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 Sunday, June 18. Singer uses fashion dating back to the 1770s to explore "woman as a subject of constraint."

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum,

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

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in

Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110

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community. He founded the Latvian summer camp. So I was always expected to partake. I attended Latvian school on Saturdays for 14 years, learning grammar, customs, history, and I developed a real love of the language and culture. My grandfather was a significant presence in the community, and they were accepting of me as Latvian. But there was always this tension. Most of the kids I went to school with had two Latvian parents. I felt that I was a little bit foreign because my dad wasn't Latvian and I didn't have a Latvian name. I mean, I felt like an outsider, having this last name that wasn't translatable, like Berzins (Birch) or Ozols (Oak).

"How do you pronounce it?"

"'Too tong geey.' It's Turkish.

"Great sound to it." A string of trucks grinds past.

'Yeah, I like it. I think it's distinctive.'

"How did the Latvian emigres deal with your having a non-Latvian parent?"

"Hmm. Well, you know,

they are not the most ... ethnically accepting" - his voice rises, as if posing a question – "group."

"Really?" I tease. He laughs. "How did your mom's family react to her marrying a non-Latvian?" I ask.

"Not well initially. But they adjusted."

"I take it there weren't any Democrats among the Seattle Latvians.

"Oh, no. My mother was one of the few. She's no longer, but she was one of the only ones back then. She's become more conservative as the years have gone on, but she was one of maybe four or five Democrats. It was and is an extremely conservative group. In part it was because there was this real hatred of FDR for signing over - relinquishing - Latvia to Stalin at Yalta. And they [the Latvians] associated Democrats with that. They wanted politicians who would stand up to the Soviet Union, like Eisenhower and Reagan.'

"Your narrator and hero is the opposite of you...or you inside out.

'Yes. My hero, Yuri, feels kind of like an outsider in American society because of his cultural background."

'Unlike you, he doesn't speak Latvian. His mother and father don't want him to speak Latvian. Like many immigrant parents, they don't want their child tainted by their history. They want him to only look to the future. His mother, in fact, never wants to go back. Her experiences in her native country were too horrible. But Yuri's father is obsessed with their homeland. He's working as a janitor [at a car dealership] and has become an alcoholic, but quite a romantic one, and he is always talking about the past and what they left behind. He absolutely envelops Yuri with his longing. He says early on, 'America wants to make you into a pudding.' What does he mean?'

"That American culture wants to streamline and eliminate difference. I think I was always conscious that there was this pressure to lose your identity, to lose your language, to lose your customs. I saw that a lot, and

it was something I always thought sad. So I put it in the father's speech. Also he's a character who's prone to saying things. He drinks. He's volatile. He was a songwriter and singer, and a poet too. Anyway, the father is beaten down by the circumstances of his life and the fact that he wanted to be an artist, and now he's a janitor. He really had this passion for Latvian culture and song, and loved Latvian poetry and American country-and-western music. He wanted to be free to sing whatever songs he wanted. And when he tried to do that, he was brutally silenced – charged with 'anti Soviet agitation' and found to be a 'socially dangerous element.' For which he was imprisoned and tortured, his hand mangled."

I think about this a moment, then ask, "How did you feel about the American romance with communism when you were growing up, when you were in school? Were you surprised by the American left?'

"Oh, I was very surprised. I was raised to just hate communism. I was indoctrinated from

"When I was a kid, I had a T-shirt that said, 'Nyet, Nyet, Soviet!', and it had a hammer and sickle and a list of all the countries they'd seized."

the time I was a child, so it was difficult to figure out and later realize that, hey, some of these socialist ideas were interesting. Maybe there was something to them. When I was a kid, I had a T-shirt that said, 'Nyet, Nyet, Soviet!' and it had a hammer and sickle and a list of all the countries they'd seized, crossed out on the front, and all the countries they'd invaded, on the back. I grew up in an environment of intense propaganda against socialism and communism. It was weird to realize I actually liked some of their ideas and believed that

nationalism didn't have to be exclusionary, full of hatred, or unwilling to accept other ethnic groups.

'You have your hero fall in love with a socialist classmate who's handing out the Daily Worker, and her father is a radical professor."

'Right," Pauls Toutonghi laughs, "which I had so much fun with. I was teaching at the University of Vermont, and the Socialist Worker people were out in front of the library on the steps, handing out this newspaper. So

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Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776.

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

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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



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I'd have these wonderfully absurd conversations with them, where they would talk about the global industrial hegemony and the need for working classes to unite in all forms of struggle against oppression. I thought how interesting it would be if Yuri's girlfriend's father was a socialist, and she too. There I had my conflict between the hero and his

family.'

"Visitors from Latvia come to stay with Yuri's family, including a cousin his age: Eriks. Your hero envies his Latvian cousin his worldliness and wishes he had grown up oppressed."

Pauls Toutonghi nods. "When I went to Latvian summer camp, they brought over kids from Latvia. And I was very much envious of a sort of sophistication they had and my American friends didn't. It seemed very real to me; the Latvian kids had had tough lives. I was always conscious, from the time I was a kid, of being very lucky and being extremely privileged, of having this very comfortable middle-class upbringing. Part of that was due to Latvian Saturday school, where it was drummed into me repeatedly about the struggles of Latvian people under communism, and how they were forbidden to speak Latvian over there, how many were deported to labor camps, executed. It was a very bloody past. I was conscious of how good I had it. So when I there, I was somewhat envious of this sense of their having seen a lot."

"Yet, of course, the visiting cousin is wonderfully naive too,' I point out. "You have a terrific scene between them as they discuss a microwave oven. How can it cook so rapidly?' the visiting cousin asks. How does it work?' 'It's a microwave,' Yuri says, faking an answer. 'It cooks the food with micros.' Then he thinks: 'Who knew how a microwave worked, anyway? This wasn't necessary information for living a contemporary American life. You just punched in the numbers and the food cooked."

"I'm glad you liked that so much. Shaye Areheart, my editor, will be delighted. She had a lot to do with that scene."

"For Yuri's big date, he does something very American. He takes his girlfriend for a joyride in a stolen car."

"Yes, that was somewhat autobiographical. Not the stolen part but, when I was in high school, I was driving very late one night and decided to take my girl to Canada. Vancouver

wasn't very far, and we were driving down the road and making out, and we drove off the side of the road into the concrete barrier, blew out the tires, ripped up the fender. I had to drive back at 40 mph with the hazards on. That memory remains sort of fresh."

"When Cousin Eriks suggests that the Latvian flag might fly again, that the country might win its independence, the father just dismisses this. He can't believe it's possible. Was that your family's feeling as well?"

Oh, yes. I was 15 when the USSR started to break apart. I remember when the television station in the Latvian capital was besieged, there were still Latvians here saying the Soviet Union will never fall. That was a terribly familiar sense of fatalism – the atmosphere in which I grew up. I think Latvians are the most fatalistic people on earth. A friend, who is an investment banker now, came to the US and lived with my family. You ask him, 'How are you doing?' And, if you're lucky, he'll say, 'Oh, normal.' Never, 'Great!' Hon"I think Latvians are the most fatalistic people on earth."

estly, I feel like we are the most gloomy, superstitious, nihilistic folks in the world. If something good is happening, we do not want to talk about it, so that it will continue. Anyway, I cried when Latvia was free again. It was a very emotional thing for me as a teenager."

"You made three trips to Latvia. The first time, how did you feel about this homeland you'd never seen?"

"It was so mind-blowing. We were mostly in Riga. We tried to find relatives. We didn't have much family left. They'd mostly died or were deported in the '40s. Riga, that first time, was still very Russian. And still is. Over half the population there is Russian, something on the order of 60 percent. But still, it was amazing to hear Latvian being spo-

ken everywhere. That was just tremendous and fascinating for me. The difference visible each trip was enormous. Especially in Old Riga, the medieval center of the capital, where they revitalized everything, restored all the old buildings. There's great concern for restoring the beauty of the city. When I went back with my girlfriend, I was in my 20s, and I actually saw more of the nightlife and the seedier side of the city. We explored the medieval center, too, and the outer ring of deco architecture."

"Your girlfriend was American?"

"Yes."

"How did she like it?"
"She loved it."

– Juris Jurjevics

"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

met somebody my age from

Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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 Sunday, February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, 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 Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pa-

cific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Col-

orado House, at 2733 San Diego

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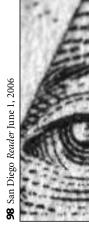
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"I'd like to know if you are elegant, distinguished, or disheveled."

ike most great artists, Goya possessed a methodical, headlong curiosity about the means and techniques of making art. He was born Francesco José de Goya y Lucientes in a village in Aragon in 1746, and after receiving

some early training in Saragossa and spending a year in Italy to study Renaissance masters, he launched his career as a tapestry designer in Madrid. Tapestries in

Spain were considered fine art and were much in demand as an indicator of wealth and status. Designers provided cartoons, broadly painted scenes that weavers used as models. Goya's cartoons, mostly history and genre scenes, already prefigured the immediacy and physicality of his later work. Even in his youth, he loved to depict figures roughhousing, flirting, fidgeting, and carousing. Much later, after a long career as a court painter, who along the way created a scabrous visual archive of Spain's superstitions, cruelties, and historical atrocities, Goya ended his career in self-imposed exile in Bordeaux, where he lived from 1824 till his death in 1828.

Even near the end of his life, he was still experimenting with materials. At the age of 80, stone deaf from an illness when he was 40 and only recently recovered from a near-fatal illness in 1819, Goya experimented with painting on small, palmpilot–sized ivory tablets. It was the highest form of play: he blackened the ivory, dropped water randomly to splotch the black, then pushed around

water color until it began to suggest a form — a Biblical scene, a nude, a child — that he then shaped into a completed image. The ivories quiver with the velocity of their making. Goya certainly could conform to the conventions of late–18th-

century painting when the occasion required, but he never gave up challenging standards and assumptions. In 1792, he announced to the Royal Academy in

Madrid, "There are no rules in painting." In Bordeaux, a frail but energetic man approaching the end of his life, he made a drawing of a haggard, white-haired ancient gimping along with two walking sticks that he titled *Aun aprendo*—"I Am Still Learning."

During the triumphant mature years in Madrid, Goya earned his reputation, and his bread, not with his gaunt, ferocious etchings (like the grisly Disasters of War and the bitterly obscene Caprichos) or his uncanny paintings of beggars, witches, majas, and lunatics, but with portraits. He was appointed first painter to King Carlos IV in 1789, when his portraits were already being praised in the press, and worked at court till the end of Carlos's reign in 1808. His official duties included portraits of the royal family, dignitaries, clerics, intellectuals, and the ruling elite, as well as friends and acquaintances. Eleven choice specimens of Goya's artistry are on display in the lightning-in-a-bottle exhibition Goya's Portraits, a sampling of works from 1790 to 1815

currently at the San Diego Museum of Art. It's a small show but a major event.

Goya's portraits, before anything else, scan the social and political hierarchies of his time, but the best of them are inquiries into the inner life of his subjects. Any portraitist of his day was expected to produce a satisfying likeness (including physical oddities) and establish the subject's office or profession, or in the case of women, social class and manner. He was also expected to capture something of the sitter's "nature." Goya, like his great Spanish predecessor (and court painter) Diego Velázquez, used the occasion of portraiture to express his own style of attentiveness and temperature of emotional response. His 1794 rendering of Félix Colón de Larriátegui situates the subject appropriately in a matrix of work and authority. Larriátegui served as Lieutenant General of the Royal Infantry Guard, and his physical carriage establishes the dignity and distinction of his rank. Here's a man momentarily distracted from assiduous work, quill in hand, surrounded by books and documents, who looks fatigued by dutiful public service. Gova beautifully concentrates Lar-



Doña Amalia Bonells de Costa, c. 1805

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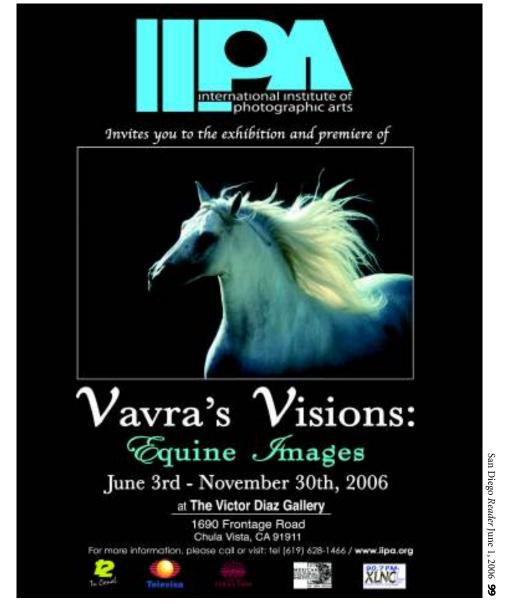
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riátegui's intelligence in his shadowed, pouchy eyes, and the long, horsy face, with its aristocratic nose — its bridge starts way above the brow line — practically sags with weariness induced by decisionmaking.

Less formal, and much less reserved, is the portrait of Doña Amalia Bonells de Costa, wife of Goya's doctor, who saved the artist's life when he was mortally ill in 1819. (Goya later made a stunning double portrait, not included in this show, of Doctor de Costa ministering to him.) She meets Goya's scrutinizing gaze frankly, with a welcoming disposition, her torso slightly turned and pushed forward, as if prompting our response. The light in her eyes bespeaks a springy courage in opening herself to the painter and reciprocating his attention instead of resisting or shying from it. Goya loved black, and by the time he painted this picture in 1813, he was exulting in the loose, whippy handling of his old age. There's a thrilling, deft flashiness in the long black tracks of Doña Amalia's skirt and the lacey short brushstrokes of the mantilla draping her shoulders. The final explosive touch is a swift emerald green that trims her dress and streaks down and across her arm.

The woman in Young Lady Wearing a Mantilla and Basquiña (a basquiña is a shortsleeved overdress) folds ambiguous sensual hints into a countenance more complicated than Doña Amalia's. The subject, still unidentified, clutches gloves and fan and bunches together her mantilla in a vaguely coquettish pose. Rosy-cheeked and vibrant, she's flirtatious but demure, her come-hither expression cooled by self-possession. Goya's es-



Young Lady Wearing a Mantilla and Basquiña, 1800

teem for his subjects takes a slightly different form in his picture of Pedro Romero, the greatest matador of his time. Goya was an aficionado, and the corrida was one of his recurrent subjects. (His Tauromaquia, a series of etchings, is an exhilarating treatment of blood sport.) To judge by Goya's rendering, Pedro Romero may have been the most handsome man of his time; he's a kind of answering male image to the sensual beauty of that young lady. Gova's admiration of Romero and of his achievements in the ring is worked out in softly orchestrated rouges and satiny grays. All our attention is pulled toward the matador's caressingly illuminated hand, which is at once delicate and forceful. This consummately relaxed individual is completely at home

to its adulation.

In a 1787 letter to his good friend Martín Zapater, Goya playfully laid out his preoccupation, as artist and man, with the changefulness of the human form: "I'd like to know if you are elegant, distinguished, or disheveled, if you've grown a beard and have all your teeth, if your nose has grown, if you wear glasses, walk with a stoop, if you've gone gray, if time has gone by for you as quickly as it has for me." The portrait Goya made of Zapater a few years later, the most unforgettable of those in the current exhibition. is an essay in friendship. The warm candor with which the painter's gaze meets the sitter's presence is registered in the crush of bright light on Zapater's brow. The buttery textures of his silk waistcoat and velvet jacket exemplify the subtle inflections of tone and



Portrait of the Matador Pedro Romero, c. 1795–98

highlighting that Goya had learned from Velázquez. Zapater isn't "posing" for the painter, he's merely presenting himself, as if about to engage his friend, the artist, in conversation, an engagement reciprocated by the artist's hand. Painting at the height of his powers, Goya pitches his considerable energy and restlessness into an image of love's companionable serenity and

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GALLERIES

"Preposterous Parade," exhibition of new work and installation by Mike Maxwell and Brian Dombrowsky opens with reception on Friday, June 2, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Through June. 619-235-6922. (DOWNTOWN)

"From the Ashes," exhibit on religious icons opens with reception on Friday, June 2, 6 p.m., at Brokers Building Gallery (third floor at 402 Market Street). Through Sunday, June 11. 619-702-7431. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Splash," juried awards show of 90 watermedia paintings is on exhibit through June at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror was Beverly Franklin. Also on exhibit are entries from 2006 Children's Water Conservation Poster Contest. Meet artists during reception on Friday, June 2, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Paintings by Pascale Hayem and Lois "Madeline" Nicholls are on view through Thursday, June 15, in Southwestern Artists' Association's Gallery 23 at Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Reception for artists: Saturday, June 3, 4 p.m. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"Old House Interiors" show-cased through Saturday, August 19, at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Exhibit includes paintings, pottery, lighting tiles, furniture. Opening reception: Saturday, June 3, 5 p.m. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Equine Visions" by horse photographer Robert Vavra showcased during inaugural exhibit at Víctor Díaz Gallery (1690 Frontage Road). Exhibit opens with reception, Saturday, June 3, 5 p.m. 619-628-1466. Through November. (CHULA VISTA)

Spring Fine Art Show at Banner Queen Gallery (36766 Highway 78) opens with reception for artists on Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m. Closes on Sunday, July 2. 760-765-2168, 760-765-0815. (JULIAN)

"Pure Painting," more than two dozen recent works by "12 of the most accomplished painters living in the San Diego area" opens with reception for artists, Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Paintings are in variety of styles. 858-581-9934. Through Sunday, July 23. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Illumination," exhibit of sculpture, painting, and photography on view through Sunday, June 11, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception for artists: Sunday, June 4, 5 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

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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 "Judit Hersko: Shifting Baselines." Hersko explores transformation of matter by experimenting with dissolution of sculptures made of calcium carbonate.

Both exhibits close on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers" showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

Concurrently, enjoy retrospective exhibition of pottery by Martha Longenecker, a designer craftsperson, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

Explore "¡Carnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 3. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

"Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents" may be seen through March 2007. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included.

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, La Jolla, "Strange New World: Art and De-

"Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana" 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: Pioneering Women in Photojournal-

ism" 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, 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)

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.

"Winslow Homer — American Illustrator," opening Saturday, June 3, boasts 55 wood engravings celebrating the master artist's ability to capture essence of the American experience during second half of 19th Century. Closes Sunday, September 3.

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 Briggle. 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 pre-

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Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Critical Masses: Choral Music of the Metropolis," program of selections by Philip Glass, Meredith Monk, and Lisa Bielawa, Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Also on tap: pieces by undergraduate composition seminar. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 24 in C Minor" may be heard when 40-member New City Sinfonia performs, Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Pianist Ilana Mysior is featured artist; three winners of Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition will also perform. Program includes pieces by Carl Maria von Weber, Kenneth Alford. Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter in recital, Friday, June 2, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"From Refinement to Decadence," Allison Guest Edberg (baroque violin, viola) and Elisabeth Wright (harpsichord) play French and Italian sonatas, works for harpsichord, and a Bach violin sonata, Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Classical Guitar Music from baroque period to present on tap when Michael Fenick performs Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2006, annual musical series continues when pianist Jeffrey Siegel presents "Keyboard Conversations." "Virtuoso Variations" presented Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m.; "Mozart and Friends" on June 4, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute; and "Mozart and Gershwin" on Monday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Lyceum Theatre.

Andrés Cardenes (viola, violin) and Anton Nel (piano) perform pieces by Mozart, Brahms, Lutoslawski, and Beethoven, Wednesday, June 7, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$42.

Details, reservations: 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

San Diego Youth Symphony convenes for concerts on Sunday, June 4. "Showcase Series" begins at 1 p.m. with selections by Rimsky-Korsakov, Saint-Saëns, German, Shostakovich, Mussorgsky, Kalinnikov.

Listen for selections by Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, and Gershwin when symphony presents "Ovation Series" concert at 4 p.m.

Tickets to these Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) concerts are \$14, \$19 for students/seniors; \$19, \$24 general. 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ and Trumpet Concert by George Butterfield (organ) and Carl Eitzen (trumpet), Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m., St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 619-276-5300 or 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

UCSD Faculty Guitarist Colin McAllister plays pieces by Bach, Brouwer, Chilese, Corelli, and Kowalczyk, Sunday, June 4, 6 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart Comes to Spreckels, soprano Kathleen Halm joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Olde School: Medieval, Elizabethan, and Traditional Songs from England and Scotland" promised when La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m., at St. Andrews by-the-Sea (1050 Thomas Avenue). Offering. 858-459-2019. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Salut Printemps" when Pacific Women's Chorus performs pieces by Mozart, Debussy, Bartók, and others on Sunday, June 4, 3 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Free. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Stringed Serenades promised when "accomplished and awardwinning students" perform Sunday, June 4, 5 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$20 tickets benefit Quail, Carlsbad Strings Education Association. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Lunchtime at the Lyceum, Jeffrey Siegel presents "Mozart and Beethoven Keyboard Conversation" for this Mainly Mozart concert series, Monday, June 5. La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs Thursday, June 8. Concerts begin at noon at Lyceum Stage at Horton Plaza. Free. 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

Standard Classical and Romantic Music for intimate ensembles performed by chamber ensemble students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy, Monday, June 5, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Three Singing Harpists plan concert with early music, Celtic, Renaissance, folk, and Broadway tunes on Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., at St. Therese Church (6016 Camino Rico). Who are these harpists? Kathy Kavanaugh, Kathleen Harshorne, Kevin Kennedy. 760-473-7254. Offering. (MISSION HILLS)

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Sweaty Rod Steiger

"The portents of freedom filled the air throughout the postwar period."

REVIEW

nyone who has seen David Lean's *Dr. Zhivago* can't look at rustling leaves or sparkling icicles without recalling the movie. These natural images have a "butterfly effect." Small details conjure entire scenes: Yuri

blowing warm air on fingerless gloves as he writes the Lara poems in that frozen house; sweaty Rod Steiger, so corrupt he could incite a revolution by himself, lust-

ing for Lara in that red dress; Strelnikov's scar as he speeds by on a train. But most of all they, and Boris Pasternak's epic 1955 novel, conjure up Mother Russia in Cinemascope: thick forests; the snowbound sweep of the German front; the giant, bulging Urals; emptiness.

The La Jolla Playhouse opened its new season with a world-premiere musical version of the novel. While much of the story takes place outdoors, the musical feels cramped, truncated, almost like trailers of *Dr. Zhivago* performed on a sound stage.

Heidi Ettinger's set creates more problems than it solves. Metallic girders dominate the look. In our era of minimalist designs and nonrepresentational space, audiences have learned to imagine absent details. But no matter where the story goes, from Alexander Gromeko's New Year's Eve party to far Varykino, the girders never move. The set always looks like a high-rise under construction — behind which, on scrims and flats, lurk mountains and field hospitals and photos

from the period always upstaged by cold, urban metal.

Director Des McAnuff can keep a stage alive like few others. The opening-night performance combined technical wizardry with crisp physical

movement and strong singing voices (it's easy to take this director's skills for granted, but we shouldn't; he crafted an extraordinarily polished opening-night

performance). Other than an overhead walkway and centerstage area, however, the set provides few viable playing spaces for the 25-person cast, which again and again clusters toward the center.

The story feels even more cramped. If you count the poems at the end, the novel's 559 pages long. The first 15 minutes of Michael Weller's book speed-reads about 150 pages of the novel. Yuri will marry Tonya. Lara tries to shoot Komarovsky. Years blur. Lara isn't a virgin bride (which drives the allegedly radical Pasha Antipov plum nuts). The revolution begins.

That's about ten pages a minute. And only rarely does the pace slacken. After a while, you begin to wonder: just who *are* these people? Lara Guishar (daughter of a Russianized, widowed Frenchwoman) has some spunk and works hard as a nurse and librarian. Although Jessica Burrows tries to suggest depths, especially in her daring soprano arias, Lara's little more than a blonde object of male desire. Through an astonishing series of small-world coincidences, made even more so by



Iessica Burrows, Ivan Hernandez in Zhivago

Zhivago, book by Michael Weller, music by Lucy Simon, lyrics by Michael Korie and Amy Powers **Mandell Weiss Theatre**, La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive

Directed by Des McAnuff; cast: Jessica Burrows, Ivan Hernandez, Matt Bogart, Dominic Bogart, Sandy Campbell, Edward Conery, Ryan Drummond, Mark Emerson, David Carey Foster, Jason Heil, Tom Hewitt, Melissa Hoff, Mackenzie Holmes, Christopher Kale Jones, Rebecca Kaasa, Melina Kalomas, David McDonald, Spencer Moses, Eduardo Placer, Graham Rowat, Maureen Silliman, Tina Stafford, Rena Strober, Nick Ullett, Bibi Valderama, Melissa van der Schyff; scenic design, Heidi Ettinger; costumes, David C. Woolard; lighting, Howell Brinkley; sound, Steve Canyon Kennedy

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the abridged book, she always shows up at the right place at exactly the right time.

Yuri swears he has no ideology (which is also an ideology). He's a compassionate poet, torn and frayed by romance versus family duty, revolution versus aristo tradition, assertion versus acquiescence. As written, however (and except for the songs Ivan Hernandez sings majestically), Yuri often comes off as a shallow romantic lead in a melodrama.

Mustache-twisting dialogue also makes for melodrama, as do the musical's deliberate usversus-them oppositions. The novel concludes pre-Stalin: "The portents of freedom filled the air throughout the postwar period." The movie has Yuri's half-bother, Evgraf Andreievich, narrate. In a performance dripping with wry ironies, Alec Guinness leavens goods and evils. Evgraf doesn't appear in the musical. Without him, the story collapses into a facile hero-versus-terrorists split. Joe McCarthy would approve this message.

Matt Bogart fans these flames as Strelnikov. He cavorts with overcooked, Mephistophelean menace — and makes up with his pistol, on political prisoners, for what he lacked on his wedding night. (Bogart was James Joyce in the paltry *Himself and Nora* at the Globe last year; combine that with Strelnikov and San Diego owes this excellent performer a starring role!) Bogart's most devious

moment, for lovers of art at least, comes when he crumples one of Yuri's poems and flings it across the room. Given the slant of the musical, that wad of paper may be the only thing that ultimately matters.

The production goes for big effects: a railroad flatcar turns around before our eyes; two fires burn and snuff out like magic; a gratuitous drop shows Lara's naked backside. And David C. Wollard designed so many appropriate period costumes, the playhouse shop called in volunteers from Palomar College to help the stitching.

The musical's book sprints along like a *Cliff Notes* version of the novel. But Lucy Simon's melodic, Russian-tinted music both charms and multitasks. When *Zhivago* breaks into song we get pages of needed backstory. Plus, characters reveal rich inner lives so different from their nonsinging selves you wonder if they're the same person.

Some songs use a butterfly effect. For their wedding, Pasha and Lara receive a book of Russian palaces. In a sweeping production number, this odd gift for revolutionaries becomes a "godsend"-talisman of all that they reject. Also, when a wounded soldier dies, Yuri and Lara sing a letter he wrote to his beloved. The sentiments burst into "Now," in which they declare submerged feelings for each other. The song, which vies with the movie's "Somewhere My Love" for

memorability, weaves through the rest of *Zhivago* like a river.

The score is the star. It's such quality work it doesn't need the sales pitch the production gives it. Every song, it seems, gets sung at full summer blockbuster volume. After a while, this intense presentation creates a sameness of attack. Levels get lost. And when a real show-stopper like "Now" comes along, the combination of a panic-paced text and oversold music makes it just another ambulance wailing toward the E.R. \blacksquare

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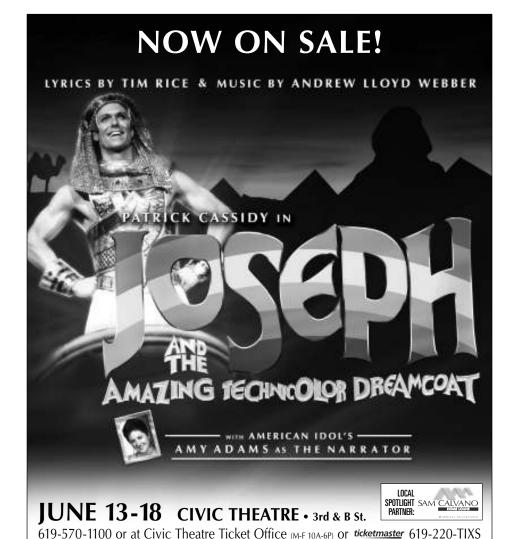
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Called "the point man with the chainsaw" and "the arch-fiend of spin," Lee Atwater didn't invent dirty tricks and argumentum ad hominem personal attacks on politicos; he just used them more indiscriminately than anyone else this side of Karl Rove. Cygnet Theatre concludes its third impressive season with Robert Myers' 90-minute take on the hyperactive hatchetman. The play suffers from a linear, biographical approach (some periods, like managing the 1988 Bush campaign, being more interesting than others; and the play assumes the audience knows about Atwater already). The production wrestles with the play's rhythms, as mercurial as their subject, all evening long. Atwater was ten kinds of moral swine, but Jeffrey Jones's performance amazes. Bouncing with nervous ticks and twitches, flashing world-sized smiles, Jones's Atwater is always on. Always gaming. He suggests sides to the character better than the script, and vulnerability, and, using cutouts of political figures (George Bush, Dan Quayle, etc.), often functions as a standup comic. This is living spin. And you never know when, if ever, he's being honest, even in the end when he has a brain tumor and renounces his evil ways.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH JUNE 18: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.



The Diary of Anne Frank

MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M

The Blue Room

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Gin & Hamlet Productions stages David Hare's adaptation ("ten intimate acts") of Schnitzler's La

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, 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 BROAD-WAY, VISTA, THROUGH JUNE 4; SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-805-7905

Crave

By the end of Sarah Kane's 50-minute piece, the four tormented speakers on a collisioncourse with suicide may have found release. Sometimes they hear each other; other times, not. A topic generates clusters of reactions, violent, hurt, spiteful, like caustic sibling rivalries. Imagine a group therapy session in which negatives accumulate value. This

the mind of a single person who really needs to leave. Lynx Performance 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 the session. Pinspotted from above, their bodies facing each other on diagonals, the four 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 next to an audience and assert speeches and parts of words, 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." Worth a try.

session, however, takes place in

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE. 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, SORRENTO VAL-LEY. 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 SATUR-DAY 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 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 THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

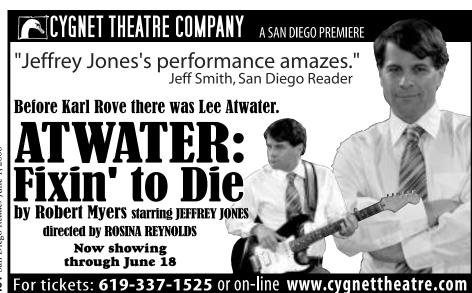






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Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

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 AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH JUNE 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-422-7787

Joey and Maria's Comedy **Italian Wedding**

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,' as Joey and Maria tie the knot. LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES. NORTH PARK, OPEN-ENDED RUN, FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

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, THROUGH JUNE 21: FOR ARTISTS AND EVENTS. CALL 619-544-1000.

Little Mary Sunshine Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Rick Besoyan's musical comedy about life in the 1900s, in which the hero is brave, the villain base, and Little Mary Sunshine exudes virtue. Raylene J. Wall directed.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT UNI-VERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, THROUGH JUNE 17; FRIDAY AND SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," " speare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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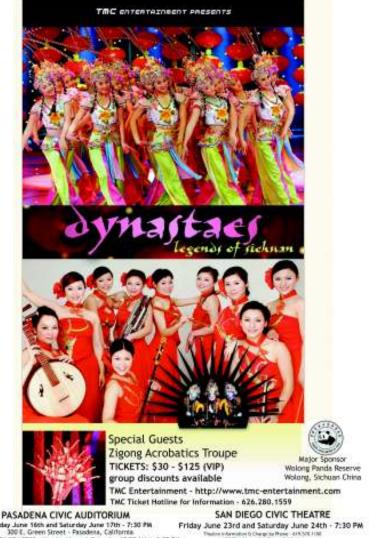
North Coast Repertory Theatre stages the California premiere of Douglas J. Cohen's musical, based on William Golding's novel and film. Rick Simas directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055

1001 Reds

The Real Theater hosts performance artist Tim Miller in a "journey through the beds and hotels of life on the road."

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Pulp!

"I'm a lesbian, plain and simple," says Terry Logan, "I don't make any bones about it." A former Woman's Army Corps pilot, Terry's roaming around Chicago, in the sultry summer of '56. She talks like a pulp gumshoe. And although Cupid has yet to penetrate her steely veneer, at the Well, a cabaret for women "of a certain ilk," Terry, Winny, Eva, Pepper, and Viv — yep, even the "Ice Princess" herself — will plummet into love. Patricia Kane based her play with music to "celebrate" the lesbian pulp novels of the 1950s. As genres go, a celebration's awfully vague, and there are times during the Moxie/Diversionary staging when the writing feels flimsy, as if trying not to do something rather than assert its own case. Pulp has more in common with Cheers than Women Behind Bars. One could wish the songs, performed unevenly by the employees as "drag kings," were more kicked up. The



The Violet Hour

fun happens when the cast adopts B-movie talk and if-you-get-mydrift asides. Like iets over

Starlight Bowl, key words trigger freeze-frame reaction-poses Thanks to costume designer Shulamit Nelson and makeup artist Missy Bradstreet, Jennifer Eve Thorn looks a lot like Marilyn

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The Real Thing South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Tom Stoppard's hall of mirrors examination of love's mysteries. Martin Benson directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TRE DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JUNE 25: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

Monroe circa 1956; Eve Kellgren

resembles her character's name-

on Audie Murphy accent; versa-

tile Jessica John's Ava Gardner;

and Terri Park recalls every op-

pressed soul seeking refuge from

'50s, an age that's become a dead

the conformist, claustrophobic

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ringer for our own.

Worth a try.

sake, Vivian Blaine; Jo Anne Glover's Terry speaks with a spot-

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 suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" five directors invented scenes. using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.'

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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 WASHING-TON STREET, MIDTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 4; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-297-7309

A Tribute to an Uncommon Playwright

As part of the 2006 Jewish Arts Festival, North Coast Repertory TheTriple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy** Hugh Butternutt's done his

atre presents three plays by Wendy Wasserstain in three days: *Uncommon Women and Others* (June 5),

Isn't It Romantic (June 6), and The

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Heidi Chronicles (June 7).

7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept 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 THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583

The Violet Hour

The Old Globe Theatre stages Richard Greenberg's deep comedy about a publisher, with enough money to publish only one book, and a strange machine that publishes the future. Carolyn Cantor directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 25; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre pre sents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith's interactive "racetrack romp." It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Zhivago

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Hardcore punker Sam Ilich now knows that the excessive punk lifestyle has its limits.

"After I lost my home and

to jail for six months. I wanted to be off drugs, off anger, and off the trip that I was the most important person."

Yet he is proud of his punk legend. "The only people who lasted longer in San Diego than the Peace Corpse was Unwritten Law." Ilich says his punk



my marriage [in 2000], after a decade of destroying clubs and fights and turning down every record deal that came my way, I forced myself to open up and become a better man. I got lost for a decade."

From 1989–1999 as front man of local punk pioneers Peace Corpse, Ilich says he was the local version of G.G. Allin, the punk performance artist whose over-the-top behavior led to his death in 1994.

"I finally lost my cool. I hurt everyone I loved. I went pedigree makes him uniquely qualified to launch Theater X, an all-age live music venue in Escondido. His Tuesday night showcase is in Theatrix, a performance space in downtown Escondido that usually hosts community theater. "We pull all the seats out. We can have 100 people." He said he plans to charge \$3 to \$5 per person for his Tuesday night multi-band shows, which began last week.

"Instead of being a washed-out ex-punker, I want to be able to give back what God gave me. The curator of Theatrix is Steven Stork, who was [TV producer] Aaron Spelling's right-hand man for over a decade. Steve loves my



ILLICH, A BETTER MAN

band. We've already booked two months of shows."

Appearing Tuesday at Theater X (www.myspace. com/allagesescondido) is Killfast Casino, New London, and Ilich's new band, Flashburn.

— Ken Leighton

When former Unbroken vocalist Dave Claiburn left San Diego for the Midwest, he had no idea

the Midwest, he had no idea how much he'd miss the city he called home from 1991–1994, or three of the greatest years of his life.

"The great Midwestern magnet pulled me back to the St. Louis area," Claiburn says. "I had no choice. All kidding aside, I had a state grant that allowed me to go to any college in the state of Illinois for free. That was the reason at the time, but in retrospect I wish I would have stayed in San Diego."

He also fondly remembers seeing Heroin and Drive Like Jehu at the Ché, Comic Con, and hanging out at Scripps Beach. However, not every single memory of San Diego was pleasant for Claiburn: one time when strolling by the City College trolley stop he

the City College trolley stop he had to duck bullets.

"I wasn't able to see who was shooting at each other," Claiburn says. "I just saw people scatter and I knew that I was hearing gunfire,

so I ducked behind a concrete garbage receptacle. It was more surreal than frightening. Five minutes later helicopters were flying overhead, and dozens of cop cars were rounding up

possible suspects. An older gentleman told me not to run off because anyone seen fleeing the area is considered a possible suspect. From the looks of what happened I would say he was correct."

Unbroken stayed together at first after Claiburn left the area but eventually broke up after five years together.

"We started out just wanting to play some shows and record a single. So after a couple of full-length LPs were released and touring Europe, we essentially felt we accomplished more than what was expected of us," Claiburn says. "After



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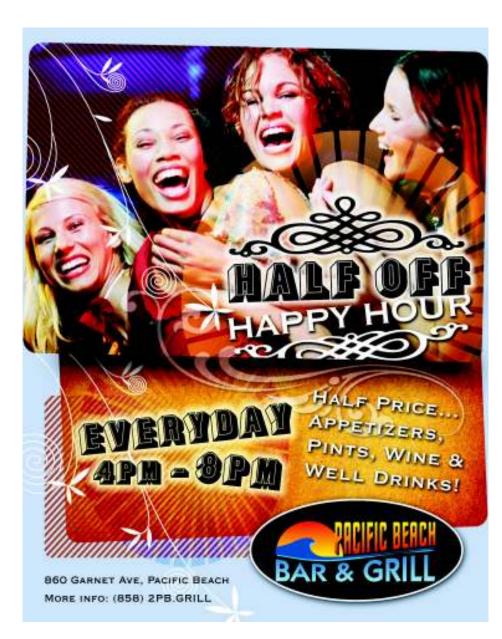
completing two more singles and completing a final West Coast tour, both Eric [Allen] and Steve [Miller] said they didn't really have it in them to write any more material for Unbroken. So we played our last show at the Ché Café, where we all met five years earlier. I think it was the fact that our sound evolved and that we really didn't want to have Unbroken as a career that led to us breaking up."

Claiburn has since founded a new band called Stabbed by Words, which released its self-titled debut album in March. Guitarist Rob Moran now plays in Some Girls.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Following the lead set

by Jared Leto, Keanu Reeves, and Russell Crowe, Adam Brody of Fox TV's OC launched his career as a touring rocker last week at the Jumping Turtle. His fourman band Big Japan kicked off a two-week tour May 22 before about 150 at the San Marcos venue. Brody, who plays drums, said nothing onstage. His tour manager, John Gaczewski, said he would have nothing to say to the press. I noted that there would have been a lot more in attendance if Brody had done radio interviews that day. But Gaczewski said the tour was intentionally low key to work out any bugs before the band heads out for a larger tour





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later this year after they record their first CD this summer. Promoter Sulo King said it "was in the contract" that no mention be made of Brody's name in advertising.

Yasmine Mazon, 16, of San Diego was driven there by her mom. "I think I heard about it on *sdpunk.com*.

...They sound a little like Death Cab for Cutie."

Brody posed for photos with any fans who asked. He set up and broke down his own drums.

Also in Big Japan was actor Bret Harrison, who stars on Fox TV's comedy *The*

Loop and has also appeared on Grounded for Life, That '70s Show, and The O.C.

The Jumping Turtle show was Big Japan's first outside of L.A. In attendance were Brody's parents, who live in San Diego.

Two L.A. bands, Landon Pigg (signed to RCA) and Big City Rock, are also on the two-week tour. First band up at the Jumping Turtle was North County's Inberst, an all-original, four-member, classic-rock-sounding band aged 16-18. "We're used to the whole celebrity connection," said Inberst keyboard player Kevin Wiles. "We played with the Honey Brothers, which has Adrian Grenier [star of HBO's Entourage]. We played with them at Brick by Brick and the Knitting Factory in L.A.

We also played with White Star, whose lead singer dated Mischa Barton. She got killed off in *The O.C.*"

Wiles said all the actor/rockers he's played with so far have been accessible. "I feel bad for the guy," Wiles said of Brody. "He has to deal with the fact that he's Adam Brody from *The O.C.* 24/7. He's just a normal guy who wants to put on a good set. But he also has to make sure he takes all those pictures because he can't afford to come off as a celebrity jerk."

Wiles said Big Japan was a quality band, but he knows Brody's celebrity juice gives Big Japan a big advantage. "If they draw, they get to



NO CELEBRITY JERKS IN BIG JAPAN

headline. That's what it's all about. If Adam Brody wasn't on drums, they wouldn't be headlining. They'd be opening. You just have to adjust to that." I note that if Big Japan really takes off, it could be a historic gig for Inberst. "It could be a big night for Big Japan too. Maybe one day they'll say they shared a stage with Inberst."

- Ken Leighton

Live Irish music has done well for Ned Giblin. It's been packing his Carlsbad restaurant and café Tom Giblin's (named after his late father) for six years. The Irish food/music/Guinness formula worked for him as he took it to Escondido (R. O'Sullivan's) in 2004 and to Fallbrook (J.J.

"Purty" Landers), which for occupancy violations.

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Giblin's, Irish bands pack in

But success has its

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must serve a 15-day liquor

license suspension this month

Although nobody cared

because it presented acoustic

music played over speakers.

that Tom Giblin's had

the state ABC (Alcohol

acoustic Irish bands with

amps for five years, last year

Beverage Control Board) gave

Tom Giblin's an "accusation"

for allowing mandolins and

acoustic guitars to played over

amps. A second accusation on

St. Patrick's Day led to the

Music director Clay

15-day ABC suspension.

Colton said Giblin's has

received 3000 signatures

suspension. "When Tom

only have acoustic music,' said Colton. "What [Ned

the license is that it was

acoustic music played over

amps." He said the Giblin's

action "...is part of a big sting

operation" against Carlsbad

bars orchestrated by the City

of Carlsbad and the ABC. In

the last year Carlsbad officials

have been actively citing bars

Giblin's opened, they signed

an agreement saying it would

Giblin] overlooked to have in

protesting the license

the fans.

As a result of the ABC action, Irish artists like Brehan Law, Tony Cummins, and Craic Haus and Scottish band the Clachan Boys will be out of work at Tom Giblin's for two weeks. Tom Giblin's hosted live music six nights a week.

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DAVID LEE ROTH'S

REALITY SHOW? HE'S

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SHOW.

I asked ABC administrator Robin Van Dyke why her department ignored Tom Giblin's amplified music for five years and then decided to start issuing citations.

"I have two or three investigators for 1400 [North County] licensees." She said complaints tend to spur her investigators into action. She said after the suspension, Tom Giblin's can ask to modify its license to allow amplifiers. "But I told them there is no guarantee they will be allowed to do it."

"I heard a [Carlsbad] city councilman moved closer to downtown so the fire marshal has been pressuring it constantly," said Rhy Thornton, singer/fiddle player with Irish rockers the Leperkhanz. He said his band left Tom Giblin's after two years over pay. Last week they left their second home base, the Longshot in San Marcos. This time he said it was not over money. "Something

always happens at the Longshot. Either a subwoofer blows or someone gets shot. At one of our shows, a dude drove a truck through the front door."

— Ken Leighton

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THE GOOD STUFF?

"For years, it was called the KSON Flatbed Show," says Steve Nichols of

the mobile soundstage he's renamed the Rolling Radio Show. "Al Turner at KSON drove it, but after he lost his vocal cords to throat cancer and retired, [KSON] shut it down." Nichols had been cashing KSON

paychecks for five years as the Flatbed Show's music director and guitarist, and he says, "We all lost our jobs. I talked to KSON'S promotions director Chris Turner [Al's son] about getting it back on the road, but the bottom line was all about money and politics...he quoted me a ridiculous price to have a band play in it at Seaport Village, but it was just

Nichols purchased the RV

and Chevy truck from Al Turner, with its built-in 15′ x 7′ stage, lights, sound, lounge, bathroom, and even a dressing room.

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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He's now glad KSON turned him down. "I just covered up their logos, painted the truck, and I don't have to split the money with them...I charge about \$600



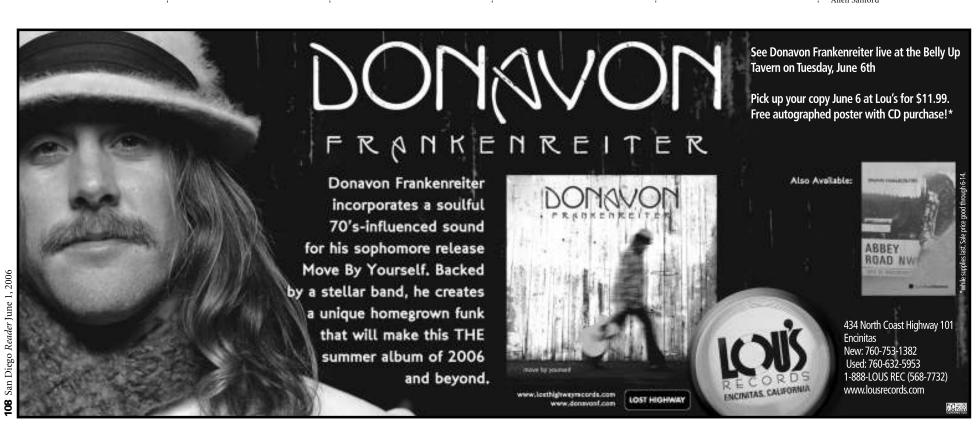
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for a three-piece and a soundman to drive up and play for an hour, and it's about \$200 per additional hour." Crosswinds will perform on the Rolling Radio Show June 4 as part of the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Two Fans in Tibet

"It's gonna maybe be a love story between the violin and the trumpet."

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ow, with the Internet being where it is, there's little that a record label can actually do for you," says Jamie, a jazz violinist, composer, label owner, and multimedia artist. "The Internet gives you world

distribution, and it puts a lot of power into the hands of the independent artist. It's all you need to distribute your own material. It's as simple as an e-mail and a link."

I ask if her own CD is selling well on the Internet. "Yeah," she says. "I'm gonna hit it more this year." Then she's on to a new subject: "I'm doing cover shows. I did a [Antonio Carlos] Jobim night and a Legrand — Michele Legrand night." Why? "I think, apart that [Legrand's] tunes translate so well onto violin, I had Mikan [Mikan Zlatkovich played piano at the gig along with Carlos Vazquez on drums and Bob Magnusson on bass], who also gave me encouragement. Michelle Legrand was a great piano player and a great composer. The next show we're gonna do is West Side Story." We agree that Leonard Bernstein was a treasure, that West Side Story is a forgotten jewel. "It's gonna be a Latin jazz version, and it's gonna maybe be a love story between the violin and the trumpet.

"How's your career been going otherwise?" I ask. "I see that you've been getting some good reviews."

"I feel like I've been getting respect and ac-

knowledgement from a lot of other players...but that the general public doesn't know who the heck I am." She laughs. "Maybe a couple of monks in Tibet." She laughs again. "My two fans in Tibet. I'm also trying to support — we were talking

about the Internet and this media distribution for independent artists, and I'm really trying to get a lot of these local jazz guys to do that with their music by building

them websites and visual presentations." Jamie, with partner John Paul Jones, a former art director for the late Bill Graham, operates ShadowlightStudios.com.

Jamie was born in Seoul, Korea, and now lives in Pacific Beach. She is 30. She prefers to use only her first name. She moved to San Diego a dozen years ago, an unknown and unsigned artist. She played her first gig at the long-defunct Innerchange on Turquoise, the coffeehouse with the whale painted on the outside. She has since worked with locals Gilbert Castellanos, Joe Marillo, Robin Henkel, Blonde Bruce, Paul Kamanski, and Tomcat Courtney.

"My MP3 player is very new," Jamie says. "Right now I just use it to listen to music, but I have a feeling it is going to be a big part of working. I [videotaped] my last two live shows, and I have them [downloaded] on my MP3 player. It's a 30-gig iPod. It's a video iPod, which means I can play videos on it." She hands me the device. It is

a slim appliance with a white face and chrome back. It reminds me of an expensive cigarette case. "Gilbert [Castellanos] has had an iPod for about a year now," she says, "and he uses it to check the mix on his recording projects. He loads the mix into the iPod and plays it through different speakers.

"Another cool thing is that when I was preparing for the Jobim night and the Legrand night," she says, "I was able to discover a lot of songs that I was unfamiliar with on iTunes. At the touch of a button I was able to compare five different versions, from Sarah Vaughn doing a Legrand song, to Bill Evans, to Oscar Peterson, Astrid Gilberto, all doing the same song. And all of a sudden I get this education, this comparison of different individualistic interpretations of the same song.

Jamie's iPod Video Top 10: 1. "It's Wonderful," Stuff Smith

- 2. "A Felicidade," Antonio Carlos Jobim3. "A Sunday Kind of Love,"
- Etta James
 4. "Blowin' in the Wind," Bob Dylan
- 5. "Blue and Green," Miles Davis
- 6. "Caravan," Art Blakey



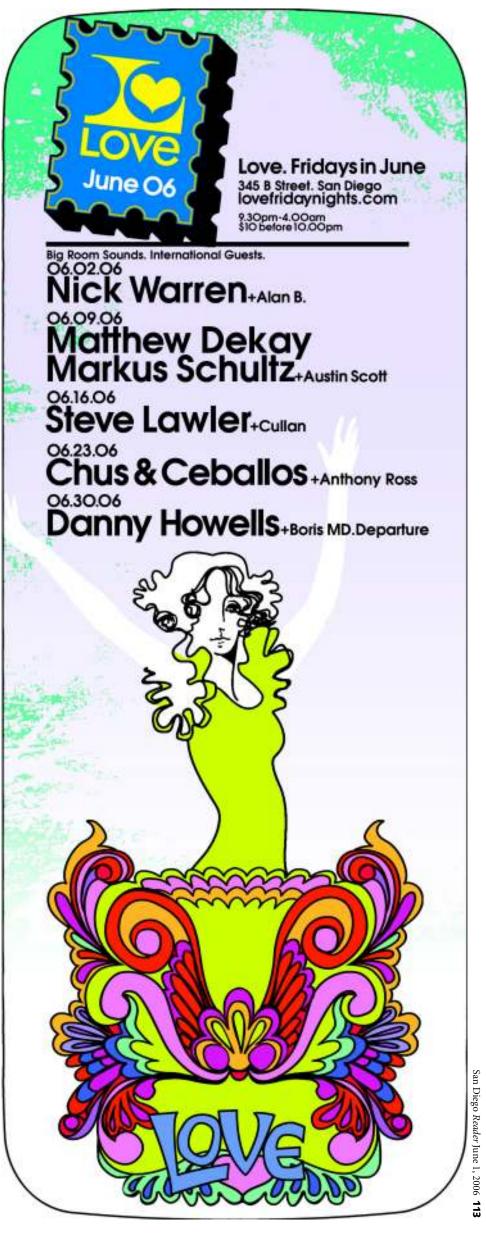
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- 7. "Everything Is Broken," Bob Dylan
- 8. "No More Blues," Antonio Carlos Jobim
- 9. "East of the Sun (and West of the Moon)," Sarah Vaughan
- 10. "Family Affair," Sly and the Family Stone ■









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Roy Zimmerman: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, June 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Spyro Gyra: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, June 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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Ashlee Simpson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Charlatans UK [594]: House of Blues, Thursday, June 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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O.A.R.: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, June 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Seether: House of Blues, Saturday, June 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Gregory Isaacs [751]: 4th & B, Sunday, June 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-

Chicago and Huey Lewis & the News [573]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, June 11, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Calexico: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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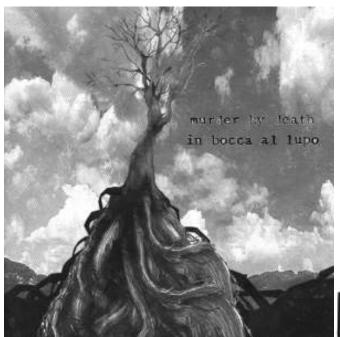
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Alejandra Guzman [596]: 4th & B, Wednesday, June 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Peter Mulvey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Martina McBride [779]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, June 17, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Crowes [523], the Drive-By Truckers, and Robert Randolph & the Family Band: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride [779]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

T-Bone Burnett and Jakob Dylan: 4th & B. Monday, June 19, 345 I Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Baaba Maal and Richard **Thompson:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Restless Heart, Little Texas, and **Blackheart:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Neko Case [509]: Belly Up Tayern. Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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INXS: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, June 21, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497

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Rosie Flores [786]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Fiona Apple: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Indigenous: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

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-

Les Claypool [282]: House of Blues, Sunday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

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Radiohead [183]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, June 26, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The String Cheese Incident [572] and **Ratdog:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497

Melissa Etheridge [587]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Ringo Starr and His All-Starr **Band** [218]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Smash Mouth: 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-

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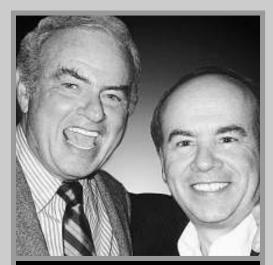
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Rob Thomas and Jewel [881]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, July 5, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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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Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Sunday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Eddie Money [617]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Book Binder [967]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, July 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Chris Isaak [561]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Raconteurs: Soma, Wednesday, July 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Slayer [405]: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or

Hootie & the Blowfish [624]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Friday, July 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Rusted Root: House of Blues. Sunday, July 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-

Taking Back Sunday [553]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., downtown San Diego

waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-Robin Trower [590]: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steely Dan [591]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, July 24, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park. Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-

Santana and the Mars Volta [292]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 27, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or

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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-

Pete Yorn: The Casbah, Tuesday August 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Sean Hannity, Hank Williams Jr. [771], and Lee Greenwood: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle,



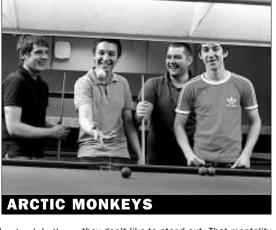
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Over the past six months, the buzz around the young Sheffield, England, band the Arctic Monkeys has gone beyond the usual British music-press overkill into the realm of the truly absurd. For an American, it can be difficult to hear what all the fuss is about. The guitar-bass-drums songs are good, but not radically different from anything we've heard before. Critics often say that the band's youthful energy evokes the Jam, but a better comparison might be to contemporary U.K. acts like Bloc Party and the Kaiser Chiefs. Better still would be to bring up the Streets, a rapper who rhymes about simple things like playing video games.

Arctic Monkeys leader Alex Turner

crams more words into one of his songs than many of his peers fit on an entire album, but he writes about only two subjects: girls and boredom. This isn't Clash-style anger about boredom either: "Riot Van," a song about being hassled by the cops, treats the experience as a joke. It seems Turner doesn't get worked up about anything: Even the song where he's screaming, "All you people are vampires!" goes by the title "Perhaps Vampires Is a Bit Strong, But...

Again, this is kind of hard for an American to understand. In the United States these days, we are so afraid and worried and divided along political and cultural lines that it often seems that we can barely talk about anything important without screaming at each other. British people and especially middle-class English people — avoid that kind of drama because



they don't like to stand out. That mentality may strike us as passive, but it has its advantages. The Arctic Monkeys make it sound like fun.

ARCTIC MONKEYS, Soma, Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [599]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Foreigner [612]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-

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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-

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna **Negra** [604]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Roots Rock Reggae" with Ziggy Marley [737], Sinead
O'Connor [200], Sly & Robbie,
and Ozomatli: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497

Creedence Clearwater **Revisited** [628]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-

Ben Harper [956]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, August 13,

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Death Cab for Cutie [392]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, August 15, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Guy [959] and Robert Cray: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lonely Boys: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, August 16, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Shakira: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, August 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 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-

The Red Hot Chili Peppers [299] and Mars Volta [292]: 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

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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 Willov Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or

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Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 25, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

"American Idols Live 2006": San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [198]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

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Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-

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

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 [558]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Mariah Carey: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Frank Black [554]: 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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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

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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, ArvRose, and Synex. p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Decade: First Saturday of the month, DJs Tom King and Brendan Cahill spin the best of '80s new romantic and post-punk. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-3323.

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.

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Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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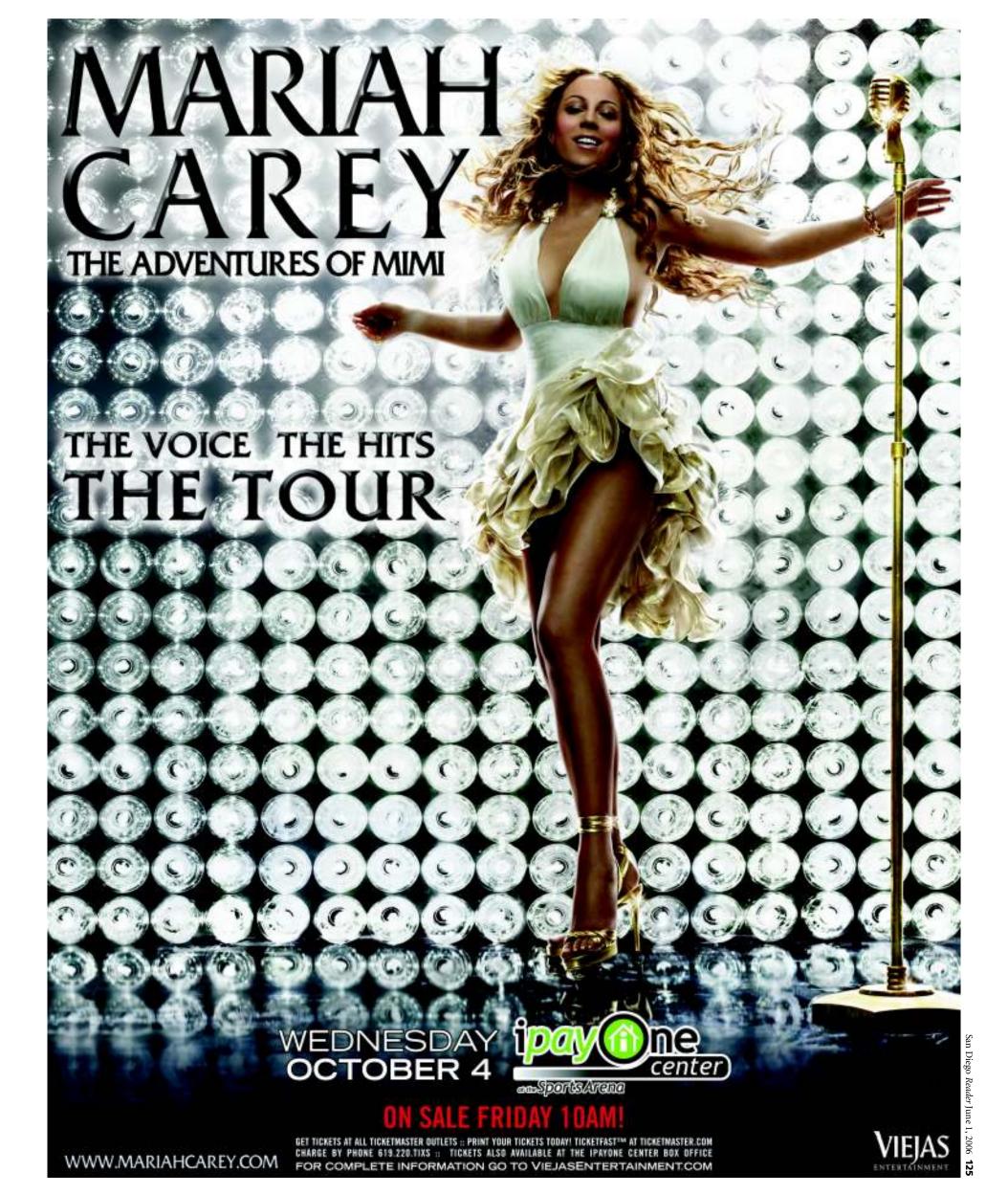
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Ashtana Yoga Center, 1905 Calle Barcelona #218, Carlsbad, 760-632-7093. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Vishal Vaid and Rahis Khan, semiclassical/Indian/ghazal/kirtan/qu

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Bo Diddley and the Bill Magee Blues Band, blues, Friday, 9 p.m., Josh Kelley, Joe Firstman, and Holly Brook. Saturday, 9 p.m., ALO and the Room, pop/soul/alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m., Spyro Gyra and Larry Mitchell

Monday, 8 p.m., Hank Williams III and the Murder Junkies, country/rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Donayon Frankreiter and Tom Croose & Slowhand, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Blackalicious, the X-Clan, and the Icons, hip-hop.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Carlos Rull, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, DJ event. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown* Groove, classic rock, Tuesday, DI

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, the Blues Brokers, blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Sunday, 4 p.m., and Tuesday, 5 p.m., *Mike* Gardner, acoustic.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Billy Watson, blues; 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., James Harmon, blues; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DI event, Friday 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DI event, Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Red Lane, rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., leff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Blue Largo, jazz/blues 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz, Wednesday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Wombats, rock.

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20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Saturday, *Big Rig* Deluxe, country/rockabilly

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Gianni's Pizza, 3910 Vista Way #108, Oceanside. 760-724-2670. Friday, 8 p.m., Gre' and Drew Dickson, acoustic rock.

Hennessev's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and Saturday,

9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., DJ Kool T, hiphop, house, reggaeton.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, the Popular. Friday, 6 p.m., Irieside, Inberst, Noiz, and Blah. Saturday, Pensive, King to You, the Thieves, Chapter 14, and the Red Ribbon Army. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., PC Death Squad, the Rich White Males, and the Repulsed. Monday, the Voodoo Glow Skulls, the Suburban Legends, Knockout, and Misled Citizen.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, the Flat Out Liars, classic rock. Saturday, the Bill Magee Blues Band, blues. Sunday, the Blues Brokers. Monday. the Charles Burton Blues Band. Tuesday, DJ Marc Thrasher.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., Heartland, acoustic pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., Luna Llena, Latin jazz.

Leucadian Bar. 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Sunday, the M-80's, '80s covers.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club. 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers, country.

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10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom* Bishop, jazz/variety.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big Sound*, rock. Saturday, *C.O.I.* Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-7234, Thursday 9 p.m., the Clay Colton Band, pub rock. Friday, call club for information

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John* Cain, jazz/Latin/international and pop **Blind Melons,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 3 Against 1, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Bigfellas, rock. Live music nightly, call club for

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'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., Jen Knight, Hargo, Mad Habit, and Animal Style.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Thursday, 7 p.m., the Quakes, the Barroom Shakers, and Kryptomatik, rock/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m., *Lifted Roots*, 760, and *the Nate Donnis Trio*. Saturday, 7 p.m., Without a Warning, Da Scoop, and New Dayze, hip-hop. Monday, Alex Arndt, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday,

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.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Thursday and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Joe Marillo, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

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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., the Ian Tordella Quartet, traditional jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach 858-483-6334 Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Willovealot, smooth iazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

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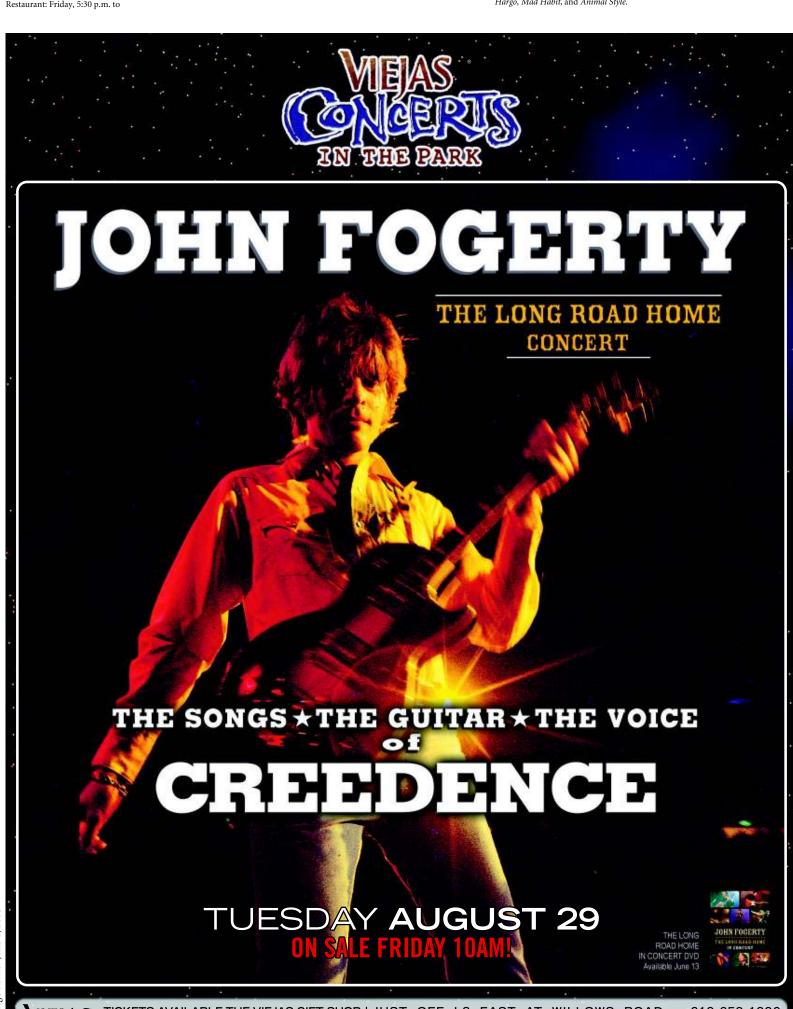
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Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blueprint* and *Carlos Olmeda*, acoustic pop.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Timeless Takeover*, DJ event, funk/soul/hip-hop/jazz.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, Daphne Loves Derby, Sherwood, House of Fools, Paulson, and Get Back Loretta. Saturday, 7 p.m., the Forsaken Truth, Burning Sendsea, Mankind Is Obsolete, and Ikonoklast. **Etta's Place**, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday and Saturday,

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Flock of 80's. Friday, DJ's Tony Aguilera and Nick Shakes, dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, jazz/blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Michael Burks, blues guitarist. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jerome Dawson, jazz saxophone, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Makai, dance/disco. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Roxy Monoxide, '80s dance, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., the Farmers, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Shilts, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 1:1 p.m., Island Breeze, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Coco Montoya, rockin' blues guitar. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Robin Henkel Band, roots blues.

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.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego* Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock.



Album: Big Backyard, 2006 Artist: Big Backyard Label: self-released

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Songs: 1) Come on In 2) Feel It 3) San Francisco 4) Walk on By

5) Temporary

Band: Trent Hancock, vocals, acoustic guitar;

 $\label{eq:Derek Dossey, guitar; Kyle Turk, drums; Chris O'Meally, bass;} \\$

Adam Tierney, keyboard

Big Backyard is two styles of music melded together fairly seamlessly. One is the post–boy–band pop that Jason Mraz seems to dominate. This style – the sensitive, pleasant voice and quick, rollicking pace –

is combined with a cheesy, funky organ and party-time lyrics.

Each song favors one style or the other, but both are present in all tracks. "Temporary" and "Come on In" lean more toward boozing away from the "flowers along the freeway" approach with which Mraz has enjoyed success. With lyrics such as "I need a temporary cocktail / I need it all the time" and "You bring the Jack and I'll bring the Tanqueray," those two songs stand out as the toughest on the album, and the first, "Come on In," is my favorite. It's reminiscent of a poolside shindig with drinks and Acapulco shirts.

The other songs tend more

and raising hell and move

toward the poppy, syrupy technique. "San Francisco" drops the funky organ in favor of a lilting piano, and the pace drops to a rainy, foggy plinking. This is a "she left me" song, but instead of cliché lyrics, the band has come up with a more original line: "I've been flipping through



Big Backyard

my dictionary/ I found the words that seem necessary/ To describe why I just couldn't live without you." Not bad. But without the *Sanford and Son* organ, it drifts a little too close to the "I'm so sensitive" Mraz style for my tastes, but you may like it.

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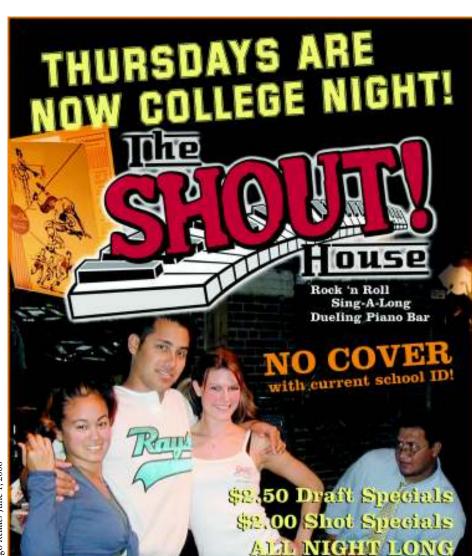
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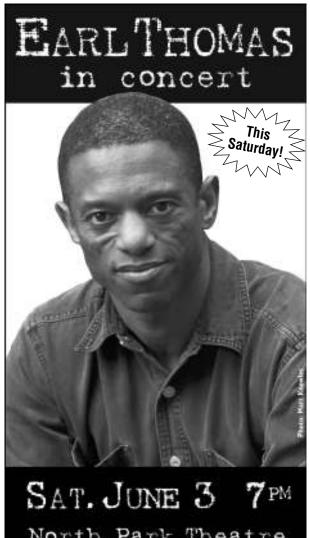
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The Thieves: The Jumping Turtle Time Machine: The Casbah

Unset: Brick By Brick We Are Scientists: Soma A Week's Worth: O'Connell's Pub

Whalebones: The Cashah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Aerohead: Fannie's Nightclub Carol Ames [619]: Brick By Brick Animal Style: 'Canes

The Apes: The Casbah Armageddon: Blue Meannie

Alex Arndt: Dreamstreet. O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Barroom Shakers:

Bedlam's Edge: Second Wind

Big Rig Deluxe [557]: The Del Dios

Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle

The Bigfellas: Blind Melons Blah: The Jumping Turtle

Blizzard: O'Connell's Pub and

Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House

Broken Foundation: Blue Meannie C.D.M.: The Rhythm Lounge

Chapter 14: The Jumping Turtle C.O.I.: Surf N'Saddle

The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant

Criminal Funk: Riley's Sports Bar,

Tom Croose & Slowhand: Belly Up

Curbside Manor: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclul

Danielson: The Casbah Detour Live: House of Blues Dive Bomber: Sixty 7 Bar & Grill Divided by Zero: Brick By Brick

Dreams of Damnation: Blue

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band:

E-Ticket: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

The Experiments [419]: The Rhythm Lounge

The Farmers: Humphrey's

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar

Fish Out of Water: Tiki House

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken FM Revolver [228]: Brick By Brick

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Get Back Loretta [529]: Epicentre The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last

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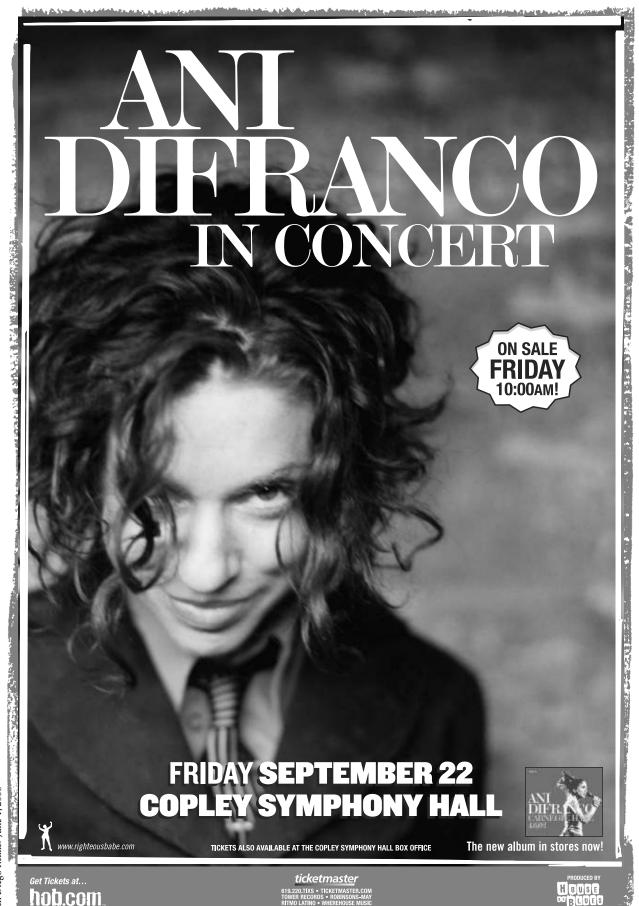
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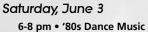
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Larry Mitchell: Dizzy's, Belly Up Tavern

The Moods: Ocean House

The Mopey Mopes: Second Wind (Santee)

The Murder Junkies: Belly Up

The New Movement: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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The Rabbits: The Casbah

The Derren Raser Band: Brick By

The Rip Masters: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Rockoholics: Second Wind

Rookie Card [539]: Lyceum Theatre

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Shagadelic: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect



Donavon Frankenreiter, June 6, Belly Up Tavern

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill, The Calypso Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]:

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's

Karl Denson: Winstons

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Edo Brazil: Samba Grill Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima

Joe Garrison [668]: Cafe LaMaze John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on

Tamir Hendelman: Dizzy's The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado Luna Llena: La Playa Cantina &

Israel Maldonado: Pasquale on

Turiya Mareya & the World Beat

Joe Marillo [645]: Manhattan

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:

Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind:

P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on

The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross [659]: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221 Jackie Ryan: Dizzy's

The San Diego Concert Jazz

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar.

Pasquale on Prospect John Scott & the Magnificents:

The Calypso Cafe

Shilts: Humphrey's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and Grill

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Spyro Gyra: Belly Up Tavern The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon

The Third Coast Jazz Band: South

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio:

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The Ian Tordella Quartet:

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:

Willovealot: Magnolia's, Thrusters

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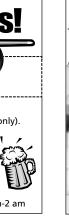
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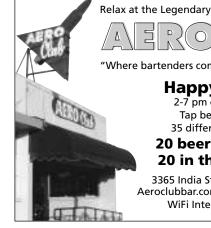
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The Working Cowboy Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

Heather Baker: Borders Books and

Blueprint: Claire de Lune Coffee

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub Holly Brook: Belly Up Tavern

Marie Cain: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Ben Caldwell: Lyceum Theatre

Greg Campbell: Borders Books and

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EXTENSION 4009

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Lizzie Wann: Brick by Brick

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and

Aimee Zakrewski: Lyceum Theatre

Lindsey Yung: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Roy Zimmerman:

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]:

Blue Rockit [955]: JP's Pub

The Blues Brokers: Carvers, The

The Blues Connection: Island

Michael Burks: Humphrey's The Charles Burton Blues Band

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Turquoise Cafe

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Coco Montoya: Humphrey's

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant Forrocacana: 'Canes

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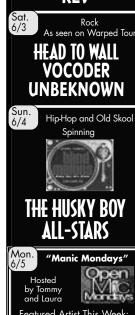
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Knockin' on Heaven's Door

The reopening of the North Park Theater has turned a struggling blue-collar/boho neighborhood into an evening hot spot, setting the stage for a new "restaurant row" of casual but distinctive little eateries. Whether the fare is Italian, Mexican, vegan, Cuban, or something else, few of these places put much energy into desserts. (As one local restaurateur told me, "Nobody wants to stuff themselves with dessert when dinner is just the start of their evening.") Another option largely lacking until recently was a place for theater-goers to enjoy a cup of coffee and a serious sweet after performances, or for folks to finish an evening of rambling with the ballast of a light bite. That's why Heaven Sent deserves its name — the bakery answers a pressing neighborhood need.

It looks as it ought to — clean, bright, and attractive, with well-spaced round tables and graceful chairs of shiny dark wood and interesting paintings on the wall. Facing the entrance is an L-shaped pastry case displaying the day's wares - cookies and breakfast pastries to the right, elaborate cakes in the main case at the juncture of the "L," then to the left of that, items like brownies, blondies, and macaroons. Finally, left of the cash register is a case of composed desserts best eaten on the spot, after the kitchen gives them a final fillip — among these are haupia brûlée, Heaven Sent smores, and "paradise pockets" (filo pouches stuffed with raspberrypineapple compote and chocolate cake, served warm with chocolate-rum dipping sauce).

My partner and I visited at noon to catch the morning pastries as well as the evening desserts. We brought home a baker's dozen mix-andmatch sweets to share with our neighbors, after taking a preview nibble of each and quickly discovering that even if the bakery is heaven-sent, its pastries are hardly ethereal. Rather than the "sweetened air" of, say, Karen Krasne's best cakes, or the Gallic buoyancy of the croissants at St. Tropez, these are more in the standard American style, with substantial — even heavy — textures.

We began at the breakfast end. It soon became apparent that a weighty brioche bread, rather than supernal (and more labor-intensive) puff pastry, is the staple here. Instead of an almond croissant, for instance, there's a slab of brioche topped with almonds and marzipan. It does not fly into your



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mouth, but it's not bad if you warm it up. Unfortunately, what it lacks is real butter flavor — a vital element missing not only in this pastry, but in all the others we sampled.

At that point in the tasting, I phoned the bak-

ery (anonymously) to ask whether they used butter, shortening, or what. "We don't give out our recipes," said the baker, suspiciously. I explained that I simply

had health concerns about certain fats. The answer is that shortening (a transfat, the worst artery-clogging substance, although he didn't say that) is present in most of the pastries. (Butter is also used, but in smaller quantities.) If you're concerned, check "Need to Know" for the healthiest choices.

We didn't mind the lack of butter with the raisin-cinnamon swirls, which had a moist filling to offset the chewy pastry. A peach muffin with puffs of fruit inside might have been a charmer but was underbaked - pale outside, pasty inside. On the other hand, a pair of pistachio cookies resembling crunchy ladyfingers with pistachio icing at the tips, proved as satisfying as

treats from an indulgent grandma's oven.

The cake case is rightly the centerpiece: Here's where the bakers exercise their creativity. We tried two of the four cakes that were available that afternoon and liked them both in different

ways. The tres leches con crema is a classic: Mexican vanilla sponge cake soaked in "three milks," layered with cajeta, caramel cream, and topped with a blessedly

unsweetened whipped cream. Light, moist, and sweet — not cloying — it suits my tastes to a "T." (Don't ever think that the icky-sweet tres leches cakes you find packaged at Smart and Final and in some Latin groceries are the real thing. This is what a *tres leches* should be.)

vein — a fudgy chocolate cake layered with green tea-infused crème brûlée, topped with poisongreen buttercream frosting and toasted black sesame seeds. The tea flavor is subtle — in fact, it gets lost in the fudginess, lending only a subtle backbone of bitter herbage. The cake is outrageously rich; the buttercream seems to include a hefty share of shortening, since it's stiff and

Heaven Sent Desserts

3001 University Avenue (at 30th Street, across from Union Bank), North Park, 619-793-4758.

HOURS: Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. (often later on weekends); Sunday 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Cakes and fancy desserts average \$8 per portion. Cookies and breakfast pastries mainly under \$3.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Sweets ranging from cookies, mini-cupcakes and simple breakfast noshes to elaborate pastries and multi-layered cakes, plus coffee and espresso drinks, teas, hot chocolate, Italian sodas, or-

PICK HITS: Pistachio cookies; raisin-cinnamon swirls: tres leches cake: Green Teaser cake: Key lime tart

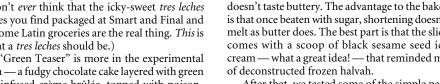
NEED TO KNOW: Some street parking; desperation paid-parking at North Park Theater garage (\$5), a block west. Shortening (with heart-unhealthy transfats) used in most pastries. Two vegan desserts (haupia and a dairy-free chocolate cake) and one sugar-free dessert ("strawberry seduction" cake) are transfat free, as is Valhalla fruit parfait and strawberry Caprese salad.

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doesn't taste buttery. The advantage to the baker is that once beaten with sugar, shortening doesn't melt as butter does. The best part is that the slice comes with a scoop of black sesame seed ice cream — what a great idea! — that reminded me

After that, we tasted some of the simple pastries. This array includes banana bread and zucchini bread, macaroons, oatmeal bars, and "brownies" of various complexion. Some people like dryish, cakey brownies, some like 'em moist and fudgy. Heaven Sent's triple-chocolate brownies split the difference. I'd guess that the





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triumvirate consists of two varieties of supermarket baking chocolate (e.g., Baker's brand) plus powdered cocoa, since we detected a powdery taste and texture throughout. A chocolate chip blondie was rather dry. A macaroon was so heavy, we found chewing it a chore.

Finally, we sampled the chilled case, which holds some of the desserts I generally like best. The cheesecake is...just cheesecake, sweet and vellow and, well, ordinary. Still, I wouldn't kick it off the table. The Key lime tart is excellent — a fine balance of sweet and sour. The vegan haupia (a Hawaiian coconut pudding) is built on gelatin. (Is that vegan? What about the old rhyme, "Roses are red, pansies are yellow, horses that lose are made into Jell-O?" Buddhists still use agar-agar instead.) It's a coconutty stiff custard here, topped with a slick of mango coulis, then sprinkled with sugar and brûléed under a torch just before you eat it. Pretty good, but not Hawaii's

We also picked up a pair of pastry swans stuffed with tart raspberry mousse. I'd have loved it if only the pastry were made with (you guessed it) butter rather than shortening because the other problem with shortening is that it makes pastry tougher - more durable from the bakery's viewpoint, but also less exquisitely crumbly and fragile than expected. Swans may be tough, mean birds with tough meat (as Medieval eaters knew), but moderns see them as the ultimate in grace and delicacy. As John Ford said, "When truth and legend collide, print the legend." I wish that Heaven Sent baked the legend, too.

ADVISORY: SAN DIEGO SUSHI — GOT MERCURY?

Speaking of food-health issues, I'm forsaking the chef interview this week to bring you a more compelling recent study of our local sushi bars. This is no reflection on Heaven Sent, but the info is hot off the press, and I wanted to get it to you as soon as possible.

A well-trained sushi chef will never poison you with bad fish — but even the best chef can't tell how much mercury is in the seafood he serves. Nor can the fish jobbers who supply the fish or the fishermen who catch them. Furthermore, two fish from the same catch and two rolls from the same sushi bar may have widely varying amounts of contamination. Only laboratory analysis can determine which fish are safe and which are not. And cooking makes no difference — the same amount of mercury is present in that pepper-seared ahi or lunchtime ahi-burger as in the raw version.

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Why worry about mercury? Numerous studies have shown that mercury toxins seriously undermine the brain development of children—both intellectual and motor function development. This is also true of children whose mothers consumed excess mercury during pregnancy. One Finnish study found that the toxins may be linked to cardiovascular disease in adults (like many Finns) who

eat large amounts of mercury-contaminated fish.

But the poison can be hard for fish lovers to avoid. According to the National Academy of Science, mercury has become "widespread and persistent in the environment," far beyond its natural occurrence, mainly resulting from human pollution such as coalfired power plants and industrial wastes. Bacteria transform mercury into an organic neurotoxin, methylmercury, which enters the food chain via sea life. For humans, eating contaminated seafood is the main source of danger.

Fish highest in the food chain — predators like tuna and swordfish — build up the highest levels of mercury in their flesh, because mercury can't be flushed in a fish's lifetime: Predator fish eat small contaminated fish, and the mercury accumulates and becomes more concentrated in them. The longer the fish lives, the higher the mercury content.

Since 2004, the FDA has been warning that children and women of childbearing age should not eat even small quantities of swordfish, King mackerel, shark, and tilefish. The FDA has done only limited studies on tuna, but when GotMercury.org (a fish safety group) looked at locally served tuna, they found an average mercury content 136 percent higher than the FDA detected. Some of the local tuna had mercury levels as high as King mackerel, the worst offender.

Since many Californians derive much of the fresh fish in their diets from sushi, and since tuna is the most popular species for sushi and sashimi, GotMercury took samples of the tuna served at ten of San Diego's leading sushi bars and sent them to a laboratory for analysis. They took two samples at each bar: One was a tuna nigiri, a ball of rice topped with a slice of fish. The other was a maki (makizushi), a.k.a. tuna roll, a roll of rice around fish. The tuna came from varying subspecies — vellowfin (usually called by its Hawaiian name, ahi), and bigeye, bluefin, and bonito (all of which may be called maguro or toro, depending on what part of the fish it came from). Albacore (tombo) wasn't tested, but other studies (i.e., of canned tunas) have indicated a generally higher mercury content than yellowfin. Whatever the species, the results were disheartening.

What's the danger level? Most developed countries set a limit of 0.5 ppm (parts per million) total mercury, and the U.S. did so as well, until 1979, when it decided to allow double that — 1.0 ppm, for men, women, and children. While none of the samples in this study were above the legal limit, about half of them were in the danger zone, with some samples barely under the limit.

The difference in mercury levels from one local restaurant to another isn't easily explained, since many local sushi bars get their seafood primarily from the same two major fishmongers in Los Angeles. Then, too, it's clear from this study (and from a previous study in L.A.) that

MERCURY IN SUSHI TUNA IN S.D. Restaurant Mercury PPM Tuna Type Sushi Type Benihana 0.967 Bluefin Nigiri Kanpai 0.900 Yellowfin Roll Benihana 0.875 Bluefin Roll Sushi Ota 0.794 Bluefin Roll Mr. Sushi 0.702 Bigeye Nigiri Cafe Japengo 0.697 Yellowfin Nigiri Ra Sushi 0.658 Bluefin Roll Sushi Ota Bluefin 0.642 Nigiri Mr. Sushi 0.616 Bigeye Roll Cafe Japengo 0.525 Yellowfin Roll Zenbu 0.417 Yellowfin Roll 0.385 Yellowfin Nigiri Zenbu Ra Sushi 0.367 Bluefin Nigiri Kanpai 0.365 Yellowfin Nigiri Taka 0.338 Bigeye Nigiri Taka 0.327 Bigeye Roll Arigato 0.282 Yellowfin Roll Arigato 0.280 Yellowfin Nigiri Yellowfin Samurai 0.134 Roll Yellowfin Samurai 0.128 Nigiri

bluefin — the largest, longest lived, and most endangered tuna species — typically carries the highest risk. Some of the sushi bars that did well in the test happened not to have any rare and costly bluefin toro available at the time of the sampling but may serve it at other times. For whatever reason, the tuna at three of the sushi bars was remarkably lower in mercury than at the others.

Until the FDA and EPA awaken to the dangers, there's little that susceptible individuals can do to protect themselves except to stop ordering fresh tuna (raw or cooked — canned yellowfin is generally safe). Sushi restau-

rants should post warnings. (California Proposition 65 requires them to do so, but it's not being enforced.) New technology allows for rapid mercury screening of fish, and conscientious seafood restaurants of all types ought to demand that their suppliers test tuna and other affected species before selling it. Beyond that, look at the chart above and decide for yourself. Basically, don't feed your kids tuna rolls or eat them if you're pregnant or might get pregnant - there are plenty of other fish in the sushi case.

(This report derives from data provided by Eli Saddler, public health analyst for GotMercury.org.)











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Sprouted Again

"Feeling sick? Try Israel's Tonic! Garlic, ginger, cayenne pepper, lemon, apple, beet, and carrot."

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aw collard greens, man. They're the wrap around the wrap. I swear. You'll love it!" I have created a monster. Yes, I'm the one who started Hank on his health kick. But now the guy never stops, 'specially since I confessed that,

the other week, I chose Max's Deli across the road over this nutty, twiggy Kung Food joint.

I follow Hank into a spacious courtyard behind a trellis, giving onto a terracotta-red frontage. One end is bricky, with climbing vines, a, like, xeriscape garden with native grasses and a couple of bottlebrush

trees with scarlet flowers. People sit out under square white canvas umbrellas. Everyone looks disgustingly healthy.

Then it all comes back to me. "Hank!" I say. "We've been here before. Remember? Vegetarian Zone? But it closed down."

"Well, looks like it's sprouted again," says Hank. The inside looks fresh-painted, with washed peach walls, green leaves painted around the top, a cream-colored ceiling. Signs promise a "100 percent plant-based menu." There are cabinets with "live" raw food and a rack of steaming chafing dishes.

Lumpy creations fill serving plates, like one made up of tempeh, celery, red onion, scallions, pickle, "veganaise" — a kind of mayo, for sure – and a bunch of other things such as dill and ginger and tamari and rice vinegar. It's called "Bye Bye Birdie." I guess it's supposed to taste like chicken.

But Hank has one thing in mind for me, and it ain't Bye Bye Birdie.

'No, no, next to that," Hank says. "That's your lunch right there. The green wrap?"

Lord. He exaggerateth not. A big plate is loaded

with "Collard Wraps." Instead of a tortilla, each burrito has one giant collard-leaf wrapper. The veins crawling up the leaf's back look like the veins on your hand.

A card beside the dish says that inside they've stuffed cashews, agave — the nectar, for natural sweetness — alfalfa, cilantro,

mango, red cabbage, avocado, ginger...

"He'll have a collard wrap," Hank says to Erica, the girl behind the counter.

'Good choice," says this other girl. Name's Scorpio. Huh.

"And I'll have some of that curried veggies, and the beans with 'chorizo,' the 'soyrizo,' "Hank says. "Oh, and some lasagna."

Why don't you have some hot stuff, too?" Scorpio says to me. "We sell everything by the pound, \$7.95. Just put what you want on the plate.

Well, this is Hank's party. I start with steamed quinoa — the Incas' "mother grain" of the Andes, Scorpio says — then a chunk of "chicken" pot pie (with vegan "chick" nuggets and great pastry), and a scoop of that "Bye Bye Birdie." The tempeh looks crunchy, without that tofu wobbly-milky thing about it.

We go pick out a table in the dining area.

Techno-beat loop-music's on the soundtrack. The room has tie-dye-type art on the walls and ceramic bowls for sale on the shelves. Each bowl has a message ("Awareness is a candle in the darkness of our forgetting""). Plus they have ads up for, like, a "Holistic Integration Entrepreneur Business" mixer.

Everything tastes great in its brave attempt to be like "the real thing," the pie, the tempeh, even Hank's "soyrizo" and lasagna. But — and I hate to give Hank so much credit — it's my "live" collard wrap that takes the grand prize. Yes, it's like biting through a banana frond, but inside you get all these surprise taste rewards. The cashews, the almonds, the sweet mango, the savory ooziness of the avocado. And the miracle is, you don't miss the tortilla. A creamy nuttiness carries you through.

I'd had coffee (organic, \$1.45), but now Hank wants one too, so I decide to go for something I saw on a written sign above the cash register. "Feeling sick? Need to clear up your sinuses? Try Israel's Tonic! Garlic, ginger, cayenne pepper, lemon, apple, beet and carrot.'

While we're waiting for Erica to concoct that, I pick up one of the plastic card-holders they've put on each table. On the back is a poem.

KFCruelty. Colonel Sanders was a slave trader for animals...

If a rooster tried to eat your breast

Would you be pissed? ...the farmer He's the world's harmer Imagine if there was no beef Would the earth seem calmer?

The guy who wrote this turns out to be Joe Cortez. He works here. He's young, a kid, really. Tells me people don't realize chickens can be as intelligent as dogs. "I've protested so many KFCs," he says. "The point is, these animals are not respected."

I pick up my Israel tonic (\$3.50) and Hank his organic cawfee (\$1.45). Zowee! That tonic's red, rich, and peppery. "How can you not love this place?" says Hank. We're sitting outside now. "They heat their water by solar panels, they send food leftovers to local farmers to add to their compost. These are the Robin Hoods.'

You don't need to preach, dude," I say. "I'm willing. It's just that....

"What?

I think so.

"Next time I'm outside a greasy spoon, starving for eggs, bacon, grits, and cawfee, what am I gonna do? Find some expensive organic place 20

"I know, I know," Hank says. "As Kermit the Frog says, 'It's not easy being green.'

Unless," I say, "you have green." ■

The Place: Kung Food Express Café, 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), 619-298-7302

Type of Food: vegetarian, vegan, raw

Prices: Hot dishes (e.g., spinach and cheese lasagna, "love life" curry, "chicken" pot pie, eggplant parmesan), \$7.95 per pound; salads (e.g., stuffed raw vegetables, avocado kale salad, Bye Bye Birdie tempeh), \$7.95 per pound; burritos (e.g., papas and "soyrizo" or veggie mix), \$7.95 per pound; collard wraps (with cashews, almonds, alfalfa, mango, avocado), \$4.25; veggie burger, \$3.95; sweet potato fries, \$1.75 (small), \$2.95 (large) **Hours:** 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Monday–Thursday; till 11:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday; from 10:00 a.m., Saturday,

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Temecula Fruit

"I think as our vineyards mature, we'll buy less and less from out of the area."

"Il bet half the people in Fallbrook would say, 'Geez, I didn't know we had a winery,' "says Ira Gourvitz, owner of Fallbrook Winery. In some ways, it's easy to see why. The winery isn't near any sort of main drag. The tast-

ing room is by appointment only. And until recently, the green, barnlike buildings weren't surrounded by hillside vineyards. Toss in a lack of local adoration of local product, and you've got a recipe for anonymity.

But that's changing. The San Diego-area Costcos are carrying

Fallbrook wines. Downtown restaurants are putting them on lists. And while the winery is still remote and by appointment only, the surrounding hills are gradually being planted. Some of the vineyards have been in long enough to produce usable fruit, and the first vintage of estate wine is now in barrel. "When we get going," says Gourvitz, "estate production will probably be about six to seven thousand cases. In the end, if we get up to 30,000 cases total production, about 12,000 of that will be estate."

Some of the remaining 18,000 cases' worth of grapes will come from Fallbrook. "We're trying to petition for a Fallbrook AVA," says Gourvitz. And they're hoping to base their claim on more than just Fallbrook estate wine.

"We consulted on putting in three small vineyards this year," says winemaker Duncan Williams. "And one other a couple of years ago. We do get a lot of calls, but we're not accepting too many jobs. It remains to be seen how active we'll be in terms of managing those vineyards, but we're certainly looking to get all the good local

fruit that we can. We actually don't have as much contact with people who have been planting up here as we'd like. I think our overall conditions are better than Temecula's."

Says Gourvitz, "Duncan said to me, 'We'll be hard-pressed to screw this up.' Everything grows

here in Fallbrook. We're at about 800 feet, and we're only 11 or 12 miles from the ocean. We get that cooling breeze every day," and nice cool nights so that the grapes can keep their acids up as they ripen.

Which is not to say that Fallbrook is looking to cut ties with its more established neighbor. Williams, on the Fallbrook Sauvignon Blanc: "This is a single vineyard, half barrel-fermented—it's Temecula fruit. It came in ripe—it's 14 percent alcohol. So it's rich. But I think it's balanced—it's rich, but with high acid. It's got some citrus, a little bit of grapefruit. That's one of the aromas and flavors I like about Temecula. It's dropped into the background, but it's still there."

And again, about the Fallbrook Special Selection Cabernet: "It's from two Temecula

vineyards, which each comprise 40 percent of the blend, and the other 20 percent is from a vineyard near downtown Fallbrook. One of the Temecula wines was a little lighter, very aromatic. The other had a lot of substance to it — body." The Fallbrook wine, while not quite ready to stand on its own, was "the wine that made this thing work, brought it together. It's got viscosity."

(This talent for blending is part of why Gourvitz is high on Williams. "The whole idea," he says, "is that all the terrific winemakers are not in Napa and Sonoma and Paso Robles. Williams's primary skill is the ability to blend. Yesterday, we were getting ready to bottle our '04 Cabernet. It

took a good three hours to go through all the wines, but we did it, and it's got a continuity with our '02 and '03. We always look for a thread.")

For Williams, the trick in bringing in fruit from outside is managing the ripeness. "I think there's a trend all over to go for hang time and ultra-ripe fruit. But it's difficult sometimes to get ripe without getting overripe. And the whole ripening process can get accelerated, especially when you have the Santa Ana winds. Things start moving really quickly — acids dropping, sugars shooting up. We picked on the early side in '02. That's kind of my preference — I don't consider it early. I would consider the other guys late. I watch the sugars and the pH around harvest, but it's more about flavors." With the Cabernet, "You can't get away from that really ripe character, but this one has a good acid backbone. I wouldn't let the stuff hang any longer; I didn't want to cross the line." (I know whereof he speaks — for me, it's a line between rhubarb and prune in a red



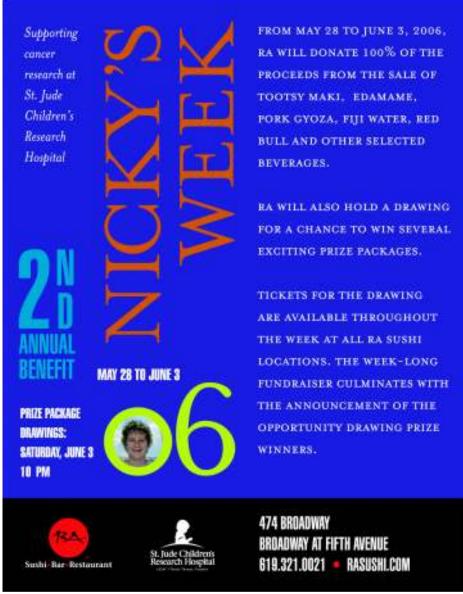
New vineyards at Fallbrook Winery

wine. The former is interesting, the latter, too much.)

"I think as our vineyards mature," says Gourvitz, "we'll buy less and less from out of the area, but I think we'll always bring at least some in." He's planted Sangiovese ("We both like Brunellos") as well as the five grapes of Bordeaux and some Syrah, but he grants that "there are characteristics to those grapes that we can't get here. That Rutherford dust in some of the Napa Cabernets. Even though we amend the soil, we just don't get cool enough at night. And our grapes don't hang long enough to get that intensity of fruit, because if we wait too long, the fruit starts to raisin. It's too warm; it just doesn't get cool enough for them to hang and develop that intensity."

They compensate by dropping fruit and by fermenting in open-top bins instead of tanks — the 130-gallon bins give a greater skin-to-juice ratio than a 3000-gallon tank. "Plus," says





Williams, "we can see and smell what's going on," even if it does mean a lot of running around. "We sometimes have 50 to 60 of those things going at the same time, and we're punching down three or four times a day. We went from 50 to 110 tons last year, so it was an interesting adjustment. Luckily, the harvest was spread out. The year before, we had 70 percent of our fruit come in over a nineday stretch — ready or not. If we'd had that situation this year, we would have been pressed pretty hard."

The massive jump in production was, happily, sales-driven. "We've been selling out of stuff," says Williams.

"We wanted to expand, but we weren't equipped to step it up. Last year was the year that we were able to get the new equipment. Before, we could label and bottle 600 cases a day. Now we're up around 1200.'

Adds Gourvitz, "We're really trying to keep up with our barrel program. We're building a new structure that's primarily for barrel storage, gearing up to support what we're doing." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a minichain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu. which includes foamy, fresh or ange juice and "Beach Benedict" with

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eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multiethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish 'n' yam chips (with fine housemade tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-bythe-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too.

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La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico Citystyle chicken soup is laden with avoca-dos, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ California fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late

lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive.
— N.W. (6/05)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetu-ally packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediter ranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially





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Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Tay-lor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch

or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-bythe-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily: continu-

ous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *F.W.*

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory albondigas soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple taro poi, seven-hour cooked lau-lau (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate

will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open weekdays, from 10:30 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

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Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*,









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ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice

of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Ave nue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453 Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phoneblabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to eniov the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded ciabatta and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are housemade and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal picatta, and bistecca (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. -

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Iolla, 858-551-0643, You worry - those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of lavash (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or albalou polo (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oakfired oven Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly housemade, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for

careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner week-days, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235
Morena Boulevard, Bay Park,
619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not
spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is
ropa vieja ("old clothes"): shredded bees
sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper,
and tomatoes with ever-present rice and
black beans. And the Cuban sandwich
(roast pork, baked ham, and cheese)
shows off the Cuban handling of pork.
Other interesting dishes include alcapuria (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy yuca con mojo (yuca root
with garlic oil). Open for lunch and din
er Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed - they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French - with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread - fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family din-ners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate vith moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. - N.W. (9/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy Hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street#105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — (5/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at mid-night, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

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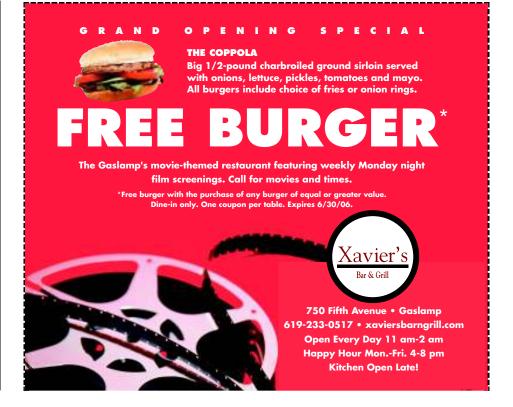
Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaī*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have











what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," prato feito ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forro* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. - N.W. (6/02)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the pork lau lau (pork and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu* poke (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings.

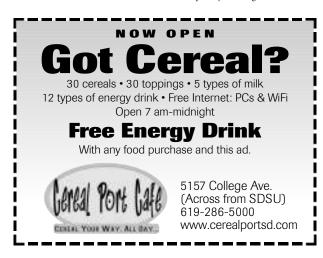
Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. —

People's Organic Foods Co-op 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — É.B. (9/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a

"scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices,





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watching for off-menu extravaganzas Don't miss the ama-ebi with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. - N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

La Fachada 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. The 24-hour restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat un-der a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — (6/05)

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's Caldo 7 Mares

(Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Čash only. Inexpensive. —

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the kafta kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. —

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away,

but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kam-puchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao—and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mush rooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or vou could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner, Inexpensive, -E.B. (9/04)

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, risp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals, Inexpenive — E.B. (4/05)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant

3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Hong Kong-style Cantonese menu runs to many dishes not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of standalone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek familv has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb, goat, and camel meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/05)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head.









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La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednes day, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive — E.B. (8/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University 619-298-8440. The frequen menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily,

breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot - inside the café or on the side walk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive.

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC in-dustrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with

fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday).
— E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfinstuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny,

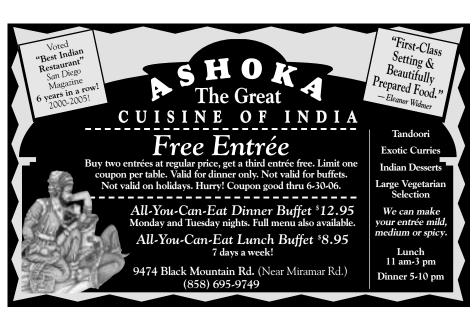
over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (10/02)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and

dinner, seven days. Moderate. E.B. (5/04)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bouleva (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavorbomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet





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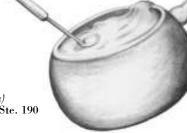
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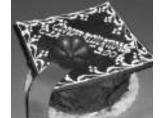
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soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or sum-mer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky shashlik (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no co-incidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken, and

a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter - all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't de spise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sun-

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day. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03) but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed **Bud's Louisiana Food Shop** 2034 Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and in-Waterfront Bar). Little Italy. 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orgredients have been somewhat comproleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the mised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dudeinventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now friendly - that is, less venturesome than he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. they might be, and execution can be un-A brief but choice menu features aueven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene thentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eatin or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations vour rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étoufadvised, required on weekends; slightly fée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef wine list; food expensive or higher. po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items N.W. (1/04) intermittently available at retail (frozen

andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's

usually a pain but worth it. Beer and

generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/05)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar

(near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy,

619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the

Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's

and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a

million dollars to get the school and the

restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The

place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery

(they painted all the seals and porpoise

murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito

(grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans,

Mexican rice, and melted lack cheese in

a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the

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and French techniques. In a handsome

Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middleof-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, at the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Oueen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations - seventy years. Rice, beans pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spitinirolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach borani, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweetsour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent. e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate.

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01)

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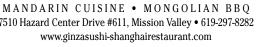
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Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pa cific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Åloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the haupia cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. In-expensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748: also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and lumpia. Diniguan, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored laver cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner.

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue,

door-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but it has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha, Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls some for sale. Open lunch through dinner six days; closed Mondays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/06)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar.

Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (3/01)

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La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singe Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (3/05)

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like Star Wars creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill

charro food for well-to-do charros. Oldstyle BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — F.B. (10/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than nost, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only.

— N.W. (11/02)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio

Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660), Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — E.B. (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash vill buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits

National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a re-gional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fastfood translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird - flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalava are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat it-self is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes faiitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. - E.B. (8/01)

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Such a Fuss

Inasmuch as it's a Ron Howard movie it's pretty much what we could have predicted.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ee. Was I supposed to be talking about *The Da Vinci Code* last week? Was I mistaken to imagine that maybe you had had it up to here (indicating receding hairline) with talk about the screen treatment of the

Dan Brown novel? Any inkling that the saturation point had been reached ought to have solidified into a lead-

pipe cinch once the Los Angeles Times elected to run its movie review on the first page. Not, mind you, on the first page of the entertainment section as customary, but unprecedentedly (I trust) on the first page of the first section, the proverbial Front Page. And not in order to declare that here at last we have The Birth of a Nation for the new millennium, but to declare no big deal, ho-hum. You almost might have expected to look up at the top story and read in seventy-twopoint type, "Fender Bender on Sunset," with the subhead, "Coffee Spillage in Interior, Minor Damage to Upholstery.'

Let me confess straight off that I belong to the one percent of the reading public, and the point-zero-one percent

of the mystery-reading public, that has not read the book, and further confess that I had a devil of a time comprehending what the story (never mind the fuss) was all about. We have, set me straight if I have veered, two secret

societies pledged independently to keep the same secret. Both these societies are within the Catholic Church, the

Priory of Sion on the one hand and Opus Dei on the other, and their shared secret (spoiler ahead for recent arrivals on Earth from the outer planets) is that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene married and multiplied. But let's for the moment not get distracted with particulars. Let's stick to the structural bare bones. Two secret societies keeping the same secret. One of these for some obscure reason was scheduled to reveal the secret at the turn of the millennium, and for some equally obscure reason declined to reveal it when the time came. This, for a slightly clearer reason, so irritated someone in the world of academe who was a member of neither society, but who was privy to the secret anyhow, that he



The Da Vinci Code

then infiltrated the society which never had the least intention of revealing the secret, and managed to drum up support among other members of that society to launch a program of targeted assassinations, not unlike the Mossad program in *Munich*, against select members of that other society, ostensibly to prevent them from re-

vealing the secret they had already chosen not to reveal, but really, deviously, selfishly to produce the exact opposite result of bringing the secret (somehow) to light. The trail of bodies naturally sets in motion a murder investigation, in the course of which two new people, a symbologist and a cryptologist, will come into possession of

the secret, one of whom is revealed to be (no spoiler warning necessary, since the revelation seemed obvious to me from the start) the direct descendent of Jesus. And yet at the finish everyone who is still alive is still keeping the secret a secret, and except that we're now in on it, we're right back where we started, or even back farther than



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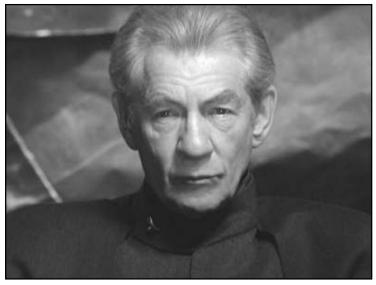
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that, back before we started. Now I ask you: This is a plot? This is the plot that sold fifty million books?

To return to the particulars: the additional premise that the disclosure of the secret would have the immediate effect of liberating the oppressed worldwide and bringing about an epoch of peace and harmony, and that nothing would please the Catholic Church less, seems to me dubious in the extreme. (In a parallel vein, I suspect that if the newly turned-up gospel according to Judas, which repaints the goat as a volunteer scapegoat, had come in the form of hard proof instead of self-serving testimony, the effect on the modern world would have been comparable to that of finding out that Richard Jewell did not plant the Atlanta Olympics bomb and that Richard Ricci did not abduct Elizabeth Smart. In a word, a vast collective "Huh!") No doubt the revelation of Jesus's paternity would have the effect of muddying the Catholic Church, not because the fact itself is damaging but because — as in the Watergate affair, as in the Monica Lewinsky affair the lie about it is damaging. Other branches of Christianity, their hands clean of cover-up ("the greatest coverup in human history," no less), would be free to spin the virility of the Savior as perfectly compatible with his divinity, and even the Vatican could distance itself from the loose cannons of Opus Dei and the Priory of Sion, and in a spirit of appeasement might consent (to keep in step with the times) to encourage priestly marriage and to throw open the gates of the clergy to women, and soon enough the whole shooting match would blow over. The Catholic Church, as it has demonstrated again in its response to this book and movie, is well practiced in handling bad publicity, and puts up a better show of forbearance than some faiths I could mention. And let's be clear that the self-flagellating albino assassin, though explicitly a member of the real organization of Opus Dei, does not represent its entire membership. To identify a murderer in a work of fiction as a Catholic is a far cry from identifying

Catholics as murderers. Admittedly, if virility and divinity were found to be incompatible, some further spin-control would be called for, and Jesus might have to accept a demotion to the status of the Buddha, but the Lutherans and the Methodists and the others could go on passing the collection plate, whether or not it came back a tad lighter. A more immediate and definite effect, however, would be that of seriously dampening the hilarity of the climactic scene in the movie when the descendent of Jesus finally gets put in the picture. It's one thing to find out you're related to the Son of God; it would be something else to find out you're related to Socrates or Plato. Maybe I am being blasé, but even if not, Dan Brown is perfectly entitled — is poetically licensed - to set up an alternative universe if he wants to, one where a spotless reputation is worth killing for, and one where the uncovering of a spot would allow the rest of the world to breathe easier. No more holier-than-thou. Only humans. Just

The movie is of course its own separate matter, and inasmuch as it's a Ron Howard movie it's pretty much what we could have predicted, something dogged, diligent, uninspired, overproduced, and crowd-pleasing or at least crowd-pandering. The grainy, color-drained flashbacks, ranging back



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to the traumatic childhoods of the two principals and back, back, back to the Dark Ages, Ancient Rome, and the aftermath of the Crucifixion, testify to the unwieldiness of the transfer from page to screen. The trajectory of the narrative is an odd, dash-and-dot line of breathless chase interrupted by long-winded discourse on religion, Church history, Renaissance art, etc., a high-speed quest for the Holy Grail broken off for pedantic exegesis of what the Grail actually is. Tom Hanks, even with longer hair, does not make a credible longhair. Audrey Tautou

speaks English well enough to expand the market for her elfin cuteness. And Ian McKellen carries on in the grand tradition of stage-trained British thespians who have fallen in love with the sounds of their own voices. I am inclined to cut the movie some slack for its abstinence from pyrotechnics, albeit no abstinence from high technology. And some more slack for its stress on the mental aspects of detective work (strong contrast to Mission: Impossible III, there), although even the code-breaking proceeds at a breakneck pace: our cryptologist and symbologist could fill in the daily Sudoku as fast as the hand could write. And maybe, too, a bit more slack for its crescendo of rhetoric to a pitch typically in the upper range of apocalyptic science fiction. But that might altogether be too much slack for a movie with an acute predisposition to hang itself.

X-Men: The Last Stand is, to be less melodramatic, the third installment, and despite the deaths and genetic alterations of several key mutants, it offers no assurance that it is indeed the last. After all, the key mutant who perished in the previous installment (not that I remembered it) returns here as an upgraded Class Five mutant: "The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a cocoon that protected her." This lack of assurance will be received as good news in some quarters and bad news, or no news, in others. The storytelling addresses itself exclusively to devotees and does not worry itself with recruiting new ones or reclaiming defectors. Only devotees, surely, could go along with the assumption that the thing the series needed, even before the thinning-out

through death and alteration, was more mutants with more powers. In sum, more mess. (To say nothing of more Ian McKellen and his self-loving voice.) New to the series, Brett Ratner directed, or at any rate sat in the director's chair.

The Fallen Idol, at the Ken this week, close on the heels of Classe Tous Risques at that same venue, is the latest exhumation by Rialto Pictures, the 1948 Carol Reed film, with a screenplay by Graham Greene, about an unobtrusive servant (a beautifully nuanced Ralph Richardson) in the French embassy in London, who has a special bond with the ambassador's mischievous little boy and a hush-hush extramarital link with a French typist (the too glamorous Michèle Morgan) and suddenly, suspiciously, a dead wife. The film fits between Reed's more flamboyant, better-known, but not by any means better Odd Man Out and The Third Man (perhaps it ought to have been renamed The Fallen Man), and the cooler emotional climate seems to agree with him, although the hawk-eyed, hovering wife approaches the stature of a fairy-tale Wicked

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Witch, and the boy's nocturnal flight in his pi's into glistening wet Expressionistic streets gives him a momentary kinship with the fugitive Odd Man and Third Man, and the fake-Hitchcock suspense-building of the final half-hour tends to be more exasperating than exciting. Some, however, of the subjective camera angles from the boy's point of view, all throughout, are fully worthy of Hitchcock. Still, I am more excited, sight unseen, about the next Rialto disinterment on the calendar, Army of Shadows at the Ken at the end of the month, a 1969 Jean-Pierre Melville film with Lino Ventura, past beneficiaries, both, of the Rialto tomb raiders. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Akeelah and the Bee - An elevenyear-old black girl (the appealing Keke Palmer) in the South L.A. ghetto braves the taunts of "freak" and "brainiac" to enter the Scripps National Spelling Bee and, on her first try, go clear through to the televised finals in Washington, D.C., where it all comes down to "logorrhea" and "pulchritude," two words to make even an average speller feel like a champ. In short, it's the documentary Spellbound with a fictional stacked deck, a palatable if not exactly swallowable family film, the sort of thing Oprah could get behind a hundred percent. Laurence Fishburne is the moody private tutor and Angela Bassett the distracted single mom: Ike and Tina Turner together again! Written and directed by Doug Atchison, 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VAL-

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.

• (GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Art School Confidential — 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 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 touched lightly on the subject of art instruction, but the subject awaited a fuller fondling. And if the hoped-for recovery proves 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





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derivative dead-teenager filmmaker who feels his work is original because he himself has never done it before, and of course the central figure (Max Minghella, a cross between young Tony Perkins and young Richard Thomas), "the class douche bag" in the lexicon of clichés, a sensitive virgin whose goals are to be "the greatest artist of the 21st Century" and, more urgently, to get laid. 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. 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.) Still, it fills, or fractionally fills, a definite void and a definite need. Sophia Myles, John Malkovich, Jim Broadbent, Steve Buscemi, Anjelica Huston. 2006

★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Break-Up — Romantic comedy with Jennifer Aniston, Vince Vaughn, Judy Davis, and Ann-Margret, directed by Peyton Reed.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/2)

The Da Vinci Code — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen, Paul Bettany, and Jean Reno; directed by Ron Howard.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;



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District B13 — Futuristic French action film with Cyril Raffaelli and David Belle, directed by Pierre Morel.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 6/2)

Down in the Valley — Edward Norton

enacts a soft-spoken, slick-shootin', sore-thumb cowboy in the San Fernando Valley (nowhere sorer than in synagogue), who enters an inadvisable relationship with a too-young girl, the succulently photographed Evan Rachel Wood. His self-styled Westerner persona ("You can be anybody you want to be. You just have to decide on it") injects psychosis rather than melodrama into the situation, and the film succumbs to repetition and inertia. Not even an improbable stumble onto an Old West movie set, when in flight from the law, can revive it. With David Morse, Rory Culkin, Bruce Dern, and Geoffrey Lewis; written and directed by David Jacobson.

 \bigstar (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/1)

The Fallen Idol — Reviewed this issue. With Ralph Richardson, Michèle Morgan, Bobby Henrey, Sonia Dresdel, and Jack Hawkins; directed by Carol Reed.

★★★ (KEN, 6/2 THROUGH 8)

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 Britishaccented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual ("Just because you care about what you wear

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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)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Jagged Edge — Newspaper heiress slain! The husband, editor of the aforesaid newspaper and outspoken critic of the District Attorney, is indicted. A retired criminal prosecutor (and highly attractive divorcée) agrees to handle the defense as a way to even her personal score with her former boss, the D.A., and she is soon on more intimate terms with her client than is ethically advisable. Or artistically advisable, either. Romance crowds out all else. The pre-trial detective work is nil; the courtroom drama is elementary (although Leigh Taylor-Young does a good turn as a malicious witness). The movie, indeed, gives us deliberately little to go on so that when it begins its twists and turns, there is nothing to trip it up. And only at the finish can we look back and see how simple and arbitrary the whole thing has been: plotting by coin-toss. It is perhaps just ridiculous enough, however, that we could look forward at that point to reading about it in the newspaper the next day. Glenn Close, Jeff Bridges, Peter Coyote, Robert Loggia; directed by Richard Marquand. 1985.

• (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/3 AND 4, 8:30 P.M.)

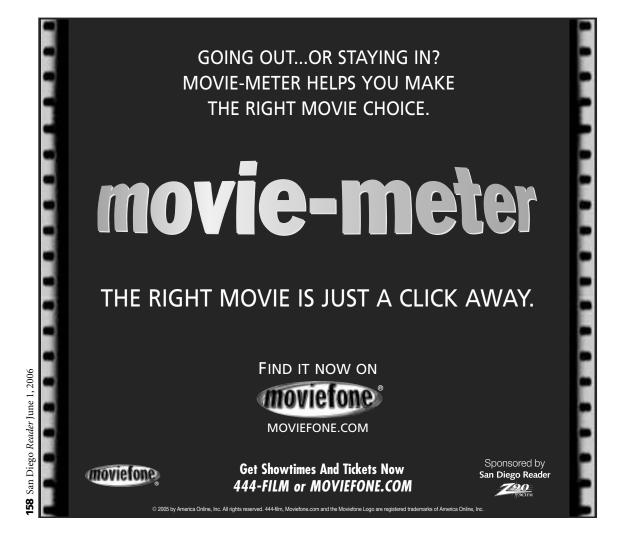
Just My Luck — Accursed fantasy (bad acting, writing, directing, lighting, taste, everything) about a charmed career girl who exchanges fortunes, when she exchanges saliva, with a luckless stranger on the dance floor at a masquerade ball. With Lindsay Lohan, Chris Pine, Faizon Love, Missi Pyle, Samaire Armstrong, and Bree Turner (she's not bad, the brunette with the Cupid's-bow mouth); directed by Donald Petrie. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Keeping Up with the Steins — Bar mitzvah mania, all for laughs and all for naught. Not so much as a snicker. Not so much as a snort. With Daryl Sabara, Jeremy Piven, Jami Gertz, Garry Marshall, Daryl Hannah, Doris Roberts, Cheryl Hines, and Richard Benjamin; directed by Scott Marshall. 2006.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 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 Edgerton, looks a bit Michael Anderson, Jr., just past his prime. Directed by Julian Jarrold. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/1)

The Lost City — In his directorial debut, Andy Garcia conjures the city of his birth, the city of his infancy, Havana in transition between Batista and Castro. A labor of love, presumably, but laborious positively, a limp epic of flat, underlit visuals and sententious, pretentious dialogue. "Havana is no longer a capital city, but a capital sin.' "Havana is very much like a rose. It has petals and it has thorns, so it depends on how you grab it, but in the end it always grabs you." And so on. Bill Murray plays the jester who hangs around Garcia's El Tropico nightclub, in a seersucker suit with short pants, but his lines are written no better than anyone else's. Inés Sastre, Tomas Milian, Millie Perkins, and (as Meyer Lansky) Dustin Hoffman. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS) Mission: Impossible III — The throbbing Lalo Schifrin 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 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 Schifrin theme. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Crudup, Ving Rhames. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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VISTA VILLAGE)

Moonstruck — Some cozy sentiments about love, partly shielded behind the abrasive exterior of New York Italians, and some lovely postcards of the moon over Manhattan. Cher, with her hair pinned up and dusted with gray (at least until her big date at the Metropolitan Opera), proves she can lay on the ethnic shtick as thick as any character actor. So, all right already! She's a real actress — realer and realer (or rather, actressier and actressier). With Nicolas Cage, Danny Aiello, Vincent Gardenia, and Olympia Dukakis; directed by Norman Iewison. 1987.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/1 AND 2, 8:30 P.M.)

Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont —

Softened, sweetened, sentimentalized treatment of a fine little novel by the fine English novelist Elizabeth Taylor. American independent director Dan Ireland 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. Zoe Tapper, Anna Massey, Robert Lang, Georgina Hale. 2005.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Over the Hedge — A population of computer-cartoon Cute Critters, plasticky, foam-rubbery, styrofoamy, and styled to please the eye of the pre-schooler, teaches the lesson that oneness beats aloneness. There are some elaborate and well-timed visual gags, pretty awful to look at nonetheless. The buzzed-up squirrel, not unlike the squirrel in the first *Ice Age*, rather steals the show. With the voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, William Shatner, Nick Nolte, and Allison Janney; directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. 2006.

★ (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; 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)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slomo nightmare of a world-class gymnast drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: "This is a service station. We offer service. There's no higher purpose.' The story, from a novel by self-help author and former athlete Dan Millman, is purportedly "inspired by true events," and at the very least the quadrennial Olympic qualifying tournament could be said to be a



AAYONA ALLISON

Mrs. Farrior's seventh-grade language arts class

The movie I'd recommend to rent is Roll Bounce, starring Shad "Bow Wow" Moss, Nick Cannon, and Meagan Good. Why should you see Roll Bounce? Roll Bounce is a movie that takes place in the '70s but deals with today's problems. What I like most about Roll Bounce is the music and the fact that they roller-skate everywhere. When the local rink closes, the characters enter a rival rink's Roller lam skate-off. Watching Roll Bounce inspired me to learn how to roller-skate.

ROLL BOUNCE (USA) 2005, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$19.98

SHAUNTE SMITH

Mrs. Farrior's seventh-grade language arts class

The Chronicles of Narnia, a fascinating fantasy of four kids, a lion, and a wardrobe, has all sorts of wonderful adventures. I really like this movie and the book by C.S. Lewis. The movie starts out with four kids: Peter, Susan, Lucy, and Edmund. Lucy discovers a magical wardrobe, but her siblings don't believe her. The movie is also about Aslan the Lion, who is very noble. Some people might say The Chronicles of Narnia is a kids' movie, but it's a movie for the whole family. The movie is a two-thumbs-up adventure. I think the movie is trying to be creative. The characters are unique and powerful. If you've never been to Narnia, you can enter it through this movie.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE (USA) 2005, Walt Disney List price: \$29.99

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Mrs. Farrior's seventh-grade language arts class

In Dr. Dolittle 3, Maya Dolittle (Kyla Pratt) is sent to Durango, a ranch that is full of surprises like maybe it's going to close down! Now it's up to Maya and her new friends to save the ranch. This is a great movie with lots of feelings that kids can relate to. But, unlike the previous comical Dr. Dolittle movies. Dr. Dolittle 3 isn't that funny. I don't know if it's the plot, the writers, or the actors, but something's wrong with this movie. Maybe it's the loss of actors — Eddie Murphy isn't in Dr. Dolittle 3 and he IS Dr. Dolittle. But, all in all, Dr. Dolittle 3 is a great movie, and if you haven't seen it, you should.

DR. DOLITTLE 3 (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$26.98

true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/2)

Poseidon — The remake of *The Poseidon* Adventure trims down its 1972 forerunner 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 allstars, 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Proposition — An Australian Western, or in other words 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. Written by Nick Cave; directed by John Hillcoat.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 6/1)

RV — Hackneyed vacation comedy (it could almost have a *National Lampoon's* in front of its title) about a horse's-ass dad who rents an eyesore motor home, christened by his children the Rolling Turd, in an effort to fulfill family obligations and keep an important business engagement at the same time. Well done, nonetheless, in an overdone sort of way. Cheryl Hines, an expert reactor after years opposite Larry David on HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, here makes a fine foil for Robin Williams,

characteristically overwound. With Joanna "JoJo" Levesque, Josh Hutcherson, Jeff Daniels, and Kristin Chenoweth; directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; 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; VOGUE)

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.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Sketches of Frank Gehry — Sydney Pollack's rookie documentary, a casual portrait of his personal friend, né Frank Goldberg, "the leading architect in the world to-





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day" (in the words of fellow architect Philip Johnson). The visual quality of the image is highly uneven, and happily the pictures of his actual work are sharper and clearer than those of his workplace or those of the talking heads, Ed Ruscha, Julian Schnabel, Dennis Hopper, Michael Eisner, Michael Ovitz, Barry Diller, Bob Geldof, among others, and of course Gehry and Pollack himself, seen on screen operating a separate camcorder. Naturally, the verbal quality of the talking heads is uneven, too, and the contributions of Gehry's humane and humorous therapist, Milton Wexler, must be counted among the high points. 2006.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 6/1)

Thank You for Smoking - Satire with teeth, discolored though they may be. There is nothing exceptional cinematically about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (Ghostbusters, Twins, Kindergarten Cop, and the like), but from the opening credits - the witty cigarette-pack graphic motif, Tex Williams's C&W oldie, "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette," in the background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described "Colonel Sanders of Nicotine," a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, In the Company of Men, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the 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



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pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry's grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there, too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resistance against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free choice. (There is pointedly no puffing on screen here: overprotection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: "Jeff invented product placement." Further plot mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and

a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Typhoon — Cheap Korean knockoff of James Bond (complete with John Barryesque whooping horns), although no Bond villain ever had such a soft spot for his sister, and 007 never had such empathy with one. Cultural differences, possibly, but the ineptitude does not encourage bridgebuilding. With Jung-jae Lee, Dong-kun Jang, Mi-yeon Lee, and David McInnis; written and directed by Kyung-taek Kwak.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 6/2)

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

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 onenote characterizations, including several actual participants in the events, re-enacting unhistrionically their own roles in them. (It is odd to recognize, for the rare exception, the U.S. President from The Sentinel, David Rasche, among the passengers of Flight 93.) The power, to be sure, is not so much created, not so much generated, by the filmmaker as it is inherent in the material: the initial obliviousness to impending doom, the later helplessness to avert it. Though there is doubtless a kind of exploitation in that, it is not for purposes of greed. The area in which the collective imagination of moviegoers is apt to be found most wanting, most needful of filling-in, is in the gradual awakening to the crisis in the assorted control towers and command centers ("Sir, we have a real-world situation here"). As long as Greengrass is cross-cutting between these and the titular airplane — the one scheduled to go from Newark to San Francisco, the one that ultimately went down in rural Pennsylvania en route to Pennsylvania Avenue - the film has its best opportunities to raise gooseflesh. Once the third hijacked plane has hit the Pentagon, after the two earlier have hit the Twin Towers, Greengrass gives up any further cross-cutting and settles in inside the fourth and final plane, where he can add little to our own imagination, except insofar as he forces upon us a full sense of the duration of events. The horror of these will be somewhat muted by the frenetic imprecision of the camera. Ben Sliney, Maj. James Fox, David Alan Basche, Trish Gates. 2006. \bigstar (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;

done for themselves; and he has maintained

a respectable level of integrity in his place-

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MISSION VALLEY 20)

Wah-Wah — Actor Richard E. Grant's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age film, set in Swaziland on the verge of its inde-

pendence, but centering on his messy domestic situation, his cheating mother, his boozing father, and his unceremonious American stepmother, "a common little exair hostess." (The title comes from her mimicry of Brit speech affectations.) It has the feel of a public testimonial, a purgation, not terribly painful, nor particularly involving, for the disinterested spectator. Well acted by Miranda Richardson, Gabriel Byrne, and Emily Watson (putting on, and playing up, an American accent), but was it really necessary to employ two separate actors, a couple of years apart, to play the adolescent hero? And a bit more might have been made of his acting-out of his private torments in his home-made puppet theater, With Nicholas Hoult, Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Zachary Fox. 2006.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/2) 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 heartthrob (flute player, poetry quoter, Gandhi follower) is a howl. With Lisa Ray, John Abraham, Seema Biswas, and Sarala. 2006

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

X-Men: The Last Stand — Reviewed this issue. With Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Kelsey Grammer, and Ian McKellen; directed by Brett Ratner.

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:40, 1:15, 3:15) 4:25, 5:00, 7:05, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 11:00; Just My Luck (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:15, 10:05, 10:40; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 12:35, 1:25, 2:25, 3:00) 4:15, 4:50, 5:35, 6:55, 7:25, 7:55, 9:15, 9:45; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:25, 8:10, 10:25; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:05, 8:05, 10:20; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:20) 5:30, 7:35, 9:50; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 11:45, 12:30, 2:10, 2:45, 3:30) 4:40, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 10:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Akeelah and the Bee** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05 7:50, 10:25; An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 6:05, 8:25, 10:50 Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35; **The Celestine Prophecy** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) 7:20, 9:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 12:20, 1:10, 2:00, 3:05, 3:50) 4:35, 5:20, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:40, 12:20, 1:10, 2:00, 3:05, 3:50) 4:35, 5:20, 6:30, 7:15, 8:10, 8:45, 9:55, 10:30; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; **Just** Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 12:15, 1:15, 2:05, 2:50, 3:35) 4:25, 5:10, 5:55, 7:00, **8** 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 9:50, 10:35 Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 1:15, 2:05, 2:50, 3:35) 4:25, 5:10, 5:55, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:50, 10:10; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 12:25, 1:05, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45) 4:50, 5:35, 6:20, 7:25, 8:10, 8:55, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:50, 12:25, 1:05, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45) 4:50, 5:35, 6:20, 7:25, 8:05, 8:55, 10:00

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Art School Confidential (R) Fri. (10:40, 1:05, 4:00) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:05) 4:00, 6:50, 9:20; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (10:10, 1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri. (9:40, 10:50, 12:35, 1:40, 3:35, 4:45) 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:35 Sat., -Sun. (9:40, 10:50, 12:35, 1:40, 3:35) 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:35; **RV** (PG) Fri. (9:35, 12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat., Sun. (9:35, 12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; Scary Movie 4 (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 12:55, 3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (9:45, 11:55, 2:10, 4:25) 6:40, 8:50, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (9:45, 11:55, 2:10) 4:25, 6:40, 8:50 10:55; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:15, 4:10) 6:55, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:15) 4:10, 6:55, 9:50; **United 93** (R) Fri. (10:55, 1:35, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:35) 4:15 7:05, 9:55; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:05, 4:35, 5:00, 5:30) 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2

LA JOLLA

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Break-Up (PG-13); The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); District B13 (R); Mission: Impossible III (PG-13); Over the Hedge (PG); Poseidon (PG-13); Thank You for Smoking (R); X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Keeping Up with the Steins (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat., Sun. (11:20) 2:00. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mrs. Palfrey at the Clare-

mont (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sketches of Frank Gehry (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55 Sat., -Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Wah-Wah** (R) Fri.,-Sun.; **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) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri. 11:10, 11:50, 12:25, 1:10, 2:35, 3:10, 3:55, 4:30, 6:05, 6:35, 7:15, 7:55, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:20 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 11:10, 11:50, 12:25, 1:10, 2:35 3:10, 3:55, 4:30, 6:05, 6:35, 7:15, 7:55, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:20; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30; Just My Luck (PG-13) Fri. 1:55, 4:35, 7:25 Sat.,-Sun. 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:25; Keeping Up with the Steins (PG-13) Fri .- Sun 11:20, 2:05. 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:20, 3:40, 4:20, 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 10:25; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. 11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:15, 9:00, 10:30 Sat., Sun. 10:45, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:15, 9:00, 10:30; Poseidon (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 8:55 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30, 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 8:55; RV (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:55, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45; See No Evil (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35; United 93 (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:35, 3:25, 6:10, 8:50; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 11:45, 11:45, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:15, 3:45, 4:45, 5:50, 6:20, 6:20, 7:00, 8:00, 8:35, 9:05 9:05, 10:20, 10:50, 11:10, 11:40, 11:40, 11:40 Sat., -Sun. 10:15, 11:00, 11:45, 11:45, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:15, 3:45, 4:45, 5:50, 6:20, 6:2

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; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.

10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Posei**don (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. 8:15, 10:45; She-Ra: Princess of Power (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

STATE UNIVERSITY

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:15) 4:15, 6:45, 7:35, 10:00, 10:40; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Poseidon (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun (12:30, 3:05) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:45

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) The Fallen Idol

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Moonstruck (PG) Thurs.-Fri. 8:30; Jagged Edge (R) Sat.,-Sun. 8:30

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **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 Lost City** (R) Fri. (2:00, 5:15) 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; 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; Antarctica (Not Rated) Fri.

7:00; Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; Greece: Secrets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; 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.,-Sun. 7:00, 9:25; The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:10, 11:50, 12:10, 1:15, 2:55, 3:15, 3:35, 4:30) 6:20, 6:40, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:05, 10:30, 11:00 Sat., Sun. (10:00, 11:10, 11:50, 12:10, 1:15, 2:55, 3:15, 3:35) 4:30, 6:20, 6:40, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:05, 10:30, 11:00; **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. (10:20, 1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (10:20, 1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:20, 3:05, 3:40, 4:40, 5:30, 5:55) 7:00, 7:50, 8:20, 9:20, 10:10, 10:40 Sat., -Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:20, 3:05, 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, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; 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; See **No Evil** (R) Fri. (10:05, 12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:25) Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:25; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:10, 3:40, 3:55, 4:20, 4:50, 5:50) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:10, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45, 11:05 Sat.,-Sun (10:10, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:10, 3:40, 3:55)

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 12:55, 3:35) 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 10:20, 11:00; Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:50; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:10, 2:05, 3:20) 4:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:45; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:55, 10:15; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 12:00, 1:50, 2:40) 4:30, 5:20, 7:20, 8:00, 10:05, 10:40

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:20) 1:00, 7:05, 7:30, 8:00, 8:40, 10:30, 10:55, 11:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00) 1:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:20, 7:05, 7:30, 8:00, 8:40, 10:30, 10:55, 11:15; Just My Luck (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00); **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:10) 7:10, 10:00; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 10:30, 11:00, 12:20, 12:40, 1:40, 2:35, 3:05, 4:15, 5:00, 5:30) 6:20, 7:15, 7:40, 9:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 10:30, 11:00, 12:20, 12:40, 1:40, 2:35, 3:05) 4:15, 5:00, 5:30, 6:20, 7:15, 7:40, 9:25, 9:55; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:15, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:15) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; **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; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:45, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sat.,-Sun (10:00, 10:45, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:45) 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15,

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); Over the Hedge (PG); Poseidon (PG-13); X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:45, 10:15; **Mis**sion: 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, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; See No Evil (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:30, 10:30; She-Ra: Princess of Power (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30) 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) An American Haunting (PG-13); The Break-Up (PG-13); The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); District B13 (R); Goal (PG); Mission: Impossible III (PG-13); Over the Hedge (PG); Poseidon (PG-13); RV (PG); See No Evil (R); Silent Hill (R); X-Men: The Last Stand

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 10:55, 12:00, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 3:50, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:20, 7:40, 8:05, 10:20, 10:40, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 10:55, 12:00, 12:45, 1:20, 3:15, 3:50) 4:10, 4:40, 7:00, 7:20, 7:40, 8:05 10:20, 10:40, 10:55; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:05, 9:45 Sat., -Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:50) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:50, 7:45, 10:35; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:20, 11:50, 12:15, 12:35, 2:10, 2:35, 3:00, 4:35, 5:05, 5:25) 6:50, 7:25, 7:50, 9:35, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 11:50, 12:15, 12:35, 2:10, 2:35, 3:00) 4:35, 5:05, 5:25, 6:50, 7:25, 7:50, 9:35, 9:55; **Po**seidon (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:15) Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:15; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:35, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:35, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:15; **X-Men: The** Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:40, 11:15, 11:45, 12:40, 1:45, 2:05, 2:25, 3:20, 4:20, 4:40,

5:00, 5:55) 6:55, 7:15, 7:35, 7:55, 8:30, 9:30, 9:50, 10:10, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:40, 11:15, 11:45, 12:40, 1:45, 2:05, 2:25, 3:20) 4:20, 4:40, 5:00, 5:55, 6:55, 7:1

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) RV (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 4:00, 7:45; Scary Movie 4 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 6:00, 9:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:35, 1:35, 2:55, 3:55) 4:55, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 12:15, 1:25, 2:30) 4:15, 5:05, 6:45, 7:30, 9:25, 10:15; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 12:05, 12:55, 1:50, 2:40, 3:30) 4:25, 5:15, 6:05, 7:00, 7:50, 8:40, 9:35, 10:05

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

N. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; 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; She-Ra: Princess of Power (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:45, 10:15; **Mis**sion: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; RV (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; She-Ra: Princess of Power (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun, 10:00 (11:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30) 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:30

THE SILENCE HAS BEEN BROKEN

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

California Walk (760-471-3711) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05, 10:35, 11:15, 11:45, 1:00, 1:25, 2:00, 2:35, 3:30, 4:15, 4:50) 5:25, 6:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10:55; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 9:50; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 12:55, 4:00) 7:40, 10:35; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 11:10, 11:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:05, 3:40, 4:25, 4:40) 6:00, 6:45, 7:10, 8:20, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Posei don** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:30, 5:05) 8:05, 10:50; RV (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:45, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **See No Evil** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15

Smoking (R) Fri.,-Sun. (5:15) 7:35; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 11:00, 12:00, 12:30, 12:50, 1:10, 1:40, 2:40, 3:10, 3:30, 4:20, 4:35, 5:50) 5:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:10, 9:40, 10:40, 11:00

12:45, 3:00) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Thank You for

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Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Call theater for program information

ENCINITAS Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

NORTH COASTAL

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:55,

12:55, 4:05, 7:15, 10:20; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:20, 7:05,

9:45; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30, 12:35, 2:35, 4:40, 6:45, 8:45; X-Men: The Last

Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00, 12:20, 2:45,

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30

(1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:45, 10:15; **Mis-**

sion: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Over the Hedge

(PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30,

3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 9:30; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.

11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **She-Ra: Princess of Power** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun.

Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30)

5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. 7:10, 12:50,

10:00: X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

CARLSBAD

DEL MAR

(858-646-9420)

Del Mar Highlands 8

Plaza Camino Real

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 12:15, 2:45, 3:40, 6:15, 7:15, 9:45, 10:30; **Mis**sion: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:40; Over the Hedge (PG)

Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 12:55, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:40, 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45,

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

The Celestine Prophecy (PG) Fri. 7:00, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:15; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Mis**sion: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:15, 12:15, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:15, 10:45; She-Ra: Princess of Power (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; X-Men: **The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

An American Haunting (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05, 12:20, 2:35, 5:10, 8:00, 10:15; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15, 11:15, 2:15, 3:15, 6:40, 7:10, 10:00, 10:30; **Just My Luck** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10, 10:40, 11:10, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:55, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 9:55, 10:25; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:25, 1:25, 4:10, 7:15, 9:50; See No Evil (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 9:45; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00

Oceanside 16

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Surgen niños narcos

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Así como sucede en las guerras, cuando los soldados adultos han caído o convalecen en hospitales y les pasan las armas a los niños para que continúen una guerra, así está pasando en Tijuana con el consumo y distribución de drogas.

La Unidad Mixta de Atención al Narcomenudeo (UMAN) informó que de los 7 mil 500 detenidos, que corresponden a las 6 mil actas circunstanciadas durante el 2005, al menos 375 eran menores de edad.

Durante lo que va de este año han realizado 4 mil actas, es decir poco más de 4 mil 500 detenidos, y el 5 por ciento de ello siguen siendo de niños.

No sólo el consumo de drogas está aumentando en menores de edad, sino también el empleo de niños en la distribución.

En los 80 centros de rehabilitación de Tijuana hay 720 niños internos. migración



Camina Reforma

El Senado aprobó un proyecto de ley que resguarda las fronteras y ofrece a millones de inmigrantes indocumentados la posibilidad de residencia permanente en Estados Unidos, en un raro compromiso bipartidista en un año electoral y que da una victoria al presidente George W. Bush.

El proyecto, aprobado con votación de 62 a favor y 36 en contra, incluye fondos para la seguridad fronteriza, un nuevo programa de trabajadores temporales y una eventual apertura para la residencia y subsecuentemente la ciudadanía para unos 11 millones de indocumentados que ya están en la nación.

El proyecto emprenderá ahora el arduo camino hacia una armonización con la propuesta de la Cámara de Representantes, que ha aprobado una medida mucho más conservadora. local



Perros al trolley

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Perros entrenados para detector explosivos comenzarán a trabajar dentro de los vagones del trolley.

Tres pastores alemanes fueron presentados por oficiales del Sistema de Transporte Metropolitano de San Diego.

Los canes recibieron un entrenamiento de 10 semanas en el estado de Texas y fueron transferidos a esta ciudad fronteriza para cumplir la asignación que les ha sido conferida.

Los perros serán utilizados para vigilar las 51 millas de vías que conforman las 53 estaciones del tren ligero.

Los nombres de los animales, dos machos y una hembra son: Bino, Rony y July.

Bino fue nombrado el mejor perro dentro de los entrenamientos efectuados en la academia de Lakeland, Texas.

Dos de los perros ya se encuentran rondando en estaciones de trenes.







Se luce

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Entrega total. Así se podría describir el concierto que ofreció Vicente Fernández en el Coors de Chula Vista.

Vestido con un traje de charro de gamuza verde y adornado con jinetes y caballos de oro, un sombrero blanco con adornos de lazos y rosas de oro, así como un moño blanco, el ídolo vernáculo de México dio una gran espectáculo.

Para comenzar la noche fría, que poco a poco se fue calentando, inició con una de sus clásicas 'Me cansé de rogarle', para después dar las gracias.

"Buenas noches, una vez más les doy las gracias por estar aquí en San Diego, y a todos los que vinieron de Tijuana gracias por sus aplausos".

Y para no perder la costumbre como lo hace en todos sus conciertos invita al público aplaudir. "Mientras ustedes no dejen de aplaudir, yo no dejo de cantar hasta que desquiten lo que pagaron', dijo mientras la respuesta de los asistentes no se hace esperar con el griterio y los aplausos que llenaron el Coors.

Vicente Fernández se movió muy bien por el escenario, lo sabe suyo y se desliza para que todos y todas lo vean.

Cuando cantó su garganta necesita abrirse por lo que tomó su primer trago de licor en un vaso de plástico para empezar la 'pisteada' de Chente, total, él es el rev y ni quien lo dude.

Hace historia Barry Bonds conectó

su jonrón número 715 y dejó atrás al "Bambino" Babe Ruth en la lista de todos los tiempos. El jardinero de los Gi-

deportes

Se come a

Babe Ruth

gantes alcanzó el hito con su batazo de dos carreras por el bosque central en el cuarto inning del pasado domingo.

Bonds quedó en solitario en el segundo puesto de la lista de jonrones, por delante de Ruth y atrás de Hank Aaron.

La victima fue el lanzador surcoreano de los Rockies de Colorado Byung-Hyun Kim, mientras que el escenario fue el estadio de su equipo en San Francisco.

La pelota cayó en una plataforma elevada sobre la valla del jardín central. El preciado souvenir quedó inmóvil durante varios minutos antes de caerle encima a un hombre no identificado que hacía cola para comprar un perro caliente.

El individuo fue rápidamente sacado del lugar por la seguridad del estadio.

Bonds recorrió las bases mientras que desde las tribunas caían cortinas de papel.

Bonds se llevó la cerca y apenas hizo contacto levantó los brazos y aplaudió antes de emprender su histórico trote.

Kim se convirtió en el pitcher número 421 que es castigado con un jonrón del toletero de 41 años.

América Barceló-Feldman Diario San Diego contra la Guerra. Durante la conmemo-Hasta hoy la cifra to-

Rencor bélico

PIDEN ABOLICIÓN del Memorial Day

ración de los soldados caídos en conflictos bélicos por defender la soberanía y la libertad de los Estados Unidos, activistas en contra de la guerra en Irak piden sea abolido el Memorial Day. "Debemos honrar a nuestros soldados ter-

Irak, buscando la paz y justicia, no más nombres en monumentos, no a días festivos para honrar a los caídos, no a guerras que inciten el odio, debemos abolir el Memorial Day", clamó Fernando Suárez del

minando la guerra en

Solar, miembro de Fa-

miliares de Militares

tal de soldados muertos en la guerra de Irak asciende a 2 mil 465. Según activistas estas muertes han sido en vano y para beneficio del gobierno, por ello exigen alto a la guerra, además del reconocimiento de la sangre hispana que ha sido derramada en el conflicto iraquí.

Según cifras del Pentágono, alrededor del 11 por ciento de los militares activos en Irak son de origen hispano, cifra que es representativa ya que este sector constituye el 15 por ciento de la población total del país.







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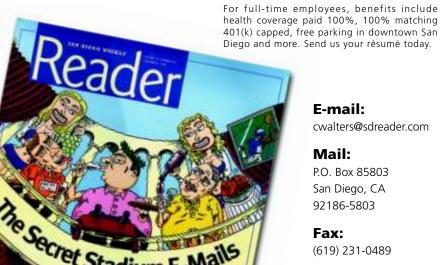
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There's no way they'd ever impeach him or anything. No matter how bad he is, it doesn't seem like that's the way. They tried to impeach Clinton for doing his thing with Monica, but the disaster with Katrina and Iraq hasn't gotten trials going. They don't say a whole bunch about him. He's going to finish his term, and then after that, he'll retire with lots of money. He's like this generation's Nixon. I think his dad being former president has a lot to do with it; his dad has probably coached him the entire



Janelle Fitch Student

North Park

T have no idea. I'm not too excited l about the president, but I don't think we have too many good options. He's okay, and he's doing the best he can. Personally, I don't agree with war. The hike in tax prices is probably just another way for him to make more money. I don't have a TV and I don't read the newspaper too often, so I haven't heard anything about impeachment. I'm kind of disconnected, and it's more a time factor than anything. I'm from Minnesota, and it's becoming more and more conservative; the liberals seem to be becoming more extreme in response. Al Gore might've done a little better than Bush; I don't really know about Kerry, though.



Hellen O'Neil

Receptionist

Mission Hills

 \overline{M} y thoughts on the president are that I feel the Constitution is being completely trampled upon. I hope that people realize that they're losing their rights and their privacy as well as being more aware and eventually do something about it at the polls. There are a lot of things going on that people are unaware of that they need to be. As far as the war in Iraq is concerned, I'm not even going to give the benefit of the doubt; I think it was a done deal before we even got in there and not for the reasons that were stated. As far as Iraq goes, the history is that there have been three cultural groups there, and for thousands of years, they have had their own form of government. They are resistant to democracy, and it is costing American lives. I think there have been several impeachable offenses. It's a check-and-balance system, and I believe in fact that there is a way to have him impeached. It worries me that people are so apathetic; we do have a voice, and we do have to use it.



Edward Azabuja

Student

Ocean Beach

T think what's going on with immi-I gration is good. He's trying to legalize everybody and create guestworker passes. Wiretapping is weird because it might be necessary; they might be trying to keep the country safe from terrorist threat. I saw on CNN that Bush is putting troops down on the border and he's saying that the troops will be there to help. In Brazil, people really don't like what they hear about Bush; they think he just wants to make war with everyone. It seems like he's crazy about oil.

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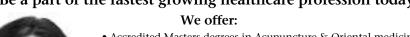
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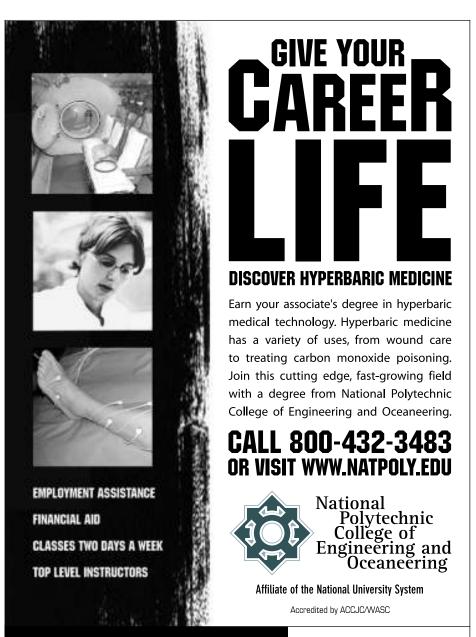
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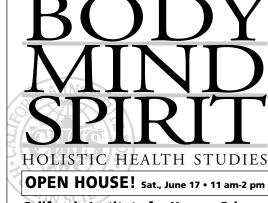
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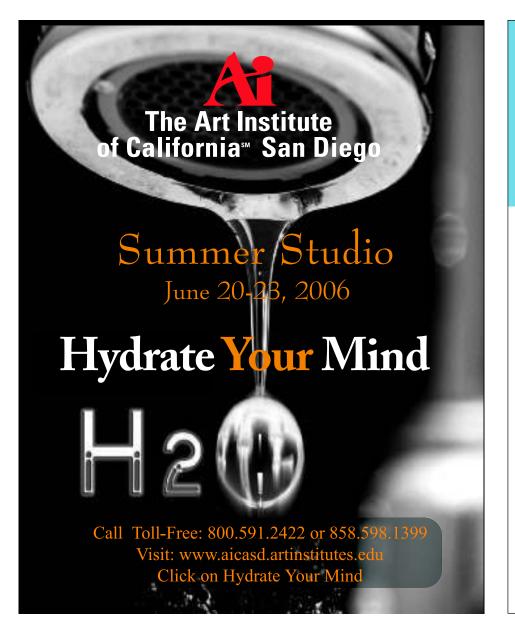


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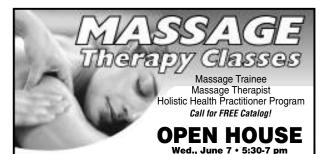
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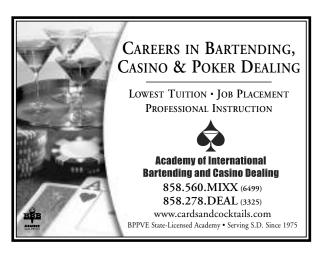
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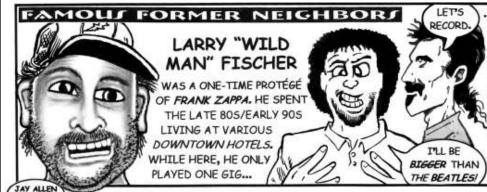
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Pacific Beach lady, 50s, wants to meet a man for coffee. I am 5'2", 125lbs. Men with disabilities are okay. My interest is writing. (6/14) \$\tilde{a}\$69100

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ATTRACTIVE ARTIST, Singer, tall slim, young fifty. Auburn, blue. Seeks similar interests. Educated, fun-loving, creative entrepreneurs encouraged for mutual sup-

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CUTE CHRISTIAN GIRL, Seeking friend-

EBONY AND IVORY, Younger man, older woman, me 40, 54*, 120lbs. You under 40, social, active, spiritual, fun, open minded, fit, independent, ready for love. (6/14) \$\overline{\O

love. (6/14) \$\overline{\Pi}\$ 69110

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished retired professional, great body, lively, aware, cultured, communicator. Seeking non-smoking quality man, financially/emotionally secure to explore life's possibili-(6/7) \$\bullet{\alpha} 69079

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SWEET 50 YEAR OLD, Looking for an honest, sincere, attractive guy who likes to do many things. If you like dining, movies, music, please call. (6/7)

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OUTGOING, SPUNKY WARM, 61 years young. Photography lover, museums, indoors, outdoors, music, family, friends, pets, travel, snuggling and laughing. No smoking. (6/7) \$\frac{1}{2}\text{69070}\$

WONDERFUL SUMMER AHEAD, I enjoy wonderful summer Ahead, I enjoy male companionship, nature, movies, travel. Mature Caucasian woman. To meet tall, Caucasian 70+ nonsmoker, active man. Possible friendship and companionship. (6/14) \$\overline{\textit{T}}69099

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GREAT LOOKS, European classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful homeowner. Loves life, arts, people and seeking accomplished gentleman 44-55 with similar interests. (6/7) ชิ69086

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KIND, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, Wordly educated, 5'7" Carlsbad lady. Seeking sweetheart. Tall, happy professional gentleman, North-County coastal. Secure homeowner only. Enjoy theater, arts, fine food/wine. (6/14) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$69101

tood/wine. (6/14) ★69101

SCUBA BUDDY WANTED, Single female
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male diver, 35-45, for fun, adventures
possible relationship. You available, to
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TALL, VOLUPTUOUS, and mature. Seeks friends first for movies, dinners, football, sunshine, maybe working out. You tall, 45-55, easy going, stable, good talker, listener, happy. (6/7) \$\overline{\textit{TAPP}} 69090

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out with the nightlife, who would like to meet fun lady, I'm nice looking. (6/14)

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VOLUPTUOUS HISPANIC, 35 years, green eyes, plus size, awesome smile, fun loving, honest, loves children, loves to cuddle. Looking for male, 35-45, loves children, cuddling. (6/7) \$\infty\$ 69083

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SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, Real Estate agent, 59, enjoys travel, outdoors, arts. Seeks a fit, attractive companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (6/7) \$\infty\$ 69078

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SOUTH BAY Hispanic businessman, fit, enjoys hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, t ater, concerts, movies, most spo clean, neat homeowner, a gentlem

crean, neat homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with doggies. (6/14) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50529 \$

47 YEARS OLD, Honest Italian. Looking for nice simple lady. Race/age open. Enjoy music, travel, romantic dinner. I am good, sense of humor. Ciao. (6/7) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50519

THE LIFE YOU'VE DREAMED OF. Successful executive, 49, nonsmoker seeks younger, attractive female, nonsmoker, ages 23-39, who's classy, sassy, sexy, for dinners, dancing, shows, the good life. I'm 6'3', 195lbs., good looking, GQ dresser, fun, kind, caring. Be my monogamous companion. Let's have fun and go shopping. (6/14) ☎50545

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SINGLE BLACK PROFESSIONAL, Male 46. Seeks single female, black, between 38-42. For friendship, dating and traveling, must be attractive. Serious only, please. (6/14) ☎50539 are looking for a serious relationship and falling in love, there is nothing better than that, mi amor. (6/7) \$\infty\$50509

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Educated, Fit,

Outdoorsy, energetic, optimistic, honest, emotionally/financially secure white homeowner, 61. Seeks adventurous intelligent, fit nonsmoker for fun and companionship, perhaps to cherish. (6/14) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$50540

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SECURE, TALL, Nice looking single white man, 50, who is active, romantic, kind, financially ok, is looking for a slender woman for a relationship. (6/7) \$\infty\$50500

TALL, BOYISHLY HANDSOME, White

HAVE YOU SEEN HER, 60+ petite, spiritual, sensuous, yoga, meditation, ocean, candle light conversation, travel, adventure. Me: Black professional, emotionally, financially, physically fit. (6/14) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$50535

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LATINO LOOKING For my queen. If you

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for nice sweet woman nonsmoker North

casian, secure, gentleman's standards/ morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 43-51, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (6/7) \$50508

walks, dining out. East County like to share life with like minded lady. (6/14)

male, young 60ish, sexy, romantic, di-vorced father. Seeks marriage-minded, classy, generous woman for romantic, passionate, intimate relationship. Good kisser loves loving. (6/14) \$\oldsymbol{\array}\$50538

LIKE HARLEYS, I'm looking for you. Good hearted biker, nonsmoker, fit, no games, call me. (6/14) \$\infty\$50525

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FUN LOVING, PLATONIC Friend sought

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HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel and music good friends my end adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (6/14) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50542

SINCERELY SEEKING, A quality relation ship I'm 58, 5'3', 145, good looking, good shape. I love music, nature, and fun at home! (6/14) \$\infty\$50531

SENSE OF HUMOR, HONEST, intelligent, open-minded, passionate, adventurous, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy rock music, movies, nature, walks, coffee-houses. Seeking like minded. (6/7) \$\infty\$50504

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BIG WHITE PAPPA, Seeking little black mama. Mid 40s, wants woman 35 to 48 with good taste, for dinner, dancing and romancing. Talk, meet. (6/7) \$\alpha\$50505

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LAST AD IN THE Search for serious relationship. Please be honest, caring, thin and marriage minded. I like kids, family, outdoors. Seeking 25+, East County. (6/7)

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (6/7) \$\infty\$50506

40s, 6', 175. Seeks romantic, affectionate sensual female 5'-5'6" with long dark hair for relationship full of passion, intimacy (6/14) \$\infty\$50534

and growth. (6/14) \$59534 **TALL, ATTRACTIVE, LOVING, White male, 54, sensitive, easygoing, educated, sin-cere, financially/emotionally secure. En-joy dining, music, nature, fur times, quiet times. Seeks female for romance. (6/7)

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SINGLE DAD with little girl looking for a lasting relationship, please be slender and nice. I am 49, 160lbs., blond/blue, my daughter is 9. (6/14) \$\infty\$50523

SIX FOOT, 195 LBS, Hazel eyes. Seeking classy, sexy, career driven lady to be-friend. Summer fling romance and maybe more. No gold diggers, classy ladies. (6/7) \$\infty\$50520

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 39, caregiver. Looking for serious relationship, I'm now single, so take advantage. Age/race not important, honestly isn't. Stop search-ing, I'm here. (6/7) \$\oldsymbol{\sigma} 50512

SEEKING GIRL/WOMAN, Next door type Open to age, appearances, prefer witty, resourceful, articulate. I'm 50, 5'10" 195lbs, white, spiritual, down-to -earth, free spirited. (6/14) ☎50527

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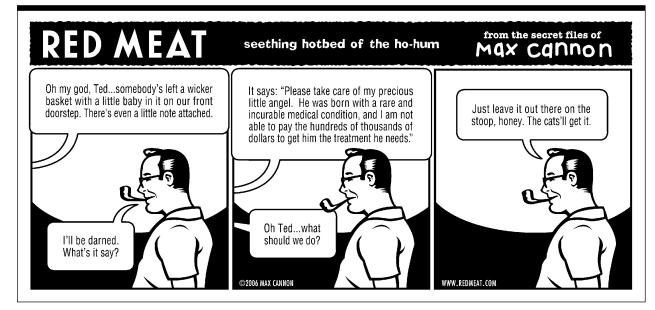
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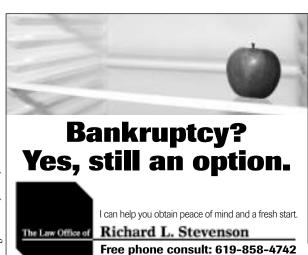
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- 24. Blunder
- 25. Controversial '50s events
- 29. "Acoustic Soul" singer India.
- 30. See 17-Across
- 33. Female deer
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- 73. Red Cross organizer Barton
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- 27. 50-50, say
- 28. 1944 invasion city
- 31. Old Mario Bros. console
- 32. "No ____ do!" 37. Document end?
- 38. Footnote abbr. 39. Flood preventer
- 41. Seesaw requirement 42. Like Bjorn Borg
- 43. Tax bracket
- 44. "An American Tragedy" author
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- 48. "They duped me!
- 49. Rembrandt work
- 51. MLK title
- 52. MLK, at times
- 53. Ryder of film 54. Cow hand?
- 55. "The Plough and the Stars" playwright Sean
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- 68. China's Mao _

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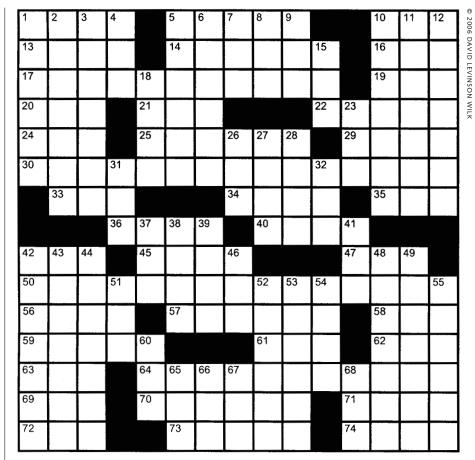
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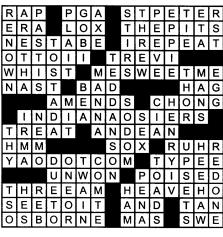
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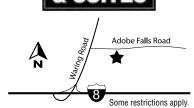
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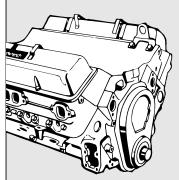
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"M'mm," he said, his voice smooth as ghee. "What are you wearing?"

"A suit. A long skirt with a slit to the back of my knees."

"You have very sexy knees."

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"Tell me what to do."

I give great phone, my voice deep and a little raspy from smoking. It charmed authors and editors. Now I used it to charm boyz with fantasies of older women knocking their thirtysomething egos around.

Why was I playing at this fireplaceanswering-machine-bullshit?

Because I'd do anything to invent a Me after being fired, anything not to think about how I should have bitch-slapped my former boss. Anything that might motivate me to not eat.

Being fired underscored that everything "good" (interesting, intelligent, hirable, attractive, seductive) about me is a false front waiting to topple. It had finally happened. I'd been exposed as faking the career I'd pursued for 15 years, when my body was still unfamiliar and unexplored, borrowed or stolen or...faked. Maybe it's logical that both counterfeits would shatter simultaneously.

What, then, to do, who to be, in those long days around the summer solstice?

I would be a Slut.

One was German, with a fantasy of sitting with me in a convertible watching the beautiful babes of summer walk by while I jerked him off. One rushed over early in the afternoon and sat in my lap before he rubbed himself against the crack of my ass until he came. One read me John Cheever and dreamt of me on a hot Caribbean night. He vanished in the middle of a phone call, leaving a place in my throat that's still sore and empty.

"Yeah, you can call me Mommy."

It was a strange three months that I've repeated a couple of times since. On the one hand, my body tingled with being wanted. On



the other, when an e-mail or phone call or a cab wasn't hustling my way, I drifted, the invisible witness of the change-over in my wealthy neighborhood, picking up coffee as the Yups went to work, going to the store as the sanitation department rumbled through and the nannies and housekeepers and landscapers arrived, going to Starbucks to read as the courthouse bureaucrats thronged Montague Street for lunch, heading to a 12-step meeting as young bankers morphed into parents and the nannies crowded into the Mac

The loneliest sound in the world is, rising above surround-sound conversation, hearing a cup ringing against a saucer, from across the street.

It takes two to be a Slut, and Slut Bovz disappear quickly, go back to being Real — Students or Boyfriends or Professors or Potters. It was a double abandonment: of me, and of my trial-sized identity as Slut.

He vanished in the middle of a phone call, leaving a place in my throat that's still sore and empty.

But I was brave. I was going to Montana for five weeks. I'd have hot afternoons reading on an inner tube in the middle of Sunset Bay, long evenings of falling stars, Bing cherries sun-warm from our orchard. I would be *home*, in the Mission Mountains and the baptism of Flathead Lake. I'd amuse my father, blind from macular degeneration, and, I announced to my mother, I'd get a puppy. She would help me pick it out, train it, understand it. I would be a Montanan and a Daughter and the Mum of a rumble of yellow Labrador retriever fur and chub, named Daisy months in advance of her actual birth. who would follow at my heels and sleep with me at night.

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LEAD STORY

- Just after classes let out at Callaway High School in Jackson, Miss., on April 28, Mayor Frank Melton, riding down Interstate 220 with his police escort, motioned to the drivers of four school buses to pull off the road so that Melton could board the buses and shake hands with and hug the students, apparently just because, as he later told the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, recent weeks had been "stressful." Melton told the newspaper that he's just "passionate" about kids and education. "I didn't do anything stupid or illegal," he said, but a state education official said that it was improper to interfere with the operation of a school bus except in an emergency.

Compelling Explanations

 Stacy Steel, 38, the former executive director of the Humane Society in Oceanside, Calif., was arrested in April and charged with fraud for using the organization's authority to buy 3600 Vicodin tablets (a prescription pain-reliever), which she said were for her dog.

 Not My Fault: (1) Ms. Tyler Bauer, 18, sued TGI Friday's in Frederick, Md., in March, asking \$200,000 for serious facial injuries from falling out of a moving pickup truck. Bauer, who registered a .238 blood-alcohol reading, was given beer and liquor by an adult patron of TGI Friday's and claims the restaurant should have found out and stopped him. (2) In March, a jury in St. Louis awarded Gretchen Porro \$100,000 for the loss of two fingers at the City Museum's Puking Pig attraction. Although the exhibit was closed, Porro nonetheless crossed a railing and stuck her hand inside the machinery to get it to release a vat full of water. (The jury valued the injury at \$500,000 but said Porro was 80 percent at fault.)

 Yes, My Fault: Michelle Srun, 34, testifying for leniency for her accused-rapist husband in a Montgomery County, Md., court in March, said she must be partly responsible for his attacks on several underage girls, in that she belittled and abused him for years with her overbearing personality and had multiple affairs during their marriage (six simultaneously during one stretch).

(Unimpressed, the judge gave Mr. Pov Srun 27 years.)

- Simon Hamilton, 35, admitted in Canterbury (England) Crown Court in April that he took furtive "upskirt" photos of women standing in public places and even acknowledged having an extensive collection, but he denied that the pictures gave him sexual gratification. Rather, he said, he was merely a habitual collector of things and spent his time cataloguing the photos rather than looking at them. "It was the sort of gratification of a job well done," he explained, telling the judge that he came from a long family line of collectors, (Besides, Hamilton said, his upskirt days ended around 2001, when he decided to reenter the practice of law and realized that upskirt photography was "no longer ... appropriate." (At press time, no verdict had been reported.)

The Litigious Society

- Outsized Payoffs: (1) The family of an 8-yearold boy in Espanola, N.M., won an award of \$221,000 in April, payment for a bad half-hour experience for the boy when he was improperly booked, outfitted in an orange jumpsuit, and jailed after throwing a tantrum in his principal's office. (2) In March, a 10-year-old boy in Torquay, England, was awarded the equivalent of almost \$2,800 following his expulsion from school for selling marijuana. The local government agreed that his school had acted too slowly in fulfilling its duty to find the expelled boy alternate schooling.

Questionable Judgments

 In April, Rudy Rios, the junior varsity baseball coach at Chavez High School in Houston, was fired from that job after the principal learned that he encouraged students to skip school to attend protests over U.S. immigration policy. Reportedly, Rios was not fired, however, from his other Chavez High job, which is as teacher of English as a foreign language, even though Rios wrote, on an immigration-protest flier: "We gots 2 stay together and protest against the new law that wants 2 be passed against all immigrants. We gots 2 show the U.S. that they aint [expletive deleted

- Instructions from Britain's Home Office to local police departments in April introduced a "Gravity Factor Matrix" to prescribe significantly lesser punishments for a wide range of crimes, including such serious ones as attempted murder, arson and sex with underage girls. According to the matrix, suspects who confess and who have no prior offenses may, at police discretion, have the crime registered on their record but receive only

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a "caution" that does not require a court appearance or further punishment. Only the most heinous crimes require detention in all cases. The Labour government's political opponents were livid, accusing the government of taking its "anti-prison bias" too far.

The Continuing Crisis

Adventures With Cash Registers: (1) The Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, reporting in March on recidivist-robber Eugene Rutledge, 21, found that employees at one Taco Bell were so accustomed to Rutledge's robbing them that as soon as he appeared at the door they would ritually open the cash register for him. (2) In Denver in April, a man tried to rob a Walgreen's drugstore, but a clerk resisted and, during a scuffle, grabbed the first thing at his disposal to throw at the man, and it happened to be the store's cash drawer. The robber eagerly gathered up the loose money, fled, and according to police is still at large.

People With Issues

- Police in the Ibaraki prefecture north of Tokyo arrested a 70-year-old man in April after the manager of a 7-Eleven reported that the man had menaced him with a chainsaw. The wouldbe customer apparently came to the store every day only to read from various magazines for sale, and after several hours, the manager finally ordered him to leave. The man returned a short time later with the chainsaw, cranked it up, and shouted, "I'll cut you to pieces." He then laid it down and resumed reading and was still reading when police arrived.

Recurring Themes

 At least one judge in recent years accepted the defense of mistaken sexual intercourse when a man enters a dark bedroom and initiates sex with a woman he believes is his sexual partner, only to discover that it is another resident of the home. In a recent case, Paul Chappell, 31, raised the defense at his trial in Sydney, Australia, claiming that he (reportedly intoxicated) erroneously stumbled into bed with his new girlfriend's female housemate. Since the housemate's boyfriend was elsewhere in the house, she assumed that the boyfriend had decided to come to bed and that it was he having sex with her. At press time, the trial had not concluded.

Fine Points of the Law

 A female guard at a New York state juvenile detention center was raped, beaten, and kidnapped at knifepoint in 2004 by one of the inmates, who escaped with the guard in a car and remained at large until he was recaptured six hours later, but when the guard applied for union insurance payments, she was informed that the contract paid kidnapping benefits only for incidents of at least eight hours' duration. According to a March Albany Times Union story, she received worker compensation and about \$10,000 in other benefits, but if she had remained captive for two more hours, she would have received between \$40,000 and \$100,000 more.

Latest Cutting-Edge Research

 (1) A three-year study at the PET Center at Arhus Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark, reported in March, affirmed that the designer drug Ecstasy can cause depression in pigs. (2) Drawing heavy fire from critics in March was a Cdn \$150,000 (US \$135,000) grant from the Ontario government to researchers at Laurentian University, for the purpose of studying the sex drives of squirrels (to assess how wildlife adapt to the environment).

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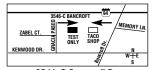
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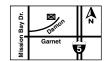
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

ALL ANIMOSITIES aside, I would like to organize a party for people who regularly place Reader personals. Interested "regulars" reply through the Reader. The Ad Tracer.

—CLASSIFIEDS, June 3, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Last Thursday at 3:40 in the afternoon Stan Brown was peering intently down at the freeways from the passenger seat of a Hughes 300C helicopter.... "You know the hardest thing to remember," Brown yelled to an observer sitting between him and the pilot, "is that on KPRI I'm Captain Stan in the Rock Chopper, and on KOGO I'm Stan Brown in the Trafficopter!" —CITY LIGHTS: "HOVER BOYS," Neal Matthews,

Twenty Years Ago

Iune 4, 1981

We had crossed the border at Tecate and driven east through the Sierra Juarez, battling the Tijuana-to-Mexicali buses. Not far past the town of La Rumorosa, where Governor Abelardo Rodriguez had once built a summer mansion to escape the heat of Baja California, the road descended the eastern escarpment of the mountains to the desert floor, near Laguna Salada. This lake bed was once part of ancient

Lake Cahuilla, and periodically throughout its history, it has been flooded by water from the Colorado River. A Mexican ranch worker we spoke with told us Laguna Salada had been wet now for six or seven years, to a depth of about 12 feet, but before that, the lagoon had been dry for 39 years. The lagoon contained many fish, the worker told us - even an occasional sea tortoise.

—"LIKE WIND THROUGH THE CANYON."

Steve Sorensen, June 5, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

August 30, 1990. Mayor's home. Conversation between Susan Bray and Mayor Maureen O'Connor.

Bray: Say, Mo. Tell me a secret. Who'd ya really really really like to be the next mayor?

O'Connor: Hmm?

Bray: Susan Golding?

O'Connor: Oh, barfola! I'd rather bring back Hedgecock.

Bray: Well, you want a woman, right?

O'Connor: Huh?

Bray: For mayor, I mean.

O'Connor: Mavourneen would be nice.

O'Connor: But she hasn't got enough posh.

Bray: Yeah!

O'Connor: Why you askin'? You wanna be Mavourneen's campaign manager? Good luck! Hah!

Bray: No, I got another —

O'Connor: Quit leanin' on my arm.

Bray: -idea.

O'Connor: It's goin' numb.

Bray: You can make me mayor, Mo. O'Connor: You? You got the looks, maybe.

What else ya got? Who's gonna support ya? Bray: Bobby Spaulding and Johnny Lockwood, Mo. They say they'll go to bat for me that is, if you don't run again.

O'Connor: You been foolin' around with

Spaulding and Lockwood? Bray: Me? Gross me out!

—"SECRET SEX TAPES: CITY PLANNING SCANDAL."

Margot Sheehan, June 6, 1991

Ten Years Ago

"In September of '78, on a Monday, I was given the job of doing the news here. I had to do it for three hours, and two other people were supposed to do it with me. Well, they don't show up. That's the day PSA decides to crash their plane in North Park. I decided right there the news is not for me.

—"NOT ALL WHITE PEOPLE HAVE REALLY GOOD

VOICES," John Brizzolara, May 30, 1996



San Diego Reader, June 6, 1991

Five Years Ago

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-SIGHTSEER: "ALL THAT GLITTERS," Justin Wolff, May 31, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

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private enough that no neighbor would hear her yell if she needed help. I saw the bruises, and it looked like she'd been hit by a car. She said this has happened before. My brother tried to get her to swear she would let the gardeners do all the fruit picking and stay off those slopes, but she refused, saying that they do a poor job and she has to do it herself. Now my brother and I are terrified. We don't want to be restrictive, but this can't continue. She says it's her garden and she'll go down and check on her trees whenever she wants. How can we get her to stop?

FREAKED OUT EL CAJON BROTHERS

Dear Freaked Out,

Since you two bros visit Mom on an almostdaily basis, tell her that you are both committed to being her fruit-picking slaves from now on. You will go down the slopes any time she asks and follow her directives to the letter. But she must stay where it's safe, let you guys be her proxies in the orange grove, and not ever again take her life in her hands by tromping around where it's steep. (You'll have to bring gardening-friendly shoes in the future when you visit.) Explain that you love her and don't want her to break her neck. I admire her feistiness, but it does seem foolhardy for her to be attempting this kind of athletic gardening, given her physical limitations. You can nudge her more towards what she can do. e.g. weeding her rose beds or pruning her

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Dear Saffron,

I have a three-year-old daughter, and I'm four months pregnant. My husband and I have two dogs: an elderly female mutt he had before we got together, who's gentle and silent, and a charming but boisterous young boy dog I rescued from the freeway a couple of years ago. This male dog is a love, but kind of hyper. Because I have been busy with Mom stuff, he hasn't gotten much training or walking and seemed antsy, so I paid a neighbor kid to walk him. The dog got away from the kid and bit a tiny annoying poodle that lives up the block. I took care of the vet bills and apologized over and over again to the owner, but now I am worried that my boy dog is unpredictable and maybe not safe to have around little kids. He's never misbehaved like that before — while full of energy, he's always been an angel. Now I can't sleep at night, wondering if he might hurt one of my children. I don't want to get rid of him, but how can I tell if it's okay to keep him in a household with kids?

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A few years later I reconnected with the church. This time I was the invited guest of a friend. It was a nondenominational church. The only title it claimed was "Christian." It was a relaxed environment that emphasized forgiveness and acceptance. Ironically, I severed ties with the church because one of its congregants was shunned for having a child out of wedlock. That congregant was the same friend who invited me to join this belief in a "forgiving and accepting" God. Once again, I found myself losing touch with religion and church.

Today, as my wedding approaches, my mind applies religion to the marital equation. After all, religion and marriage have a tendency to be paired together. Almost every faith ties religion into the civic union that is marriage. Weddings are commonly held in a church, mosque, or other appropriate religious facility. I guess it's only natural that I would have to

consider the religious implications that my own wedding holds, if there are any.

I contemplate, "Where does God fit in my marriage? Does God have a place at this table?" And, more importantly, "Is God still there?"

But I don't find myself questioning my own beliefs. I know that I have the ability to believe. I feel it is a matter of finding something that I can put my belief into.

As I look around today and see religious chicanery run amuck, I wonder, why put my belief back into a house of God. I see religion masking political agendas. I see war sponsored and condoned in the name of religion. I see scriptures twisted for the use of justifiable intolerance and persecution. I see religion corrupted by its leaders. I see religion soullessly used as a springboard to fame and ill-gotten fortune.

I ask myself, "How can I justify bringing these things into my life? How can I invite an ideology into my heart and home knowing the misuse that it shields?"

Religion and God serve good purpose. I do not deny that. I also admit that both the good and the evil cannot be as simple as the words I put onto this page. It isn't this simple.

So when I stand before my friends and family in mid-June on the shores of the Narragansett Bay, where will God be? Is this a moral dilemma? Am I torn between my willingness to believe in God and my skepticism of



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Perhaps the question I need to ask is this, "If I do believe in God, is it necessary for me to proclaim that belief to a particular pulpit?"

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Location: 2800 Congress Street, Old Town Time/Date: 3:55 p.m. on 5/15/06

Officer's Investigation: Michael D. and Berhane M., both cab drivers, argued over a stolen fare. During the



argument, M. removed a golf club from his trunk and swung it at D. seven or eight times. When I arrived, D. was

standing on the sidewalk, and M. was seated in his cab at the curb line. M. exited the cab, and the two began to argue as I walked up. I separated the two and spoke to them individually about the incident.

D. said he was at the taxi stop with M. behind him (both in their cabs). D. noticed a male getting in M's cab out of turn. D. walked back to complain, and M. went to his truck and removed a golf club. D. said he was able to avoid the blows.

D. said M. got into his vehicle to drive away. D. said he stood in front of M.'s cab as he told M. he was placing M. under citizen's arrest. D. said he was calling the police at the same time. D. said M. drove forward, striking his knees with the front bumper. D. moved out of the way and M. drove away with the fare.

Two North County Transit Officers were across the street and witnessed the incident. D. said the two officers laughed, waved at him, and then drove away. D. said he had talked to the officers earlier, and noted one of their names and the badge number: Officer Mahoney, Badge #352.

M. had returned to the taxi stop five minutes before I

When asked, M. said he did not have a golf club in his vehicle trunk. I asked if I could look, and he replied, "Of course." M. opened the trunk for me. I saw no club in the trunk compartment, but located one on top of the spare tire. I removed the club and placed it on the hood of my

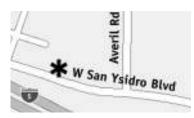
vehicle. D. later identified it as the same club M. had swung at him.

I placed M. under arrest, and processed him into county jail.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Location: 567 West San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro

Time/Date: 9:45 p.m. on 5/7/06



Officer's Investigation:

Officer Gottfried and I were dispatched to take a robbery report at the Pizza Hut at 1270 Picador Boulevard. I went inside and took a statement from Fernando M.

M. made a delivery to an apartment complex. He was about to pull out of the complex...when the suspect approached his car and asked what the number to Pizza Hut was. M. thought that was strange since the number was on the large sign on the roof of the car. M. told the suspect the number.

The suspect then tried to open the driver's door of the car using his left hand. M. said the suspect's right hand was concealed in a jacket pocket. The suspect opened the door about halfway when M. slammed the door shut. The suspect then said, "Give me all your money, motherfucker. I have a gun."

M. then sped out of the parking lot and returned to the Pizza Hut.

M. was driving on Sunset Lane around 11:25 p.m. after making another delivery and saw a Hispanic male carrying two black Pizza Hut delivery bags. He was not sure if the male was the suspect but thought it probably was. He later learned that his co-worker was robbed of money and pizzas that were in the black delivery bags.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Location: 3500 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro Time/Date: 11:15 p.m. on 5/7/06



Officer's Investigation: Officer Gottfried and I were dispatched to take a robbery report at the Pizza Hut. I arrived and spoke to Jose G. and Fernando M. M. is a delivery driver and was approached by the same suspect earlier in the evening. M. translated for me as I took a statement from G.

G. was going to the apartments on 3500 Sunset Lane when he first saw the suspect. The suspect motioned to him and said that he had his money where he was standing. G. approached in his vehicle and stopped.

The suspect walked up to the passenger side window and said, "Give me all your money, motherfucker. I have a qun." The suspect opened the passenger door with his left hand and removed the food sitting on the seat. The suspect kept his right hand in his jacket pocket.

G. then handed the suspect the cash. The suspect walked away from the car and G. drove straight back to the Pizza

FORGERY

Location: 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley

Time/Date: 7:33 p.m. on 4/21/06



Officer's Report: While on patrol in marked police car and in full uniform, Officer A. Negron #5558 and I were dispatched to the Applebee's Restaurant to investigate a forgery.

Upon arrival, I spoke to the manager, Jose R., who stated two Middle Eastern males and a Middle Eastern female dined at the restaurant. When it came time to pay, one of the men paid $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$ with a false \$100 bill. The waitress checked the bill under a bright light and saw it was a washed out \$5 bill.

I asked them about the money and the male who paid appeared surprised. He apologized and requested to pay the bill with good money. He paid the entire bill and asked if he could have the bill back because he was going to talk to the person who gave it to him. He waited around for a while, but left.

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Rowland McCowan had that very thing happen to him. As you well remember, he was lead anchor of a national news program. He had it all. Just enough fame to get him the good tables at Nobu, but he wasn't so famous that there were paparazzi in his hedges.

He had the Jaguar, the mansion in the hills, and every morning a new, round, sweatered intern walked out his front gate, scootching her mini-dress down in the back, or stuffing her underwear into her purse or wobbling on a broken high heel pump.

Then his boss, the real boss, the billionaire who owned controlling majority of the corporation that owned his network that owned his channel that owned his ass, decided that they would make a run at unseating the BBC as the world news leader. Soon thereafter, Rowland was the voice of America. He was the face, in tan pancake makeup, every night that was beamed into outer space and bounced back down to earth in Myanmar, Mozambique, and Djibouti. It was his visage that pygmies, aborigines, and Englishmen would associate with the United States and he couldn't take it.

They had just picked up China. All 1.3 billion of them were eyeballing him that night. In honor of the newly opened market, Rowland was wrapping up a segment on baby panda bears when he let a gibbering, nasty thought slip out of his head and out his mouth, "Ugly little things, aren't they?"

"Awww, I think the pandas are cute," his co-chair and weather girl, Karen Ahmendjpour, said.

"No, not the pandas," Rowland corrected her. "They're cute enough. Those women feeding the cubs were tough on the eyes, though."

Karen, grasping the opportunity to pull Rowland's pants down in public and take the lead anchor spot, said with a burgundy smile, "Oh, that's inappropriate, but stay with us, folks. After this short break we'll have Chef Jamie on."

"I mean, I wouldn't take that one in the hat to a dog fight."

As the producer was dumping Rowland's feed and the stage director was making the "Cut! Cut!" signal, Rowland's last words, to an audience of the entire planet were, "I'm sorry, folks. I've been drinking."

And that's pressure for you.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

SLEEPOVER (2004)

TMCXP 9:00 P.M.

Can I count sleeping as a hobby? It's what I like to do most. I've done it in two dozen countries on three continents. I've slept in a swinging hammock on the rain forest island of Ko Phangan. I've snored away while lying atop a backpack on a train to Poland. And I've snoozed softly in the torpedo room of a submarine, hundreds

of feet below the surface of the Pacific Ocean. If sleeping is a competitive pastime, I could be a contender for the heavyweight title.

INFARTO

AZTECA 11:30 P.M.

God, grant me highbrow humor, disassociated superiority, and the strength of intellect to ignore the title of this TV show. Well, that didn't work. INFARTO! HA HA HA HA HA!

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

LOVE AND A BULLET (2002) BET 8:00 P.M.

She was smashing at the handle on the bathroom door with a claw hammer and yelling, "You can't just walk away! I was talking to you, you son of a —"I was sure the neighbors would hear her screaming and the knob was tilting in its housing at a funny angle, but all I could think was, "Does she know there's a pistol in my closet? Can I fit through that window?"

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

THE ART OF TEACHING THE ARTS WORKSHOP ITVS 11:00 A.M.

Talk about insisting upon validity and an inflated sense of your own self worth. The art of teaching the arts? Have you really elevated teaching arts to its own art form? I can blow bubbles in three different spots simultaneously when submerged, but does that mean I get a wall at the Getty?

BRING IT ON AGAIN (2004)

USA 6:00 P.M.

Here's the bottom line: They'll stop making these things when we stop watching them. If we keep giving them money, they'll turn around and make another one. And then where will we be? I say we rip it off, quick, like a bandaid on a hairy patch of your leg. Sure it hurts like a bastard at first, but afterward everything's all lollipops and puppies.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

ANDRE RIEU: LIVE IN TUSCANY PBS 4:30 P.M.

I have a really linty bellybutton. Giant wads of fuzz can be harvested from my navel. A week's worth of the hairy crop could yield enough to clothe a baby. And it is far more interesting than *Andre Rieu: Live in Tuscany*.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

THE APPRENTICE

NBC 9:30 P.M.

Oh, Carolyn. Keep your golf shoes on and



The Colbert Report

make me wear white after Labor Day. I've been naughty, Carolyn. CAROLYN! RAWR!

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

PEPPER DENNIS

WB 9:00 P.M.

Jimmy Buffet dressed as a pirate and Dick Cheney dressed as Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*, staging a dance contest to save their roller derby would be a fantastic show. As it stands, all we have is this piece of crap called *Pepper Dennis*. But, someday, someday soon, Mr. Cheney, you'll be able to hang that disco ball back up in its spot above the DJ table and we'll all sing "Oh, Christmas Tree." Oh, Christmas tree...Oh, Christmas tree!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

THE DAILY SHOW

COMEDY 11:00 P.M.

Jason Jones is a talentless hole of suck. He must be related to a producer because anyone with the show's best interest in mind would've held his pants up real high at the rear belt loop, dropped back a stride, and given him the sweet sting of Italian leather in the ass long ago. Now I'm all hot and pissed off and I need a beer. See what you've done, Schmason Schmones?

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

THE COLBERT REPORT

COMEDY 11:30 P.M.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Something about Friday, quitting time at work, is much like Christmas morning as a kid. Of course, nothing will compare with that, but the comparison stands in the sense of pleasant, pleasureful possibilities about to be had. And though it may be a movie, a romantic possibility, or music (a Jimmy Buffett concert or Little Feat — it does take all kinds), it can be the high point of the week or, in the case of Christmas, the year. It might be something that has even kept you up for much of the night in expectation.

At other times it is simply another day, especially for those, more and more common now, who will say of a Monday or a Wednesday, "Today is my Friday night." Is it just me, or is something sorely missing from these attempts at cheeriness and celebration? In other words, is there something about Friday that is inherently inviolate? Can it really be replaced with Thursday? Well, yes, it can. But it has a secondary ring to it, doesn't it? Rather like having your birthday come close to Christmas and claiming it makes no difference. I know. I am one of these unfortunate children. Weep

But stop quickly because I have a job that relegates one night to me, places it, you might say, under my literary sway or, well, you might go so far as to call me Master of Friday Nights if you like or at

least King of the Week, named after the goddess Freya, in an ancient sequence of days. I consider it an important job in the way that some San Diego weatherman must contrive to imagine their jobs important. Nothing at all wrong with this. Freud recommends it, after all. Joy in the job, that sort of thing. I am proud to, in a small sense, represent Friday night if for no other reason than without doubt, I look back on a lifetime of Friday nights with relish, fondness, let's see, excitement, even triumph (in a railroad track fistfight I had senior year in high school over a nice girl whom I have long since lost touch with) and a glorious, Austin Powers-type of gig on stage (Friday April 18, 1967? at the Aragon Ballroom) with the Ohio Express and the 1910 Fruit Gum Company, Wow, we were groovin' and I mean groovin'! And I once met Jimmy and Roslyn Carter hammering nails into a pretty good-looking house frame on a Friday afternoon about 12 years ago. All sorts of stuff. All sorts of stuff...

I suppose it's too bad that I don't really go out more than I should, considering my position and all. I mean, I don't have much of an idea what other people do on Friday nights. They go to a lot of ball games, I know, but I'm not really into it. I should probably delegate that sort of thing when they give me a staff and the corner office with window the publisher just has crammed up with books and stuff — a lot of them in foreign languages. I could put my Black Oak Arkansas poster (collectors, \$45: ace condition) right over his map of San Diego County with the distribution pins in it that no one pays attention to

For years as a bartender I was one of those guys who said, "This is my Friday night," meaning, naturally, any night except Friday. Bartending ruined me for a lot of things. For one, it invested me with a false sense of evening or twilight in general. For some years, that time of day once invested with a Carlos Castaneda type of mystical spirituality, was now redolent with a sense of party, license, anything goes, etc. In fact, somewhere along the line it infected me with the never really articulated idea that every night was supposed to be the best night of your life. Remember, this was the 1970s in Manhattan, during that crisis sensuality age — much, I imagine, like the Battle of Britain in the '40s, but in this case that time when the forces of disco and punk cost so many of us, in our 20s, just kids really, our lives in one way or another. It also ruined me for the upbeat, health/nutrition/Save-the-Planet/We-are-the-World mentality that followed in the '80s and '90s. By then I had become an overweight and bleary-eyed misanthrope with a



permanently fixed sneer where once there might have been a still-youthful and rakish promise of good-natured devilment.

To this day I remain, instead of any sort of party animal whatever, a neurotic recluse content with a book and the phone shut off. I sympathize terribly with my son, who at 28, has suffered several years of social life setbacks because of illness, and I am hardly anything like the social director and cheerleader he needs. His own shyness is a another major obstacle to what has become a sort of Sargasso of Friday nights around here.

So no matter how much fun it sounds like I'm rake-helling up for myself every week — oh, and I know I can make it sound convincing, that cross between rocker Tommy Lee, the Rat Pack, Errol Flynn, Hugh Hefner, and the rest — I guess I'm just Joe Six-Pack without even the six-pack when I'm behaving. And I'd better behave because of the death thing and all that. Still, stay tuned because I haven't exactly lost my reputation as a, well, say a wild nutbag with a nose for fun.

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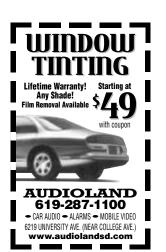
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