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Poll respondents who asked who was paying for the survey were referred to a website belonging to Voter Consumer Research, Inc., which boasts that "quality work contributes to winning agendas" but provides no information about the airport poll. Firm president **Jan van Lohuizen** is said to have worked for the company since 1977. "His area of expertise is in public policy and elections research," according to the site. "He has conducted opinion research for hundreds of political campaigns. His principal emphasis today is on surveys for initiative and referendum campaigns and opinion research on public policy issues. Clients include prominent elected officials, major U.S. corporations, industry associations, and think tanks." A company spokesman promised to call back with the name of the client who commissioned the airport poll, but never did.

Flashback Architect **Homer Delawie**, who survived his share of scandal and political heat during many years as one of then–San Diego mayor **Pete Wilson**'s appointees to the planning commission — including long-ago battles over the future of San Ysidro, North City development, and where to put a new airport — will appear in person tomorrow evening at Little Italy's Boomerang, a retro-interior-furnishings shop, to unveil "The Delawie Solution." Now nearing 80, Delawie was a peer of such local architectural giants as **Lloyd Ruocco**. Delawie was known for his "mid-century modern" homes and government buildings during his long career as a designer. His firm designed the downtown police station and shark and penguin exhibits for SeaWorld.



Homer Delawie



SeaWorld Shark Encounter

But his latest project isn't a house or community plan; it's a "modular storage" system. "A first for the legendary designer!" says a press release. "The multi-functional, interchangeable cubes can be configured to the customer's own preference in varieties of woods and laminates." … Attorney **Anne Brunkow** says that a lawyer for California State University finally got in touch with her late last Tuesday, the same day a reporter placed a call to SDSU's **Sue Blair** inquiring about the status of Brunkow's long-standing request under the state Public Records Act for documents regarding the university's Adobe Falls development plan. Brunkow, who represents neighbors opposed to the move, says CSU reports that the records are finally available. Blair did not return the call.

Doctored money Medicine is very lucrative for physician **Jim Dunford**, part-time medical director of the City's Emergency Medical Services. According to his statement of economic interests, filed March 15, Dunford, professor of clinical medicine and surgery at UCSD, received outside income from a raft of clients for whom he serves as "medico-legal consultant," including Norcal Mutual Insurance Company of San Francisco, Mission Valley's Belsky & Associates, and MedAmerica Mutual Risk Retention Group of Walnut Creek. Each paid him between $1000 and $10,000.



Jim Dunford

He also got between $1000 and $10,000 for providing "medical content expert review" to the San Diego State University Research Foundation and picked up between $10,000 and $100,000 from the City as a "physician leader" deployed with California's Urban Search and Rescue Team to the Hurricane Rita disaster area. That expense was reimbursed by FEMA, according to Dunford's filing.

When it came to getting free meals, Dunford was a champion. He got ten free lunches totaling $100 from Sharp HealthCare. The American Heart Association gave him four "board dinners" worth $100. Biosite, a San Diego–based biotech firm, gave him two meals valued at $60 each. ESP Pharma of Menlo Park also kicked in a $60 meal; Genentech provided three meals worth $100. Bristol-Myers Squibb and UCB Pharma of Brussels, Belgium, each contributed a $60 meal. … In a hint of more action to come from city attorney **Mike Aguirre**, an April 12 report from his office to the city council notes that "the Auditor's Office has recently referred for legal action a matter where their audit determined a hotel operator had significantly under paid TOT [transient occupancy tax]." The memo adds that Aguirre plans to use the False Claims Act to go after the back taxes. "In a False Claims Act action, the city can recover treble damages and civil penalties."

— Matt Potter

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State's Tough Stock Laws Under Assault

By Don Bauder

The government's Enron prosecutors exulted last month that the guilty verdicts prove "no matter how rich and powerful you are, you have to play by the rules." Some TV talking heads are rejoicing that corporate frauds are on the wane. From now on, chief executives will be Mr. Clean, we're told.

Don't believe such nonsense. Actually, the business establishment is trying to fix the regulatory and court systems to make insider profiteering easier to pull off and more difficult to detect and prosecute. Next week, former board members of Peregrine Systems — a San Diego fraud that rivaled Enron in brazenness — are expected to file papers asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overthrow California's tough laws restricting insiders' ability to dump stock when they possess information the public doesn't have. The California Chamber of Commerce and other business groups earlier filed briefs supporting the former Peregrine insiders, who massively jettisoned their shares before the accounting hoax came to the surface.



Michael Douglas as Gordon Gekko in Wall Street

Peregrine is just one example. State and federal officials are looking into more than 20 companies for possible backdating of stock options, or changing the date the option is granted so that it's at the lowest possible price. Executives and directors can thus maximize their profits when the shares are sold. In some cases, this odious practice may not be illegal, but it is certainly unethical. Most backdating occurred before 2002, when Congress enacted the Sarbanes-Oxley law to force companies to be more honest — or less dishonest — in reporting their results to the government and shareholders.

But now lobbying groups such as — you guessed it — the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, along with politicians who wallow in corporate largesse, are conspiring to get Sarbanes-Oxley emasculated or eviscerated.

Meanwhile, President Bush has quietly decreed that his national security advisor can exempt certain defense contractors from filing financial records required of other companies. Duke Cunningham must be grinning.

In truth, corporate fraud is growing, and pro-business pressure groups are trying to neuter those who would combat it. If these lobbying groups truly believed in free enterprise, they would welcome efforts to rein in white-collar crime because it interferes with the smooth functioning of free markets. But these groups don't honor Adam Smith, the father of capitalism; they honor Gordon Gekko, the crook in the 1987 movie *Wall Street.*

Like Enron, Peregrine was a hot stock because of phony accounting. Between 1999 and 2001, the software company falsely inflated its revenue by 40 percent, according to government investigators. Like Enron, it was trying to meet or beat Wall Street expectations each quarter. It used many tricks, such as keeping the books open long after the quarter ended and granting secret kickbacks to customers. In 1999 it began an accounting policy that was wholly misleading: it would record a sale when the product was passed to a distributor — *not* when it was actually sold to an end user. But it was an inside secret; the public didn't know it.

The chief executive officer warned the board that to make quarterly numbers, sales had been borrowed from the future. The board was told that the company's accounting firm was unhappy, that it was harder to get away with such monkey business in the new regulatory climate, and that the company was doing poorly and was chronically short of cash. But the public had no idea that Peregrine, like Enron, was rotting underneath. News releases and official financial reports — many approved by chairman John Moores — kept telling the world that Peregrine was doing wonderfully.

While this was happening, board members were disposing of their stock. During the period of the fraud, Moores sold Peregrine stock worth $487 million. All told, he sold $650 million before the scam came to light — almost all he controlled. In early 2000, the company's lawyers told the board members not to sell any of their stock because Peregrine was going to make an acquisition that would likely send its stock down. Despite this warning from the legal

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Another Local Link to Duke Scandal

By Matt Potter

Each new chapter of the bribery scandal that began last June with the unmasking of now-imprisoned former GOP congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham seems to bring a new local character to light, revealing to the nation the way business is done in San Diego.

First came Brent Wilkes, the Poway defense contractor, political donor, and San Diego State University backer. Wilkes had ties to a second defense contractor, Mitchell Wade, who pled guilty to bribing Cunningham. Wilkes is also suspected of paying off Cunningham, but he has not yet been charged. Mitchell Wade is reportedly spilling his guts to government investigators.

Six weeks ago, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Wade told prosecutors that Wilkes had arranged for a limo service to take prostitutes to "hospitality" suites at the Watergate and Westin Grand hotels in Washington, D.C., for Cunningham's enjoyment. The Feds are investigating whether other congressmen and government staffers partook of the feminine hospitality.

Among those implicated is Kyle Dustin "Dusty" Foggo, an ex–San Diego cop, SDSU grad, and CIA agent. A boyhood friend of Wilkes, Foggo had been appointed to the CIA's third-highest post by Porter Goss, who recently was forced out of his job by the president.

The latest San Diego link was first reported by the *Washington Post* on May 6: Jerome Foster, a downtown San Diego–based businessman. Foster was on the board of Shirlington Limousine, the company that furnished transportation for the alleged Cunningham assignations. Christopher Baker, Shirlington's owner, has a criminal history that reportedly includes felony charges for attempted robbery and car theft. Foster told the *Post* that he had befriended Baker at the Watergate Hotel when he hired Baker as a driver. Baker was in money trouble, Foster told the *Post*, and so he later agreed to join Baker's board in the role of "mentor." Baker, through an attorney, has denied having anything to do with the alleged Cunningham hookers.

In the past two years, Baker has gotten $25 million in contracts from the Department of Homeland Security to transport employees around Washington, D.C. Foster, who ran an energy-management business, had himself gotten contracts with the Navy in the early 1990s.

In 1998 Foster used the same lobbyist as Wilkes: former San Diego congressman Bill Lowery, whose roots in the local GOP establishment go deep. Lowery, who found himself enmeshed in the savings-and-loan scandals of the 1980s, is implicated in influence-peddling allegations against San Bernardino congressman Jerry Lewis, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Who is Jerome Foster?

In late May, Foster, a mild-mannered, 63-year-old African-American Republican, sat down for an interview. Foster worked on local antipoverty programs and later in community relations at Solar Turbines. In 1989, he and several others started a company called Pentech Energy, Inc., whose main business was developing power plants. Foster began the interview by describing his initial encounter with Christopher Baker, the owner of Shirlington Limo.

Foster remembered first meeting Baker during the early 1990s outside Washington's Watergate Hotel. "At the time I was doing some joint marketing with SAIC," he said. Science Applications International Corporation is a big Torrey Pines–based defense contractor. "And we were doing some joint marketing, making some calls with guys back in D.C. That was most of the time I spent there. That only lasted maybe two years at the max."

Foster said he was coming out of the Watergate to get a taxi, and Baker, who was driving a limo, said, " 'Well, I'll give you a ride.' … And so he dropped me off, and he wanted to know, 'Can I pick you up?' I said, 'Well, it depends on what you charge,' or something like that. And he just started following me around." Foster laughed.

"I guess the first two or three conversations he had with me, [he said], 'It's very seldom I have the chance to talk with a black business guy.' Chris is African-American. I take the time to talk to him. He told me his background and that he'd had some problems with the law. I think one time he told me he was homeless. I really admired him. He's a guy that pulled himself by the bootstraps and trying to make ends meet.

"He had a Town Car — it wasn't a new one — and he had a limousine that was pretty old. He hung around the Watergate. He did a lot of business. In D.C. it's kind of like, if you know the guys out front, they take care of you, helping you get rides, clients, or whatever, business and stuff.

"And so, at the time, I grew very fond of him. He was almost like a son. He was trying to get his life together. Go to church. I never seen him take a drink. Naïve, but, in my estimation, a pretty straight guy. I had nothing negative to say about him.

"He was really proud of [his limousine business], really trying to make a go out of it. Sometimes at night he would just come and sit in my room and talk to me till nine or ten o'clock at night. Mostly it was about the business. He had a girlfriend I think he'd been with for years and, you know, at first I thought he might have been gay or something just to hang around me so much!" Foster laughed again.

"He would, like, if I was going out to dinner or something, he would take me and pick me up. We'd come up to my room for a little while, just sit and talk, or whatever. At first I thought it was a little strange. Then over a period of time, you know, he was just a kid to me. I don't know what his chronological age was, but his mental age was pretty young."



Randy Cunningham



Brent Wilkes



Kyle "Dusty" Foggo

Incorporation papers filed by Baker uncovered by *Washington Post* reporters list Foster as a member of the board of Shirlington Limousine, but Foster said he has only hazy recollections of his involvement with the firm and couldn't recall its name, at first calling it "Sheraton."

"I don't remember joining the board of the company, okay?" he said laughing. "I told this to the lady at the *Washington Post*. I do vaguely remember when she told me I was on the board. She said, 'We have you down on the board.' I did remember Chris one time asked me about being on this board, and I probably said yes. I don't even remember the details. I remember him having a conversation with me that he was trying to pursue some contracts. I think it was with the city of D.C.

"All the blacks in D.C. live on governmental contracts; that's their livelihood. I think it was with the city or the school or something, and he has to have a board or whatever, and I vaguely remember him asking me to be on the board, and I probably said yes. But I didn't even know I was on this board."

Foster does remember introducing Baker to Brent Wilkes sometime in the early 1990s, but, "It wasn't like a personal introduction," Foster said. "Brent and I were going to dinner, and Chris drove us. Brent met Chris that way."

Foster says that the company was initially capitalized by an investment from Enterprise Partners, a La Jolla–based venture capital fund. A *Union-Tribune* report says that Sempra Ventures, a venture capital fund operated by the utility giant, had made a $14 million "third round" investment in the firm, but Foster said he did not remember any details of that.

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The Washington Post

Limousine Firm Denies Allegations

Cunningham Was Not Provided With Prostitutes, Official Says

By Charles R. Babcock and Jo Becker
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The president of a limousine company questioned in a congressional bribery investigation has denied accusations that he or his company provided prostitutes to convicted former congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham or anyone else. The company has turned over records to federal investigators and is cooperating with the probe, its lawyers said.

"We categorically deny any involvement in, or connection, with prostitution," Sandy Roberts, an attorney for Christopher D. Baker, president of Shirlington Limousine and Transportation Inc., said in a letter to The Washington Post. "Shirlington Limousine has never been a part of, nor involved in, any illicit or illegal activities that may have taken place in connection with Congressman Cunningham."

In recent weeks, federal investigators have been examining the relationship between Shirlington Limousine and Brent R. Wilkes, a San Diego businessman under investigation for bribing Cunningham to get federal contracts. Mitchell J. Wade, a

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side, during three days of February 2000, the insiders jettisoned $194 million of stock, $177 million of that by Moores. Later, the stock was whacked when the acquisition was announced, just as key officials had expected.

Peregrine stock, which had hit $80, lost almost all its value when the ugly news hit. The company plunged into bankruptcy. Several officers were charged with criminal fraud; some have confessed. The bankruptcy court appointed a litigation trustee, San Francisco attorney Robert Friese, who sued the former board members. They had dumped by far the most stock before the collapse.

California law enacted in 1968 and strengthened in 1988 is clear on such matters. An officer or director who jettisons stock while possessing material information that the public doesn't have is vulnerable to a civil lawsuit and may have to cough up three times his or her profits. Friese had access to company records; there was no question insiders had sold off shares while having negative information the public knew nothing about.

So the directors' lawyers cooked up a novel defense: the case should be tried in flimflam-friendly Delaware, where Peregrine was incorporated. Almost 60 percent of *Fortune* 500 companies are incorporated in Delaware because of its coziness with cozeners. By contrast, last year there were 52 California companies in the *Fortune* 500, but only 7 were incorporated in their home state. In Delaware, aggrieved investors must prove that directors sold their stock *because of* their possession of material, nonpublic information. In California, plaintiffs have to show only that insiders dumped stock while having the material, nonpublic information. With Peregrine, that's easy.

San Diego's superior court, just like its city government, has given Padres majority owner Moores just about whatever he wants. This case was no exception. In March of last year, Judge Joan M. Lewis ruled that the case had to be heard in Delaware. Friese protested to the Fourth District Appellate Court. The state attorney general, noting that California laws are essential to prevent fraud in the state, sided with the litigation trustee.

In December of last year, the appellate court decisively overturned Lewis's decision. Moores and his confreres took the matter to the California Supreme Court. The U.S. and California Chambers of Commerce, California Business Roundtable, and California Manufacturers & Technology Association, to no one's surprise, wrote letters supporting Moores and his fellow stock dumpers. In March of this year, the state's highest court rejected the appeal without comment. Then the Moores team said it was going to the U.S. Supreme Court. The filing should come the middle of this month.

Friese says that the former board members "are restricted to arguing the points that have been before the court before." The ex-directors will say that the so-called internal affairs doctrine bars a state from interfering in business matters of a corporation based elsewhere. But the appellate court said that California law has long held that insider stock trading is not covered by the internal affairs doctrine. "For

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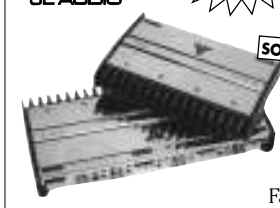

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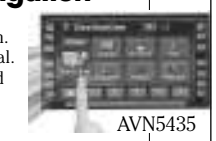

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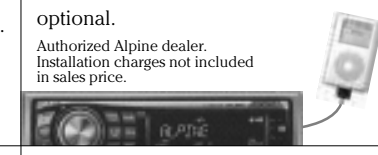

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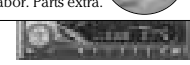

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the last 100 years, California's corporate securities laws have been applied to foreign corporations [those incorporated elsewhere] who do business in this state or whose business activities in this state have an impact on this state's securities market," said the appellate court. Moores's lawyers are also likely to argue, as they did earlier, that the state is trampling on due process because Peregrine directors were induced to take their jobs believing they would answer only to Delaware's lax laws. Also, the state is interfering with interstate commerce, argue Moores et al. Both arguments are folly, says Friese.

The current U.S. Supreme Court may desire to overturn California securities laws — as well as the laws of many other states that are tough on fraud. But would the Court choose this case, in which the insider selling and hushing up of devastating information were so egregious? Frankly, I doubt it. ■

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said, were the result of competitive bidding. "We got government contracts early on. Probably early '90s. They were what you called low-bid contracts. The lowest bid won. One of them was dealing with maintaining a turbine," he recalled. "Then we got an environmental contract. I forgot the dollar amount of it. It was a low-bid situation. It's the kind of contract that mostly small firms — they're not major or anything."

Foster said that he first met Brent Wilkes in San Diego when Wilkes approached him to offer his marketing services. Wilkes said he could be helpful to Foster by introducing him to powerful federal officials who might be in a position to offer government contracts to Pentech.

"Brent had made a call on us here in San Diego," recalled Foster. "I think Brent and I probably met a total of three times, one time at the Pentech office, one time at his office in D.C. Last time I saw Brent was the time when we went to dinner in D.C.

"His interest was in helping us market the product to the government. It didn't make a lot of sense to me. We had two or three government contracts, and my conclusion was that you can't make money off of government contracts. We were phasing out of that anyway."

Foster explained, "With all of them it was kind of like work orders…even though it had a dollar amount fixed to it. We went out and hired a bunch of people not really understanding you only work when you get called to work. So we ended up creating a lot of unnecessary overhead. It was not very sophisticated. We lost so much money on those things in the end."

Of the marketing service that Wilkes was offering, Foster said, "To my knowledge, there was nothing illegal about it. He would help us sell to the government for a fee, which, I understand, you can do that. To me it didn't make sense because if I had to turn around and give him a fee, you don't make a lot of money off the government anyway. Strategically it didn't make a lot of sense to me…[but] it wasn't a kickback scheme."

Pentech's 1990s partnership with defense contractor SAIC was brief, Foster said. "In those days — and I think they still do it — companies come along when you're a minority firm, companies like SAIC come along, and want to be part of your company. Forty-nine percent, you use your minority content to keep your contracts. I never wanted to play that game, and our relationship kind of went south."

To qualify for the set-aside contracts, Pentech's owners had to be economically disadvantaged. "I think the big thing with SAIC," Foster continued, "the disadvantage to them was the fact that we…could not get set-aside projects, contracts. That was the initial thinking, that I would fill out the paperwork, we would qualify. You couldn't own property. I don't remember the details of it, but we didn't qualify. We looked at it, but neither one of us, the minority owners, was willing to lie on the documents."

Foster also found that he was uncomfortable with the role of the minority business. "What happens in those contracts, if you're successful, the big company does the real work and the minority company does a couple of pieces, something that doesn't deal with your credibility. But you're not doing the real work. SAIC would be doing the real work. Once that began, I began to understand those kinds of things and the fact that the cost of doing business in D.C., pursuing contracts, is extremely expensive, and we didn't have those kind of dollars. It's just a very expensive process. And that was not what we started out to be. We only got into contracts because the power-development business is such long-term, and the thinking was, let's bring some revenue in now while we're going through the development process of the projects. And so it was never a major focus of our business anyway until SAIC took an interest.

"The initial thrust at Pentech," Foster said, "was independent power development, which is developing power plants. We worked together through joint ventures with companies like Canadian Utilities, Williams Company.… It went well until the mid-'90s. See, what made a company like us be able to survive with small players is that…a utility could only own 49 percent of their independent power — joint ventures through utilities. And when they went through the deregulation, where utilities could own 100 percent, our value dropped. Whatever they had, they can go ahead and do it themselves."

Foster said that after the mid-1990s, he never had contact with Baker or Wilkes again, and he never attended any of the Watergate poker parties that Wilkes and his associates participated in with Cunningham and other congressmen. He stressed that he had no knowledge of prostitutes being employed there.

"I don't have any knowledge of that. Never participated in any of it, knew anything about it. Zero. Chris was not, during the time that I knew him and was going to D.C., I didn't know of any of those things,

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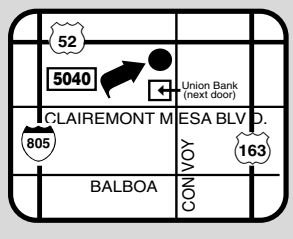

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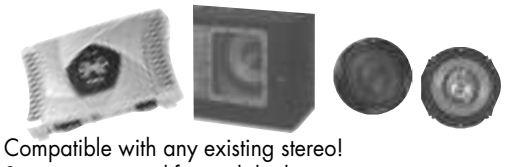

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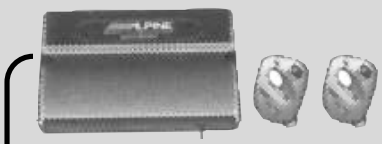

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okay?" he said. "There was nothing like that going on — not to my knowledge, anyway.

"I knew that [Baker] had some scuffs with the law. He shared that with me, yeah. I knew that he had been in trouble. It's one of the reasons I admired him. He was pulling himself up by his bootstraps. He was trying to do something legit, he was trying to get a company going, stay out of trouble, whatever. I didn't even know what the felony was. I didn't even know it was a felony. I knew he had some problems with the law.

"I really admired him for having two cars and trying to make something out of his life. What his relationship evolved into with Brent, I don't know what it evolved into. I wasn't around."

Foster added that he had virtually no dealings with Cunningham. "The first time I met Cunningham — I think I was at a Pete Wilson function — and he came up with a piece of paper. He scribbled that he was running for Congress.... That was the extent of the relationship."

By 1997, Pentech had been transformed into Pentech Energy Solutions. "We came up with a product," Foster explained. "We decided to tear the company down to the original founder and maybe one or two other people, and we developed a product called PERC. And from there we got venture capitalist funding, and we decided to take the project to another level."

In August 1998, according to federal lobbyist registration filings, Pentech Energy Solutions retained the services of Copeland, Lowery, and Jacquez, the Washington lobbying and governmental relations firm. Lobbyist Bill Lowery, the former San Diego city councilman and ex–GOP congressman, worked for Wilkes and is now said to be under investigation in connection with his lobbying of former GOP house colleague Jerry Lewis. The filing says that Pentech hired Copeland, Lowery to perform "marketing to government [an] energy efficiency device for home/business heating and cooling systems" and was paid $10,000.

The same year, Foster began contributing to congressional candidates, including then–GOP congressman Brian Bilbray, to whom he gave $500 the same month that he retained Lowery. In April 1999, he gave $1000 to Congressman Jerry Lewis.

Foster recalled his relationship with Lowery. "I didn't know him personally. I would never say that Lowery and I were friends or anything like that," said Foster. "We gained a mutual respect for each other during some of his campaigns for Congress.

"The reason I used his firm is, I was at an event and bumped into Bill," he recalled. "I talked with him and he said to give him a call. And so I called his office, and he passed me on to some people. I think I did business with him about two or three months at the most, if it lasted that long. We couldn't afford it."

According to Foster, Lowery was supposed to perform much of the same service that Wilkes had offered. "They introduced us to the different agencies. They focused on environmental agencies," he said. "So we had exactly maybe two or three meetings with him, and that's about it. We didn't have a lot of resources to pursue that effort at the time.

"The reality is, especially in San Diego, when you're a black guy, and especially a few years ago, and you run around in those circles, you're a small player. You're not a major player," he said. "People treat you nice, it's good to see some black faces around. You're not in the 'in' crowds. You don't get invited to those things. It was, like, 'Hi, Jerry, glad to see you.' Pat on the back."

Foster added that in addition to his race, the relatively small size of the campaign contributions he was able to afford also kept him out of Washington's big leagues. "You're not a major player with $500 checks, you know that. And being black, you're never in the in crowd. The only thing, you really get used, with a face in a crowd. If somebody thinks you have an advantage, give them a contract or something like that, they'll put their arms around you."

Foster said he departed Pentech before it was sold in 2002 and does not know anything about its ultimate fate. "I started that company in 1989 and kept it going until 2000. I did a few things right. And a lot of dumb things," he said, adding, "There were times we made money and there were times we lost money, but I think we did okay. We had some $20 million in revenue at one time."

He said he left Pentech as a result of a nasty divorce battle. "I asked to step down. I was going through a divorce. I had carried that company on my back since 1989," he remembered. "I didn't think I was the best person, given the fact that I was stressed out, suffering from depression. I wasn't aware of it at the time. I decided that it wasn't the best fit.

"First time I asked to step down I was told no. But they didn't know I was going through a divorce. When I told them I was divorcing they were okay with it. So I stepped down as CEO and became president." Three months later, Foster said, he left altogether and subsequently suffered a long period of emotional hardship brought on by bitter court battles with several ex-wives.

"I went through three years of very deep depression. I went in for a physical and the doctor looked me deep in the eyes and said, 'I've been dealing with you for a long time, and something's wrong with you.' So I went on some meds."

In a September 1999 divorce case, Foster had squared off against Terry Holladay, who, according to court records, was a tennis pro at the Rancho Valencia Resort in Fairbanks Ranch. Angry allegations were exchanged about Foster's drinking habits.

According to a police report, Holladay said that "Foster has often stated that he's 'losing it' and that he needs help. She said Foster believes his behavior towards her stems from his insecurities due to trauma of his ex-wife's infidelity."

In the same case, Foster's former business partner John Mellor filed a sworn affidavit against him. "Unfortunately, it appears that almost everyone who gets involved with

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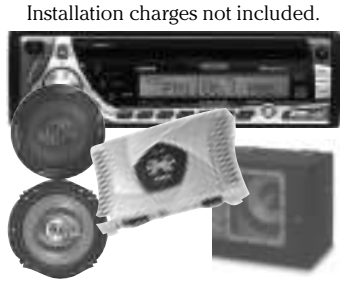

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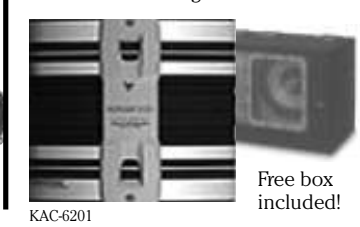
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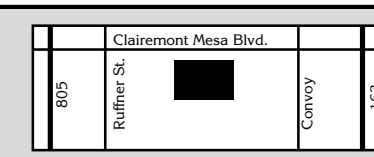

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"During my association with Pentech and Jerome, I witnessed a number of instances of alcohol abuse on his part which led to diminished capability to undertake job functions," Mellor alleged. "Failure to perform included missing flights, nonattendance at meetings, and several instances of what might be considered sexual harassment.

"On a personal front, I loaned Jerome over $20,000 which he committed to repay from the share of any profits developed by Sanshell LLC — the corporation developing the Memphis generating project. When that project folded, he refused to repay the loan, citing the fact that his salary was being attached by other people to whom he owed money and that all remaining income was unavailable for various reasons. Given past history, I didn't feel it was worth pursuing a legal remedy to recover this loan."

During the interview, Foster flatly denied all of Mellor's charges and said they were made by a disgruntled former colleague.

After the Holladay marriage ended, according to court records, Foster married Birgit Mayer, who also went by the name Rachel. In April 2003, and again in August 2003, Foster filed court actions to dissolve the marriage.

In a sworn statement dated May 5, 2004, Foster, who had married Mayer in October 2002, said that shortly afterwards, "I became informed that Respondent was unable to engage in normal copulation" and that the condition was "incurable." Foster added that he and Mayer, whom he had met on the Internet, "were only married and living together for about 26 days."

In the interview, Foster said that he had been told by his attorneys to sign the statement, which he said was not true, in order to receive the annulment. "That's what my lawyers put down. She was from Germany, and she wanted me to marry her so she could stay in this country. And I was dumb enough to do it for a couple seconds. My lawyer said you have to put something down like that."

Finally, Foster said, he began to put his emotional troubles behind him and climb out of the shadows. He said he is now "clean" and has rebuilt his life. "Basically, I played around with some startups, that kind of thing, but couldn't focus on anything like that. So I got into the renewable business because, one, dealing with the government is something I know. There's a demand and a market for renewables. And it provides some benefit to the world." He declined to identify investors in the new business.

"There's nothing there," he said regarding the unwanted attention he has received since the Shirlington Limo scandal broke. "The contracts we had was low-bid. I barely even met Brent. Never did any business with Brent. And I happened to know Chris. That's the extent of it. That's the reason I came down here, really, you know. It's kind of like…I have nothing to hide. So maybe if I talk to them or whatever we can put this behind us. There's nothing there. I would welcome a conversation with the FBI. There's nothing there!" ■

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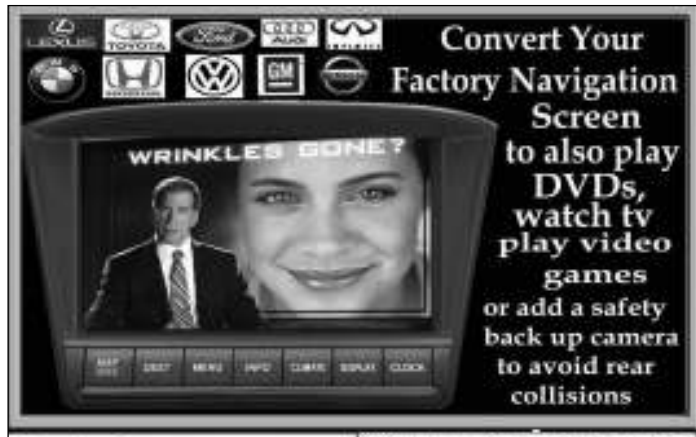

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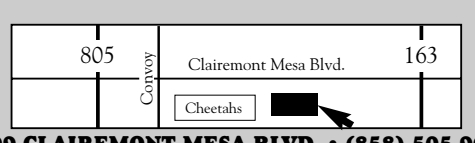

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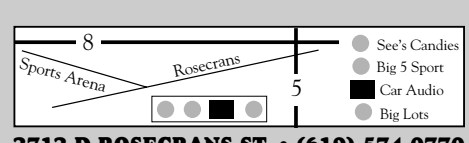

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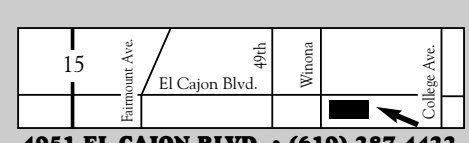

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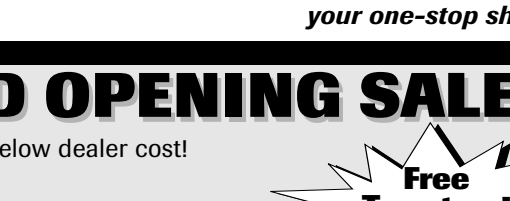

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Khrushchev Was Right

I'm calling regarding the June 1 article on trolley crimes ("City Lights"). To me this is just an example of the lack of moral insight and moral basis for behavior plaguing our society. Even Khrushchev, our enemy, told our then president that we would be destroyed from within. And I see a correlation between groups like the ACLU, whose lawsuits tend to destroy Jewish and Christian family values by defending the rights of things like the porno industry, and things like this. That's why I support the American Center for Law and Justice in Washington, D.C., who fights people like the ACLU.

Name Withheld

CLARIFICATION

In a "Blurt" story last week on the suspension of Tom Giblin's liquor license, Rhy Thornton made reference to a shooting at the Longshot in San Marcos. Longshot manager Mike McLeish responds to Thornton's quote about the May 20 incident that occurred outside the bar and music venue. "The shooting incident was not related to Longshot. It happened at 2:33 in the morning. It did not involve a patron or an employee of Longshot."

Female Godliness Annihilated

In response to Shepherd's *Da Vinci Code* review (Movie Review, June 1), it's obvious that he didn't read the book, which I presume is the privilege of a movie critic, but in fact, I would have to agree that, disregarding the fact that the movie fell far short of the text, it was just plain bad movie-making.

The beauty of the book, hardly portrayed in the movie, was that it discussed the systematic annihilation of the godliness of the female principle as it pertains to the Judeo-Christian religion, particularly in reference to Catholicism. Although Catholics may argue that Mother Mary is divine in her own right (only because of immaculate conception), the original sin and the perpetuation of celibacy as fulfillment of the divine is clearly linked to the female as the unclean, unspiritual principle of the universe. The book definitively states the opposite view, suggesting that enlightenment can and is attained by the physical/spiritual union of man and woman. Disregarding the plot twist and mystery, some genuine historical background was given as reasons for some of the fictional events in the story. The movie, largely based on the book's success, brings to light what we all want to talk about but are told not to if we want to get along: sex, religion, and politics.

Barbara Massey
via e-mail

Love To Disagree

Thanks for the piece on Manny Farber (Movie Review, May 25). The principal character in my novel, *WindanSea,* refers to Duncan Shepherd and how much he loves reading Shepherd's reviews, although he frequently disagrees with him. Now, having read Shepherd's piece on Manny and learning about Shepherd's background, I fully understand my character's feelings.

Frederick Regenold
via e-mail

Pork Sniffing

Joe Deegan's article about Mayor Jerry Sanders's pork-sniffing trips to Washington, D.C. ("Mayor Takes Office Crew to Washington," "City Lights," May 25) demonstrates Sanders' lack of ethics and innate big-spending propensities.

On the tax side, Sanders reveals the truth of author James Bovard's quip in his book *Terrorism and Tyranny* that "The war on terrorism is the first political growth industry of the new Millennium." Knowing that one bad government program spawns another — not to mention billions in wasteful spending — Sanders admits that he supports the U.S. military despite its fiscally and morally bankrupt policy of massive, violent interventionism around the globe. It is this interventionism that led to the farcical "need" for massive "homeland security" spending — despite the fact that it will never protect Americans from the retaliation we are provoking.

Why? Has any government program ever succeeded or shown competent execution? Did the War on Poverty do anything but generate a swollen population of urban poor? Did the War on Drugs do anything but line the pockets of prison builders, guards, and police departments with vast amounts of scarce resources while generating gang violence and theft that never would have existed? Do the public schools create anything but bumper crops of credulous, obedient nitwits and criminals in roughly equal proportions? Did the highly vaunted military, FBI, and CIA protect the World Trade Center, despite the many warnings they received and studiously ignored over and over again?

We know the answer, yet each year, these failing programs suck up more tax money. So despite his campaign promise of fiscal responsibility, it should not surprise us that Sanders is eyeing the big fat bubbling vat of tax-subsidized pork with unbridled lust.

That brings us to Sanders's lack of ethics. If he really were concerned about the safety of San Diegans, he would publicly repudiate our murderous foreign policy on behalf of the citizens. He would refuse to cooperate with the fascistic provisions of the Patriot Act. Then, perhaps those who wish to retaliate against our government for its immoral foreign policy would find another, more deserving target.

The foreign victims of the 201 military conflicts that the U.S. has engaged in since the close of World War II really do have a bone to pick with us. These far-away victims were never a threat to the United States. Our constant bullying, mass murder, and propensity for propping up dictators one minute and toppling them the next led directly to the retaliation we witnessed on September 11.

If Sanders abandoned his self-righteous pose and considered that our military

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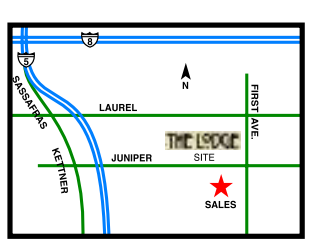

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By Patrick Daugherty

The Sound of One Puck Clapping

Time for our annual hockey column, a "Sporting Box" tradition that enriches itself year after year. San Diego, the seventh-largest city in the United States, is running low on major-league franchises. We have no NHL franchise, no NBA franchise, and, soon, no NFL franchise. Add to that no NASCAR track, no WNBA franchise, no Major League Soccer franchise, no Arena Football League franchise, all the way down to no Major League Lacrosse franchise. I foresee an expanding inventory of once-a-year major-league columns as "The Box" shifts into blanket coverage of San Diego back-yard sports, dog shows, and camping equipment.

Offered as an annual public service, and to remind readers that major-league hockey does exist, allow me to bring you up to the moment on the current doings of those slap-happy NHL puckers. To begin, I should tell you that the playoffs have concluded. The Carolina Hurricanes and Edmonton Oilers have been selected to compete for the Stanley Cup.

I…see…that…not…one…of you cares.

That's hockey for you.

I…see…that…no…one…knows anything about the National Hockey League. No worries. I'll skip the boring early years and move to the 1930–'31 season, a season everyone loves. At that time, the league was a ten-team colossus. Then, by 1942, the league shrank to six teams. Then, the league stayed at six teams until 1967.

That's hockey for you. By the way, those six teams are known as (gentlemen, please remove your hats) *The Original Six* (Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins, Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings, and New York Rangers).

Then, as happened to Major League Baseball, NBA, Indy Racing League, and the NFL, competition entered the vault and demanded money. In other words, the Western Hockey League came to be, which caused, in 1967, the NHL to expand by six teams. Three more teams were added in 1970.

See, the NHL's idea was to keep all the hockey money for themselves, just like oil companies, media conglomerates, financial institutions, and the rest.

Two years later, as a way of welcoming the birth of the World Hockey Association (WHA), the NHL added the Atlanta Flames and the New York Rangers and, in 1974, the Kansas City Flames and Washington Capitals. This real estate grab encouraged the WHA to zombie-walk into the startup-hockey-league bog and die, which it did in 1979. Four WHA teams moved over to the NHL (Edmonton Oilers, Hartford Whalers, Québec Nordiques, and Winnipeg Jets).

Aren't you loving this? I could go on and on and on and on.

Since the historic events of 1979, beginning in the early 1990s, the NHL has created 11 new franchises, bringing the total number of teams up to 30, and if you can name more than 5, you should reexamine your life and repent. Nowadays, the league is burrowed into the sunshine states with franchises in Anaheim, San Jose, Nashville, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Tampa Bay, Nashville, Phoenix, Raleigh, and Dallas.

Promiscuous expansion does not appear to have made the game more popular. The first two Stanley Cup games will be broadcast on OLN, which is, many of you will learn for the first time, a cable television network and not a feminine hygiene product. NBC will pick up broadcasting duties starting with game three, on Saturday.

I don't know why NBC is so reticent. This year's Stanley Cup features the Carolina Hurricanes, a scrappy team ensconced in the second smallest television market in the United States. The 'Canes had to beat Buffalo, home-based in the smallest television market in the U.S., in order to play the Edmonton Oilers, a team located in the smallest television market in the NHL.

After culling out the participants' blood relatives, we may well be able to hand count the Stanley Cup television audience. The last Stanley Cup series (Tampa Bay vs. Calgary) got a minuscule 2.6 rating on ABC, but that was a smash hit compared to ABC's regular season NHL ratings of 1.1, which, in turn, towered over ESPN2's regular-season NHL ratings of 0.24. To give you an idea what that means, ESPN2's women's golf programming has a rating of 0.40, almost twice as high as their hockey numbers.

ESPN decided not to broadcast the NHL this year. Apparently, they couldn't find room in between showings of the *World Dominoes Tour, Test Your Angler IQ, Shoot More, Shoot More Often,* and *Monster Buck Moments.*

One more thing. According to Ted Saskin, the National Hockey League Players' Association executive director, this season's revenues are expected to come in at $2.1 billion, $300 million *more* than anticipated. This begs the question, "If nobody is watching, and you still make money, is that enough to make you a top-tier professional sports league?"

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SHEEP AND GOATS

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Denomination: Disciples of Christ
Address: 2895 University Avenue, North Park, 619-624-9335
Founded locally: 1999
Senior pastor: Rich McCullen
Congregation size: about 120
Staff size: 7, mostly part-time
Sunday school enrollment: nascent children's ministry during Sunday service
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes
Website: *www.missiongathering.com*

"We were meant to live for so much more/ Have we lost ourselves?" Switchfoot played through the speakers as congregants found their seats for Missiongathering's first service in their new venue, there amid the Moroccan-tinged splendor of the restored North Park Theater. On stage, bathed in blue light, stood four pale gray obelisks. Later, when lit from within, the gray would give way to panels of orange, pink, red, green, blue, and purple, separated by tendrils of a stylized vine. A cross hung overhead, while the Table of Grace held center stage, weighted by candles as well as a pitcher of wine and a round loaf of bread — the elements for communion.

The lights went down, and the service opened with video profiling the church. "If you are curious and have come to see," read the words onscreen, "...If you are weary and have come to rest.... If you are hurting and have come for comfort..."

During the video, the church band's lead singer spoke of his admiration for Radiohead's *OK Computer album*, though the church band's sound — now intense, now jubilant, now vulnerable — seemed closer to that of Live. "Church isn't sterile," he said. "Jesus isn't sterile.... We're not holding back in the way we worship God."

Other congregants testified: "Missiongathering allowed me to think for myself.... I can go and not be told how to act, but be reminded of how I want to act."

"I grew up in a conservative Baptist church. We had a narrow view of faith, and I found it very limiting when you're actually trying to have a relationship with Jesus."

"The people are real and have real issues and concerns. No one seems to hide that."

"There's room for disagreement."

"Welcome to your church," concluded the video. Applause followed, and songs from the band: "Your grace is enough, God/ I'm covered in your love."

A spotlit man and woman read the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery, the woman rescued by Jesus when He said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Then, lights up, and Pastor McCullen preached, inviting the congregation "to experience a Jesus who...no matter what you've done, no matter where you were last night — that Jesus is a Jesus who loves you in spite of you."

McCullen embellished — "She's bleeding from her mouth.... Jesus draws her to him." He extrapolated — "When you are faced with the light of God, as these religious people were — supposedly men of faith — all your judgmental Christianity, all your pretenses of religion melt in the presence of God." But mostly, he sought to bring the story to the lives of the congregants. The Gospel passage spoke of Jesus writing in the dirt. "I love the image — God with dirty hands, in the mess of it all.... God wants to get dirty in your life, to help you through whatever you're facing." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Not only was she given her life back, but she was given the life in the light.... To live in the light is to live in honesty and a willingness to change what's unhealthy within ourselves.... Jesus' approach was not to judge, but to give light in a very dark region of our lives.... Imagine if a church lived that way."



RICH MCCULLEN

Missiongathering
North Park
★★½

Sermon	
content	★★
delivery	★★½
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★½
band	★★★
Snacks	★★★½
(opening service lunch)	
Architecture	★★★½
Friendliness	★★

Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
Extraordinary	★★★★

Near the entrance to the theater proper, five fabric-lined boxes of sand were laid out, surrounded by fat candles of various heights. Cards in front of the boxes read, "Although we have no record of what Jesus wrote in the sand…we have the opportunity to partake in an experience to help deepen our understanding of our faith.... Please feel free to write or draw any prayers or thoughts or names that confront you today. Bring these things before God. In writing them, we invite you to surrender your burdens and cares, leaving them to the gracious power of our Lord. Then erase the words." After communion, a muscular man in a white T-shirt and jeans knelt at one of the boxes, wrote, erased, and departed.

What happens when we die?

"I believe that the Christian church is too fixated on the afterlife," says McCullen. "What about the here and now? The Gospels indicate that Jesus only spoke a few times concerning the afterlife. I believe He was more about individuals experiencing the kingdom of God within their hearts at that very moment. One of the only times Jesus spoke of the afterlife, he challenged his followers concerning *the least of them*. In other words, what we do today during our journeys of faith, how we respond to *the least of them* — the hurting, the downtrodden, and the social outcasts, including God's creatures and the environment — will directly affect how we spend eternity."

— Matthew Lickona

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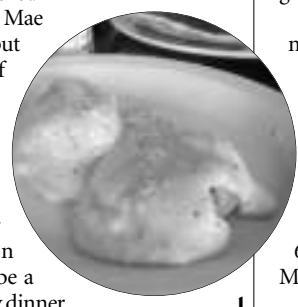
BestBuys

"Loosen your belt and prepare to feast."

–EVE KELLY

Uncle Max is at it again. It seems he's got himself a new gal — Mae. "A real Southern Belle," he proclaims. "When she drinks her iced tea, she rests her wrist on the side of the glass — says it keeps her from perspiring in the heat." The happy couple will be in town in a couple of weeks while Max does business, and, gentleman that he is, he's asked if I'll put her up. "I'll take Mae out in the evenings, but it'd be wonderful if you could show her around a bit while I'm working. And just for kicks, why don't you see if you can find her a place for a proper Southern breakfast, and maybe a place for a big family dinner out. It's on me."



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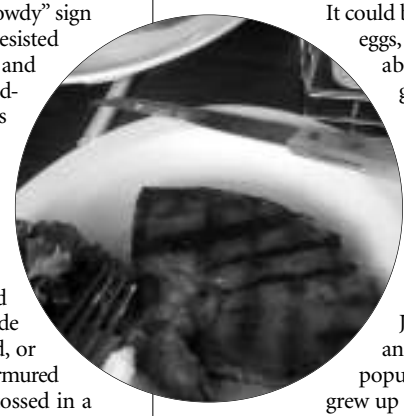
"Always a pleasure to help Max out on Max's dime," said Patrick. "But Southern breakfasts? Maybe Tyler's Taste of Texas?" Next morning, we headed east into El Cajon to give Tyler's (619-444-9295, breakfast 24/7) a tryout. Big bull horns and a crocheted "Howdy" sign greeted us as we entered. We resisted the enormous array of omelets and zeroed in on more Southern-sounding stuff. "Tyler's Legendary Texas Breakfast," trumpeted the menu. "Loosen your belt and prepare to feast." Patrick went for the center-cut ham steak and eggs breakfast (**$10.95**), which came with "choice of grits, hash browns, chunky home fries, or spiced apples," and "choice of homemade biscuits, homemade corn bread, or toast.""Ham and cornbread," murmured Patrick, smiling. Inspired, he tossed in a short stack of johnnycakes — pancakes made from cornbread batter (**$5.65**) — for good measure.



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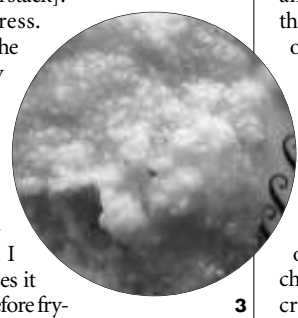
The ham steak arrived, about a half-inch thick and as big as Patrick's head, covered with grill marks and full of tender, salty goodness. And the johnnycakes made ordinary pancakes seem all too ordinary. "It's like eating silken cornbread," said Patrick, grinning now.

I had chosen hush puppies (**$3.25**) to start (appetizers at breakfast — thanks, Max!), and chicken-fried steak and eggs (**$8.95**) with a side of biscuits and gravy and a cup of grits. "And what about these sweet-potato pancakes [**$5.65** short stack, **$5.95** full stack]?" I asked the waitress. "They're the bomb," she replied. "They're my favorite. We sell the mix here — **$5.95** for a two-and-a-half-pound bag. I always have a bag at home. I also like to make biscuits out of it, and I know a lady who uses it to coat her chicken before frying." I thought about a side of fried catfish (**$2.00**), but Patrick warned that I'd ordered too much. He was right.



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The sweet crust on the hush puppies gave way to a moist interior flecked with parsley. The crunchy brown coating on the pounded steak held up nicely underneath the creamy, pepper-flaked gravy. More gravy smothered the fluffy biscuits. I scraped some onto my grits, which were, true to form, a little bland. The smooth gravy and gritty grits made a fine marriage of flavor and texture. And the sweet potato pancake was as warm and comforting as gingerbread, only lighter.

"If I ate like this all the time..." mused Patrick, patting his belly. "I wonder about Mae's cholesterol." "You hush," I answered in my best drawl. I read from the menu: "Sweet potato pancakes are high in vitamin A and beta-carotene, low in fat, and contain no cholesterol." "You gonna finish that chicken-fried steak?" he replied.

I liked Tyler's, but I knew Max would want more options. The next day, I called my friend Jane. Jane's a true foodie — the kind who knows where to find the best duck confit and the best Chinese take-out. "Southern food is basically soul food," she said. "Try Sister Pee-Wee's Soul Food [Grant Hill, 619-236-0470]. If you want to eat a little later — call it brunch — try Magnolia's [Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005] or Fix Me A Plate Café [La Mesa, 619-466-6084]."

Sister Pee Wee laughed when I asked what soul food was. "Soul food is down-home cooking. I cooked for church and fed a lot of ministers. My son had the idea for me to open a restaurant." Breakfast, served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. is **$6.50**, including coffee. "We have a board up that tells what it'll be for the day. It could be grits, bacon, ham, eggs, or pancakes." I asked about grits. "It's just ground-up corn. You boil grits in water and stir. I season them with salt and pepper."

Next I checked out the menu at Fix Me A Plate, and spoke with chef Jimmy Polier. "Chicken and waffle (**$9.50**) is a popular Southern dish. I grew up eating it. It's a sweet potato waffle, made with a waffle iron, which has a nice, crispy, yam-sweet potato taste. It's like a dessert waffle. The chicken is fried chicken tenders. I think people sometimes like to have lunch and breakfast together, so they can order the chicken and waffle and eggs [add **$.50**] if they like. You can also get the fruit waffle [**$7.50**], which is the sweet potato waffle topped with blueberries or strawberries."

A traditional Southern breakfast, he said, "would be grits, eggs, waffles, chicken, biscuits, and gravy. You want country gravy. You start off with a white sauce. You fry some onions and breakfast sausage, sauté that with a little garlic and white pepper, then add some cream." I thought of my gravy on grits. "The original way of eating grits is just with butter. But people also like American or cheddar cheese."

Finally, we checked out Magnolia's as a possible family dinner joint. The high ceilings and shutters around the mirrors gave it a bayou feel, and the warm corn muffins gave a down-home feel. I ordered the fried chicken platter (**$12.50**) with sides of mashed potatoes (plus gravy) and mac 'n' cheese. Everything was as it should be — crisp crust, juicy chicken, moist macaroni, tangy cheese. Patrick was equally pleased with his fried shrimp (**$12.50**). "This batter is more like a sheet than a blanket — so, so light," he said. "And the shrimp is just-right tender." We vowed to try the Po' Boys (**$8–$12**) when we came back with Max and Mae.

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Someone else said, "And possible fecal matter."

A woman who was swimming had her daughter fetching beers for her. She looked at me and said, "She's my little enabler." She told me her husband was at home working on their bathroom. I said, "That doesn't seem fair. You get to go out and party while he stays home and does repairs." She laughed and said, "Hey, it's his family that's coming over to visit later."

She later tried serving a bean dish she made. Nobody was taking any, and she said, "That was going to be my ingenious plot to take over the world while everyone was suffering from gastritis."

One guy got drunk and passed out in a chair with a cigarette in his hand. When he woke up, he took a puff from it like nothing had happened. He walked over to the pie and joked about putting a body part in it. His girlfriend was struggling to hold onto his bathing suit as he tried taking it off. Later, when he stumbled over to the dessert table, we watched him. We didn't want a piece of pie that had been molested. He put his hand in it and dug himself out a slice.

Games were played at two of the tables. I joined the Scattegories table. The rules were explained, and I promptly screwed up. A letter of the alphabet was picked, and players had a series of questions in which the answer has to start with that letter. I thought it was the first question that needed to be answered. An argument ensued, but then the woman who wanted me disqualified said "stereo" when the question was "car part that started with the letter s." It was my turn to give her crap.

When the games were finished, Meryl told us, "The party is at my place, but Beth had to bring all the friends. I don't have any." Meryl did have her boyfriend there briefly, but he had to leave to pick up a computer. Everyone called him a computer geek as he left, throwing *Star Trek* phrases at him. I had wanted to talk to him more about his radio show on KSDS 88.3, a jazz station. Meryl said, "Just write that the hostess was a curvy little vixen."

Two guys started throwing a Nerf football around. Even though it was crowded, nobody got hit from a bad throw, though the ball did fly over the fence a few times. As a guy named Randy was leaving the party, somebody threw him a pass that he had to dive into the pool to catch. He lost his sunglasses, but I think he was smart enough to take the wallet out of his back pocket. ■

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On the Road Again

by Barbarella

Voyage, travel, and change of place impart vigor.

— Seneca

Four people in the past three days have asked me the same question: "How does one pack for that long?" As I prepare to be away from home for a month, I'm thinking more along the lines of, "How am I going to make sure my bills are paid on time?" and "What should I do with my hair?" Packing is easy, that's last-minute stuff — throw everything in a bag and double check for passport, credit cards, and Treo.

He would slow down and veer farther to the right side of the road so Mom could fling the bucket's contents out the window.

No matter how far in advance I plan, I never go anywhere without forgetting to pack *something*. This has taught me that there is *nothing* so important to my survival that I can't borrow it from someone else, buy it in another city, or do without it until I get home, by which time I will probably have grown accustomed to not having it and therefore feel compelled to throw it out.

David and I freaked out when we learned that three galleries would be showing his fine-art photography at the start of the summer season — the first in Martha's Vineyard, the second in Zurich, and the third in New York, which meant traveling within a schedule packed tighter than a face full of Botox.

The frenetic pace for preparation was set a month ago when David, after reading an e-mail confirming the date of the last show, said, "I need to get the correct images printed, framed, and shipped to each gallery, like, *now*." He's been quite busy with all that. Meanwhile, I've been meditating on other important issues, like how to time my pedicure and hip new hairdo to maximize the results of professional pampering and avoid potential scheduling conflicts with last-minute Oh-shit-I-forgot-to-do-this-or-that moments.

I acknowledge the fabulousness associated with jet-setting to glamorous locales, but in all honesty, these destinations do not thrill me half as much as the idea of getting away. We may not have the monotony of nine-to-fives, but, like anyone else, David and I slip into our own routines and, after a while, any routine becomes monotonous. Even so, it's not monotony that makes me itch to get out of town as much as that, wherever I go, I really enjoy the ride.

And I always associate "the ride" with Dad's orange 1973 Volkswagen camper. Even if we were only going to the commissary, each ride would begin with my family hopping in the bus and launching into a spirited performance of Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again."

Whether seated in a plane, train, or ferry, I can still imagine myself playing Uno with my sisters on the little fold-out card table while keeping one eye out the window for the next Volkswagen Beetle so I could be the one to scream "Punch Buggy BLUE!" or whatever color it was, so long as I was the one doing the punching and not the one getting punched.

The days spent traveling from Rhode Island to San Diego (our second family-of-six cross-country trip) were filled with games, purchased or made up. But when the sun went down, we crawled into our hammocks, stacked like bunk beds, two on either side of the van. And while their four daughters dozed in the back, lulled into deep sleep by the rhythm of the road, Mom and Dad kept our good ship on a true and steady course.

Dad always brought along a small handful of cassette tapes, the songs of which we'd memorized by the second day of our journey. When I'm fiddling with my iPod on the plane, I'll smile and think of John Denver's voice as it was heard through the haze of a post-Denny's breakfast trip. After gorging on a Grand Slam we would sing along, loud and sparky, to "Rocky Mountain High." By the time "Take Me Home, Country Roads" came on, we were in the full stupor of a food coma, able to do no more than mumble the lyrics incoherently.

On more days than not, with the renewed vigor that only sugar and caffeine can bring, we delighted in torturing our mother with the hour-long, repeating chant led by Gurumayi Chidvilasananda. Dad would lead us, in sync with Gurumayi, by chanting, "Om Namo Bhagavate Muktanandaya," and we would answer his call, in sync with the followers on the tape (we would even try to harmonize), "Om Namo Bhagavate Muktanandaya!" Over and over, for an *hour*. Mom wasn't into it, and this hour was excruciating for her. But for her daughters, four young girls stuck in the back of a van on an endless road, it was meditative distraction at its best.

As the movie credits roll and the cocktail cart passes by, I will join my fellow travelers obsessively fixated upon the small red sign that

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reads, "OCCUPIED." Standing in the cramped aisle awaiting my turn, I will recall with fondness how my sisters and I would try to maintain our balance in the swaying vehicle as we peed into a small blue bucket.

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A week from now, when I am sitting in my first-class window seat and breaking apart a warm cookie with moist chocolate chips melting onto my fingertips, I will not be thinking about how gauche it is to wear the same ensemble to three different gallery openings; I will not be practicing how to say "Yes, he *is* quite talented, isn't he," in German, nor will I daydream of the fine dining and sightseeing to come. Instead, I will be glancing around the cabin to gauge the perfect moment to lead my fellow passengers in an energetic sing-along of "On the Road Again." ■

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Walter Lam

OUT OF AFRICA



IN THE OFFICE WHERE I MET DAVID OMEN ACANA II, paramount chief of the 800,000-member Acholi tribe in northern Uganda, a large color photograph of two hippos hung on the wall behind him. The animals, neck-deep in water, teeth glistening, seemed to be grinning at each other. I told Chief Acana that I thought the hippos looked "cute."

The chief, broad-shouldered, deep-chested, dressed in a tailored navy blue suit and a gray and light blue tie, laughed. His two bodyguards, huge men with shaved heads and grapefruit-size biceps, laughed too.

"Cute?" said Chief Acana. "Cute? They could cut a man like you in half with just one bite. It would take just one second and you'd be gone."

I explained that the closest I'd come to the animals was at the Hippo Beach exhibit at the San Diego Zoo. I said Hippo Beach allowed a visitor to watch the hippos swim underwater, where they looked "graceful." This made the chief and his bodyguards laugh harder.

"Yes, yes," said the chief. "*Quite* graceful."

A few days later I read that the hippo is considered the most dangerous animal in Africa, responsible for thousands of deaths each year. It occurred to me that an African and an American looking at a nature photograph might not see it in the same way.

I was introduced to Chief Acana by Walter Lam, a 52-year-old Ugandan immigrant who in 1989 founded the Alliance for African Assistance, a once local but now international organization dedicated to aiding African immigrants in the United States and abroad and also refugees "internally displaced" in Africa. Lam is a tall, very dark-skinned man who at first seems formal and a bit shy. Lam doesn't immediately disclose much about his life in Africa or the way Uganda in particular caused tragedy in his life. When he does touch on those subjects, his formality and shyness reveal themselves as caution.

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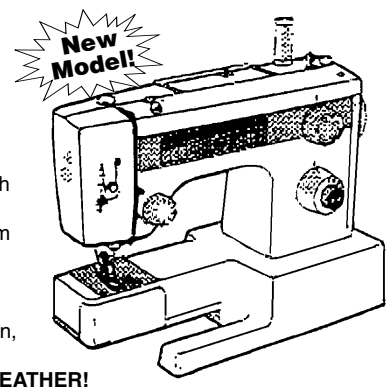

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Chief Acana told me that he was 33 years old when he became paramount chief of the Acholi. He said chieftainship is handed down from father to son.

"You can become chief at any age, even if you're a baby. Once you are chief, and if you are old and ill, you can appoint someone to act in your place. But that person won't become chief until the chief dies.

"The tribal government is an institution which is a local government by itself which is recognized by the state. We, the Acholi, have 50 chiefs. We get together and meet twice each year. But there are other meetings that are called as needed. My duty as paramount chief is primarily the mobilization of the community — for development, for harmony. A lot of what we do is settle disputes, all sorts of disputes, such as land disputes. I handle disputes about once a month. The other chiefs and elders would handle disputes on an almost daily basis."

Chief Acana explained that people could choose to have their disputes settled in civil court.

"But people choose depending on their belief. If they believe that the civil court will help them better, they go there. If they think the tribal court will help them better, they go there."

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About his personal history, Chief Acana told me that he was raised in a compound shared by many members of his extended family. Although he couldn't remember an exact number, he said that "easily more than 50 people" lived there and that more than half were children. Chief Acana's own father had two wives and with them produced 15 children.

"So you always had someone to play with," I said.

"Yes," said the chief. "Plenty of children to play with and get in trouble with."

This comment made the chief's bodyguards and Walter Lam laugh. Compound life, with its dozens of children, was a famous setting for mischief.

I asked Chief Acana why he was visiting the United States, and he said that in addition to meeting Acholi who had

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immigrated here, he was trying to draw the American public's attention to "what was happening in northern Uganda." I said I wasn't aware of what was happening in northern Uganda. Chief Acana handed me a simple brochure printed on white paper. The brochure, in part, read:

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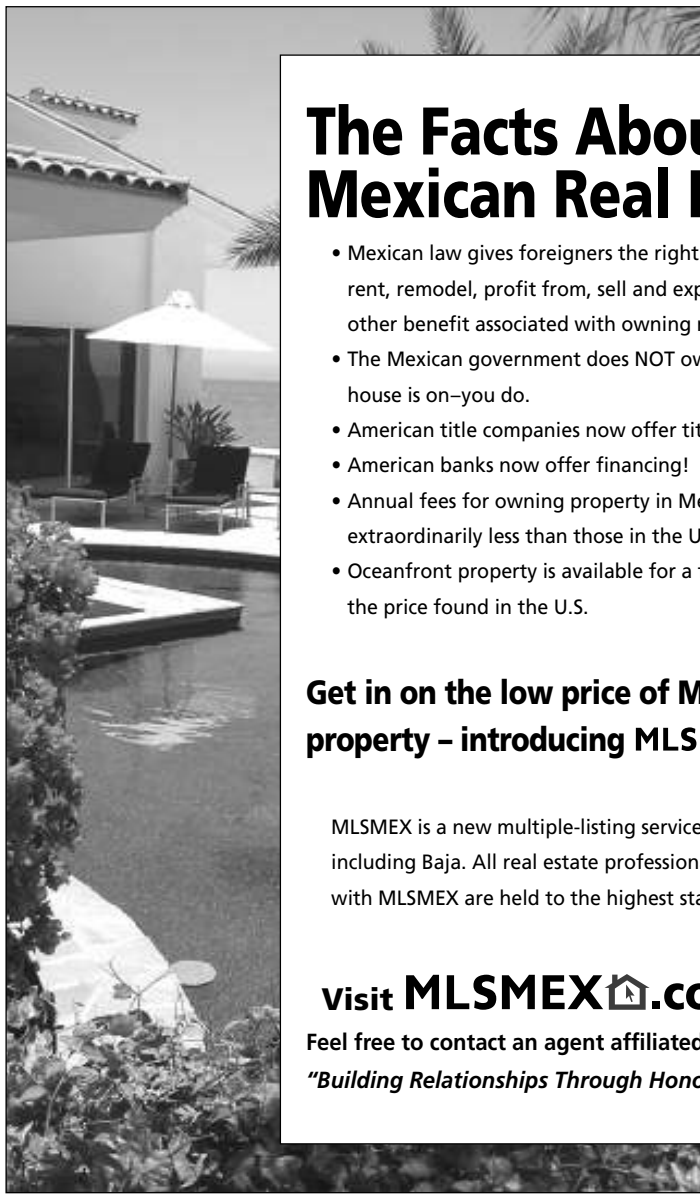

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Walter Lam and the Alliance for African Assistance seemed to have anticipated any service an African immigrant might need. The organization's creation and maintenance obviously required significant intellectual and emotional stamina and an ability to manage and work with many different kinds of people. The Alliance required the sort of considerable talent and ambition that a person like Lam might have used to start his own business or rise high in the corporate world. But Lam had chosen not to forget Africa. I wondered why.



Chief David Omen Acana II

Lam and I met on a steamy weekday afternoon. Despite the heat, Lam was wearing a suit and tie and looked refreshed and cool. His office is large but not fancy. He's decorated it with a few African masks and statues. The office, like Lam's clothes and appearance, suggests calm and order. Lam himself is not so much a reserved person as he is a very careful listener. I told him that I was interested in learning who he was.

"I was born in 1954 in northern Uganda, in a town called Gulu. I would say it's the capital of northern Uganda. I would say there are maybe about half a million people in the Gulu district, which is like a county. It's beautiful there. In Uganda we know two seasons. That's the rainy and the dry seasons. The rainy season starts in March and goes all the way to September."

I asked Lam about his family.

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rarely talk about it. You see, I come from where all my grandparents, going back to my great-great-great-grandparents, were chiefs. But my father was not a chief. My grandfather chose my father's older brother to be chief.

"We belong to the Acholi tribe. Our language is Acholi. Our traditional way of making money was trading in crops and trading in animals. People need animals all the time. Cattle. Goats. Cattle and goats and all that kind of thing. The major crops in our area were sesame, for sesame oil; beans; sweet potatoes; corn, the kind of corn for eating; and manioc."

I asked Lam what the Acholi were well known for.

"In Uganda, people would know that dancing was something that was very important to our people, traditional dancing. It's ceremonial. We do the dances during holidays but more so when you have guests coming, like on Independence Day. That one, you prepare for it. And it's my tribe that has been taken around Uganda to perform traditional dancing. And we have even gone overseas to perform our dances. We are famous for that.

"You start learning the dances when you are young. I started learning when I was four years old. There aren't formal



lessons. You just see others dancing and you join them. There are dances that are purely meant for women. There are all kinds of dances — one that is the war dance, and there's another kind where the young girls and boys meet. It's like a courting dance. And there are other dances that are just for fun.

"It was very nice. I remember when I was so young, on the final day of school they would invite parents to come and all that. We would prepare and do the traditional dancing in front of them."

I knew that it was common for tribes to have a totem, a sort of spiritual symbol, usually an animal, that represented certain values or traits. Did the Acholi have a totem?

"That would be the elephant. And I guess it was chosen because the elephant is known as a very strong animal and also for being very, very intelligent.

"I would also say that in Uganda people know that you don't mess around with Acholi people, because the Acholi stand up for themselves. People have really tried to crush this tribe and make them lose morale and everything. We're very, very reliable, but you don't want to get an Acholi upset. You don't have to really wonder what an Acholi is thinking because he will tell you."

I wanted to learn more about Lam's family. He told me he was the fourth child of eight children: three boys, five girls.

"I was raised in a compound of about 50 people; probably three-quarters of them were



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children. Generally the male, the father, has the final say over everything and beyond. It's always the father, and he's generally the breadwinner. He goes out to work, and the wives are generally taking care of children. So that's the way it is."

Did Lam's father have only one wife and eight children?

"My father had 4 wives and 32 children."

On such a large scale, how was family life organized?

"We usually all came together only for meals. The wives know how to set it up. The girls sit by themselves over here. The boys over there. The little ones over there. The mothers and father over there. It all works out.

"Everyone is treated equally. You naturally pay more attention to your biological mother and to your immediate brothers and sisters. But you think of all the children as your brothers and sisters, even your cousins. You're all raised together, and everyone helps raising the children. This sometimes causes conflicts for Africans who want to immigrate to the United States because when they apply to bring their brothers and sisters with them, they think of all those people — their cousins, the children from their father's other wives — as brothers and sisters.

"What is difficult for Americans to understand is that in such a situation, all the adults help raise the children. And the traditions are a little different. With uncles, for example. Uncles are far more important in Africa than they are here. For example, my uncles — my father's brothers — I would call them my dad. All of them. They're all my father. And you know, the interesting thing about it culturally is that we respect the uncles

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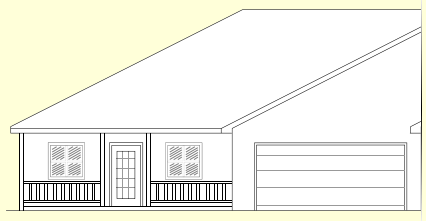

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I said that it seemed to me that in a society where husbands had several wives and where the definitions of "brother," "sister," "mother," and "father" were elastic, a single family could extend quite far into a tribe. The tribe was almost another dimension of a person's family.

"That's very true," said Lam. "That connection is there because of the blood relationships. Of course people feel strongly about first-and-foremost family. But next to that is the tribe."

Since these families were so large, was there any concern about people marrying someone who might be too close a relation?

"The tribal elders keep track of all that, and generally before a marriage there's a sort of background check, sort of like how they do it here for jobs. They want to know who someone's father is. They want to know where he is. They check all the way back to the grandparents. And I think on a number of occasions the elders have had to say, 'No, you cannot marry. You're too close.' "

Did Lam, coming from a family of chiefs, think of his upbringing as privileged? Again, he paused.

"It's a part that I rarely want to talk about."

Perhaps Lam didn't want to boast. I couldn't tell. He did say that his family was educated and was Roman Catholic. He said that he'd attended a Roman Catholic missionary school that was run by an Italian religious order. He estimated that about 65 percent of the Acholi were Christian, 5 percent Muslim, and the rest practiced traditional African animism. Lam said that of the Christians, about 75 percent were Roman Catholic.

I asked if African Christians ever felt that Christianity was something that had been imposed on them from the outside. In their minds, was Christianity in any way related to colonialism?

"That perception I would say never came to my mind and especially not in the minds of the elderly people, people in the generation before mine. But with education, certain issues came up. Then the conflict that I saw very, very clearly between Christianity and our traditional culture was that a man is allowed to marry more than one woman.

"The other thing that I also recognized was that the Christian community that first came to Africa started grabbing land. That's an issue that caused some



friction. And people used to joke, saying, 'They gave us the Bible just to keep us reading the Bible while they were grabbing our land.' But this perception is not one that's a big challenge to true believers."

Was it a big challenge for Lam?

"Not to me. It's not a problem because I know Christ. He's my personal savior."

I did a little math in my head. Lam was 8 years old when Uganda won its independence in 1962. He would have passed much of his childhood in an optimistic period of post-colonial African nationalism. He would have entered adolescence just as Uganda began its descent into turmoil. And Lam was 17 years old when Idi Amin overthrew the government and started torturing and killing many thousands of Ugandans.

I asked if Lam had any clear memories of Uganda's Independence Day.

"Oh, it was a big deal. I remember it was the 9th of October when Uganda got independent, and every year we used to go and parade downtown, marching and all that celebration. It was an all-day celebration. Yeah, I still remember that."

Sometime later, when I looked over the transcript of my conversations with Lam, I noticed that it was when we started to discuss politics that Lam spoke in fewer long paragraphs. My questions, too, became more brief. My questions jumped back and forth, from one year to another. I was trying to establish a chronology. I was also trying, blindly, to approach something that Lam did not want to talk about.

IN 1977, LAM FLED HIS COUNTRY FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE LEFT UGANDA, HE SAID, "BECAUSE OF THE EXECUTIONS."

I filled these particular pages of transcript with lines and arrows directing me back and forth in the text, creating a kind of map or flow chart. I'd underlined one part of our conversation in yellow ink:

Q. When you fled Uganda in 1986, had you been politically active?

A. Yes, I was. This is a sensitive issue, here. I just want to be up front with you about it. Right now the Alliance has opened an office in Uganda, and we are working there…

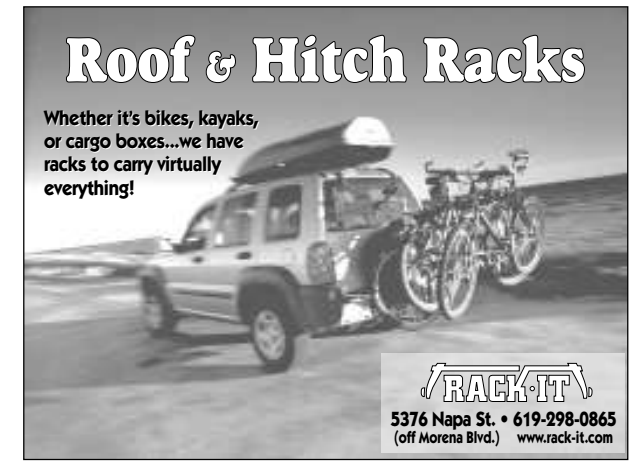
Q. And so you want to be careful about what you say?

A. Yes.

Lam told me that he became interested in politics when he was 12 years old. This would have been in 1966, when a series of scandals







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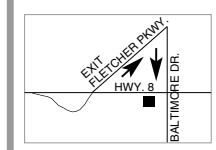

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undermined the legitimacy of the Ugandan parliament. It was also at this time when the Ugandan constitution was suspended and when Colonel Idi Amin began to play a more central role in Uganda's affairs. Lam said that he started to think in a serious way about politics when he was 16 years old. This would have been when Uganda's government began to deteriorate rapidly.

Had religion informed Lam's social conscience?

"I think it had more to do with what we were going through at the time. I definitely think it had something to do with the values my parents taught me. But I wouldn't say they were the only reason. I was seeing people being killed here and there, and I definitely recognized that it was wrong. I think we were not given any freedom to practice politics. We'd had demanding dictators all along. Uganda wasn't really a country that was liberated."

I asked Lam what sort of teenager he was.

"Reading was a major thing for me. I read a lot of books. Nonfiction. Mostly African authors. Some were in the country. Some had been jailed. Others were in exile. They were writing about the state of African politics and the sorts of governments we were having.

"When I was in high school, there was a lot of killing going on in the life of Uganda. Our past bishop was killed, and several ministers were killed. The government claimed they were involved in car accidents, but they were just shot, killed, and then their bodies were dumped in a car."

Idi Amin came to power in 1971. In 1977, Lam fled his country for the first time. He left Uganda, he said, "because of the executions." Amin's regime had become particularly brutal to the Acholi. "My tribe was what got me into trouble. [The Amin regime] was basically hunting down any male they thought might be opposed to the government. They didn't care if you were educated or uneducated. Education had nothing to do with it." Did the fact that Lam's uncle was an Acholi chief make Lam more of a target? "That might have contributed to it. Yes, yes, yes."

Lam, along with more than 1000 other Ugandan refugees, made his way to Nairobi, Kenya. In Uganda, he'd wanted to study medicine. But in Nairobi he needed simply to survive. "Unfortunately, life in Kenya became so difficult that I had to take any opportunity that came up that could help me get out of Nairobi and go to a place where I

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could have free food and accommodations." Lam was offered a scholarship to study agricultural engineering at Kenya's Egerton University. Lam told me that back in Gulu, his uncles had taught him a great deal about agriculture. This knowledge helped him excel in his studies at Egerton. "I did growing of sweet potatoes, cassava, and corn. I was very good at it."

Lam studied at Egerton for three years. In 1980, the year after Idi Amin was overthrown, Lam returned to Uganda, where he worked for the government's agricultural production department. But Lam's stay in his country was brief. In 1986, another regime change, one that brought Uganda's current government into power, forced Lam again into exile, back to Kenya. And it was from Kenya that Lam came to San Diego.

Lam smiled when I asked him to consider his African experience in broader terms. What had it taught him, I wondered. He said that it was while he was in Nairobi, a cosmopolitan city where a person could meet Africans from many different countries, religions, tribes, and backgrounds, that he started to think of Africa in a larger way. Africa was so diverse, he said, and so many African nations had such horrible problems, that few Africans could think beyond their immediate concerns to understand that they were part of something larger.

"I began to understand that Africa had every kind of skin color and religion. I began to think of Africa as a whole. And that's part of what inspired me to start the Alliance for African Assistance.

"Having these sorts of convictions encouraged me to start the Alliance. But I also think what I'm telling you is that when I came to San Diego, I had a hard time finding my way. The interesting thing is that I had a difficult time resettling here, even though I could speak English. The question that came to my mind was, 'How about all these Africans that are coming here or will come here because of the craziness that is going on in the continent of Africa? How will they fit into a system where there is no support?' At that time, there was no single organization that was working on behalf of African immigrants. There was none. And that was what led to the formation of Alliance for African Assistance. And we started, you

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"A typical example is the disciplining of kids at home. Here, nobody's spanking. The challenging thing for [African] parents coming here is that everything that they're used to as ways of disciplining their kids is not acceptable here. They wind up being completely helpless. They don't know what to do. And that is one of the ways where we come in, helping them find new ways of dealing with their children."

I asked Lam if American life posed difficulty for other kinds of African tradition.

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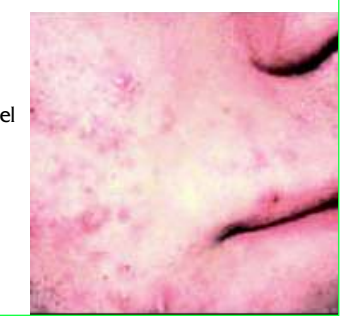

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dies in an airplane crash, the relatives will go back and back, trying to figure out what happened. Did someone not smile at this person in a friendly way when the person left the house? These people have to feel that there was some control over what happened, that there was a reason for what happened.

"They believe that there are certain rituals they must do. But they're far away from the land where these traditional rituals were performed. So they feel bad. In many such cases where there was a death, a person would offer an animal sacrifice. But you can't do that here in America. And so one of our psychologists suggested that people sacrifice their time instead. 'Okay, you can't offer an animal sacrifice, but you can donate your time as a volunteer and help other people. That sort of sacrifice is as good as an animal sacrifice.' And this has been a successful way for people to make the transition from one kind of tradition to another."

This sounded like a profound change in a person's spiritual life. Had Lam experienced



something similar? He told me that since coming to San Diego, he'd left Roman Catholicism. He said that he'd become a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

"I think at that time this business of being saved, of accepting Jesus Christ as your personal savior, of being born again, was not something that was understood within the Roman Catholic Church. I don't know how it is now. Maybe it's changed. In the Presbyterian Church there was the freedom also to study the Word of God, the Bible studies in small groups. All that kind of thing. The opportunity for spiritual growth. Those are the things that attracted me."

Lam told me that his religious experience had influenced the way he thought about the Alliance for African Assistance.

"I think it has helped me a lot. For one thing, because originally, I used to think I was in control. Seriously, yes. And right now with my religious experience, I know I am doing God's work. He is in control. I am just an instrument being used by Him. For some of the challenges that I am confident that I cannot address myself, I know God does not give

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me what I cannot handle. I pray about it and lay it at the cross of Jesus Christ."

Lam's willingness to talk about such an intimate part of his life made me feel that I could return to matters we hadn't been able to discuss. I told Lam that I'd read about the decades of violence in Uganda. I asked about his family. I asked if the violence had touched his family.

"I've lost several people," he said.

Lam thought for a while before he continued.

"The most recent person I lost was my son. That was the closest they got to me. My wife and I had two children. My son was killed in 1999. He hadn't yet joined us here. We were in the process of bringing him here."

Was he killed for political reasons?

"It wasn't clear," said Lam.

I checked my tape recorder to make sure it was still running. On my notepad, I wrote the words, "Son's death. It wasn't clear."

"My son," Lam said, "my son was 23 years old."

When I asked Walter Lam to introduce me to someone typical of the immigrants whom the Alliance aided, Lam suggested that I speak with John Pitman, who came to San Diego in August 2004.

"IN LIBERIA, IF YOU MEET SOMEONE WITH A EUROPEAN NAME, YOU DON'T AUTOMATICALLY KNOW IF HIS ANCESTORS WERE AMERICAN OR IF HE WENT TO A MISSIONARY SCHOOL."

Pitman, his wife, and their 11-year-old son, Tamba, live in an apartment complex in El Cajon. The complex's small patches of lawn are tidy. The buildings look

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recently painted. Pitman, 45 years old, is a trim man whose hands and head seem large in relation to his body, making his gestures and expressions appear emphatic. It was Tamba, more cautious and composed than most American-born boys his age, who answered the door. While his father and I spoke, Tamba sat very still on a black-leather love seat and, with the volume turned down low, watched *The Godfather.* He didn't seem to be listening to us. But whenever his father needed an English word, Tamba, without looking away from *The Godfather,* would offer it.

John Pitman sat at the dining room table, where a prepaid phone card with an image of a cheetah and the words "African Dreams" printed across it and a half-dozen California lottery tickets lay scattered near his wallet. A bookcase to the table's left held a set of the World Book encyclopedia, a hefty textbook on surgical nursing, and another entitled *An Introduction to Animal Behavior.*

Pitman told me that he came from a village of about 25 families, or 250 people, that by car, over Liberia's difficult roads, was a 17-hour drive from the capital, Monrovia. I'd read that Liberia was settled in the early 19th Century by several thousand African-Americans, former slaves and free-born blacks. I asked Pitman if his name meant that his ancestors were American.

"Most of the Americans settled in Monrovia," Pitman said. "But they needed land to grow their rubber trees and their sugarcane, so they established relationships with tribes out in the counties, in the rural areas outside Monrovia. These Americans didn't have tribes, so we called them *congo.* That was just the name that tribal people gave them. It meant someone without a tribe, an American.

"About my family name. There were mis-

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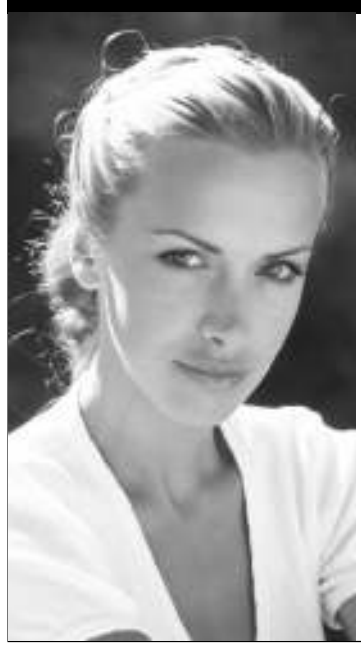

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sionary schools in Liberia. Methodist. Lutheran. Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic schools gave the best education. And often when someone went to a missionary school, they took a European name. So, in Liberia, if you meet someone with a European name, you don't automatically know if his ancestors were American or if he went to a missionary school. I went to a Roman Catholic missionary school."

Pitman told me that Lofa County, where he was born and raised, was the "most [agriculturally] productive area in all of Liberia. Rice. Coffee. Cocoa. Sugarcane. And my tribe, the Kissi, are known for being especially good farmers. We're also known for being very loyal people. We also like strangers. The Kissi originally came from Kenya. We settled in Senegal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. About 95 percent of us are Christian. We have very few Muslims."

He said that more than 20 people lived in the compound where he grew up. Among them were his father, his father's three wives, and three of his father's brothers. Pitman said that in his immediate family, the family produced by his father and biological mother, he had four brothers and one sister. I asked if the Kissi language had a specific term for a person's biological mother.

"No, no," Pitman laughed. "You just call out, 'Ma! Ma!' and one of them will say, 'Who? *Me?*' and so on until your mother answers. You say, 'Yes, I mean *you!*' You know, the way it works is often like this. The first wife is sitting at home, and she says to her husband, 'I don't want to be here alone and take care of everything by myself all the time. Go out and find yourself another girl.' And so the husband has another wife or other wives. And the first wife, you see, gets to organize things and make the rules. She has help, and she gets to be the supervisor."

But Pitman also said that he found the practice of polygamy to be "destructive" and "wasteful."

"It is wasteful for the man because you have to spend so much time attending to the wives and their problems and what they need. You go to spend time with one wife, and you must talk with her and listen to her, and of course you must be one way with her, one person with her that's different from the person you are with the others. And so you spend all this time listening and talking, being one person and then another, and in the end it's exhausting. You are weak. You are tired. There's nothing left of you. And in the West it's completely impossible. Even if you wanted several wives, even if it were legal, how could you afford it?

"And the practice of dowry and the traditional wedding ceremony is wasteful. It can take all your money. And for the ceremony, you might have to use all the rice that you would normally use in one year." Pitman's distance from traditional African ways started, he said, when he was very young. He said he didn't know why it started. He said he didn't think it had anything to do with his attending a missionary school. "It was just my own feeling that I had within myself.

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with anything. If you grew up in a Christian family, and at home and at school you had to read the Bible, you might start to look at the Bible in a certain way and become critical of it."

Pitman wasn't ever interested, for example, in learning his tribe's traditional dances.

"I was more interested in *fishing!* I *loved* to fish. From the time I was a little boy. Even now, if I could go back to my village, the very first thing I would do would be to go fishing."

Pitman's indifference to tradition was particularly difficult for his father, who, Pitman said, was a *zoe,* an "herbalist," someone who knew everything about the bush, about all the plants and animals, and about the rituals and magic practiced in the bush.

Pitman also described traditional African herbalism as "destructive." I asked what he meant.

"If you go to a doctor or hospital and they give you medicine, it's all measured out very precisely and very carefully. You know what it is that you're getting. But an African herbalist goes out into the bush and grabs a handful of leaves. He may know what it is, but you don't. And you have no idea if it will be effective."

I asked what Pitman thought about African magic, something that, I'd read, was deeply connected to the bush and also to the African night, which was a world apart from the African day.

"You mean 'witches'? I never saw the value in what they do or what they say they do. If you can do something invisible at night, what good is it to you during the day? What profit are you having from it? To me this all seemed useless. I didn't see that it caused any improvement in people's lives."

His father's knowledge of the bush and of the reverences and magic practiced in the bush went so far back, Pitman said, that there wasn't a name for them as a whole. I suggested the words "animism" and "paganism." Pitman understood those words and said that, yes, they were ones a Westerner might use, but they didn't satisfy him. They weren't accurate. He was talking about something more than a body of ancient tradition that could be identified with a single name. From what Pitman seemed to say, he was talking about a way of feeling, a way of seeing the world. And as far as Pitman's father was concerned, this way was in opposition to Western religion.

"My father did *not* like Christianity. When I was young I went to church for a short while, but I finally dropped it because my father didn't like it."

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"But war erupted 15 years ago, and the houses all went down. Some were burned. The fields disappeared. I don't know what it looks like now. I don't even want to imagine what it looks like now."

Pitman was talking about Liberia's seven-year civil war that began in 1989. The level of chaos and violence generated by the conflict was such that Liberia's neighbors — Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Sierra Leone — also spiraled downward. The number of ethnic groups and of military and paramilitary organizations involved in the fighting was so great, their respective allegiances and antagonisms so complex, that it's impossible for an outsider to keep track of who, what, when, where, and why.

A few facts, however, aren't difficult to understand. For the Liberian civil war alone, estimates of civilians slaughtered or displaced vary somewhat. The most often quoted figures are 200,000 dead, 800,000 "internally displaced," and 700,000 forced to flee as refugees to neighboring countries. Lofa County, where Pitman was born and raised, is near where Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea meet. In other words, Lofa County was particularly hard-hit by Liberia's troubles and by those of its neighbors. In 1993, Pitman and his family fled to Guinea.

Even before the civil war, Liberia had for several decades been unstable. But despite the coups and countercoups and the gunplay in the Liberian presidential mansion, Pitman had, in a society rapidly unraveling, managed to go to college and become a teacher of sixth-grade math. "I loved my job very much. I loved to teach." He even managed to become cochairman at the district level of the National Union of Liberian Teachers. He also served as a government appointee on the Special Election Commission.

"During the civil war, there were people who weren't happy with the work I had done with the commission. That is why I became a political refugee. We had to go to Guinea. We were in several camps. They had between 6000 and 11,000 people in them. Sometimes people had walked for as long as 25 days to get to the camps. They walked with nothing, no food or water,

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through the forest, through the jungle. Life in these camps was horrible. Rats and mosquitoes. Everywhere, rats, mosquitoes, and flies. Disease was everywhere. Many people all the time had dysentery. In one camp, in a single day, 30 people died of meningitis. In one camp, there was even an outbreak of Lassa fever."

Lassa fever. It was one of those "worst-case scenario" viral illnesses I'd heard doctor friends discuss, something they learned about in their infectious-disease classes in medical school. Lassa is carried by rats. Humans become infected through contact with rat droppings or urine or via contact with someone sick with Lassa.

I asked Pitman about malaria. He laughed. It went without saying that malaria was endemic in the refugee camps. Malaria was so common that he hadn't even thought to mention it.

"I can't count the number of times I've had malaria. And if they treated you for it, it didn't matter. You would take the medicine and feel better, and then you'd go home and at night another mosquito would bite you. You'd get sick all over again."

During the 11 years Pitman spent in refugee camps, he worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross — "I traced families, missing children" — and for Save the Children USA — "I worked on getting children proper documentation, identification. I worked on children's rights, child protection." It was also during this time that Pitman filed as a political refugee with the International Organization for Migration, a nongovernmental organization that since the early 1950s has helped many thousands of people — political refugees, others displaced by war or natural disaster — find homes in countries open to receiving immigrants.

"My application went from Guinea to Ghana, and then from Ghana to New York," explained Pitman. "And I believe it was from the IOM office in New York that the Alliance for African Assistance accepted me. But once you apply with the IOM, they can send you *anywhere*. I know people who went to Norway. Some went to Australia. Some went to Austria. We were very lucky that we got to come to a warm part of the world. I think a place like Norway would be difficult for an African.

"The Alliance for African Assistance was wonderful to us. They took us as their own children. They were waiting for us when we arrived at the airport in San Diego."

Pitman said that the most difficult aspect of his new life in San Diego has been "trying to get into school." He first found work as a housekeeper at the downtown convention center but has since moved on to working as a housekeeper at Barona Casino, which he enjoys.

"One of the big differences between life in Africa and life in the United States is that in Africa there's a specific time for work and a specific time for pleasure. In America, there's no specific time for pleasure, for spending time with friends. You work and work. I miss my friends and the fun we had together. Now my friends are scattered all over Africa, all over the world. The only way I spend time with them now is to call them on the phone.

"As for my work, what I'd really like to do is go back to school so I can get a job working with refugees."

Pitman suddenly glanced at his watch. He said, "Oh, my. I'm going to be late. Do you think you could give me a ride into San Diego so I can go to my church? I don't know how to drive yet. One of the things I must learn this year is how to drive."

It was late on a Saturday afternoon. I wondered why Pitman was in such a hurry to get to church.

"Are you Roman Catholic?" I asked. I remembered that for Roman Catholics, attending Saturday-evening Mass fulfilled their obligation of attending Mass on Sunday.

Pitman walked to the bookcase and pulled out a large manila envelope containing several documents from the Catholic Diocese of San Diego stating that Pitman had been officially received into the Church on March 26, 2005.

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when we were in a refugee camp in Guinea. She'd been a Lutheran before. And now what I want to do is preach the Word of God. I want to tell people the Word of God."

Before we left his El Cajon apartment, Pitman carefully dressed himself in slacks, blazer, and dress shirt, rejecting one shirt because, he judged, its cuffs were "too big." While we drove into San Diego, Pitman talked about his desire to find some kind of job working with refugees.

"What I want most of all is to help people," he said. "But if I'm going to help people, I must learn to drive. It's a little frightening. When I look at how people drive in San Diego, many of them drive like crazy people."

As we pulled up in front of Blessed Sacrament Church on El Cajon Boulevard, the sun was setting and the church's stained-glass windows glowed.

"That's my church," Pitman said as he got out of the car.

He told me I was welcome to come to his home whenever I wanted. He said that if I had more questions about his life in Africa that I should call him. He stood for a moment, looking up at Blessed Sacrament's stained-glass windows.

"Look at it," he said. "Isn't it beautiful? That is *my* church."

He closed the car door and walked toward the church. He turned around and came back to the car, opening the passenger-side door. He reached for my right hand and held it between his palms.

"If there is anything you'd like to know about Africa, please call me or come to my home. You will always be a guest in my home." ■

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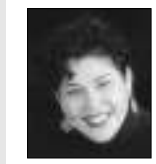

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Hmmm…the happiest and saddest I've been in my life… Seems simple enough, but it's not. I was having trouble coming up with answers, so I asked around. If you're married, your wedding is most likely your happiest memory. That is, unless you have kids, whose births edge out the former for the prize. I'm not married, and I sure don't have children, so I'm back where I started.

When I was attempting to come up with answers, they all seemed trivial next to giving birth or getting married. Could it have been a backpacking trip? What about it made me so happy? Maybe buying my guitar? No, no, too shallow. Why not that week in Sedona I spent with all of my family?

Last year at Thanksgiving, all of my family on my mom's side went to Sedona, Arizona. Two suites at the Hyatt were reserved, and we all hiked and ate and swam and played pool and just hung out together. This wasn't a "Oh, we gotta go see the in-laws" thing; our family is really close. We get together at my grandparents' house in Vista for birthdays and Christmas and all that. What could be happier than just having fun with people whose company you enjoy for a week?

I asked people about the saddest they have been. My uncle lost two fingers in a motorcycle accident. I really haven't had a genuinely sad occurrence in my life. I would say 9/11, except that sad isn't the right description for the emotions I felt. I was shocked, yes. I was scared, yes. But 9/11 was much too immense to be only sad. Sad isn't a big enough word for 9/11. If sad were the right word for 9/11, then it would have been the saddest thing in my life. I guess I'm lucky that I can't pinpoint a really sad thing in my life.

— Kyle Landau, Valley Middle School



I was watching *My Fair Lady* when my dog died. It happened during the scene in which Eliza is so overcome with grief that she breaks down and hurls Professor Higgins's slippers at his face. As she did so, I looked outside and noticed that my brothers and my mother had gathered around my dog, who had been asleep for some time, or so I thought. (He was fond of lying in the sun.) Eliza yelled as her heart broke, then I realized why my family stood solemnly around my dog.

Jock was the best dog ever. Take Lassie, add a dash of Turner's Hooch, and throw in the charm of Wishbone, and then you have my pupper, Jock. I'd never had to deal with death before. An old lady who used to let me wear her hats when I was a toddler died when I was about five. My grandfather, who I saw once, died a few years later. It took the death of a drooling canine to make me sob in my brother's arms. Once I recovered, I learned an important lesson: people recover.

One day I woke up completely carefree and the happiest I can ever remember being. It wasn't long ago, and I hadn't planned on a special day…it just happened. Perhaps it had to do with the melodious morning birds perched outside my window, as if rehearsing just for me (like I was in the midst of a Disney movie); then again, maybe I finally appreciated the sound of my mother scurrying across her room to slap her alarm clock silly. Whatever it was, the day seemed to be wrapped in ribbon, waiting for me to open its packaging and expose all that that had been arranged in an array of opportunity.

I have led a fortunate life filled with happiness, but rarely has a single incident triggered joy. It seems my gladness blooms after I've spent much time working toward it: setting goals, achieving goals, helping others do the same, finding direction in life. Maybe that day was payday. Like other paydays, I tried to prolong the benefits, but couldn't. I thought that it would be great to stay so happy forever, or at least through the next day. I suppose that was a bit greedy, though, but wouldn't it be great if it were a taste of things to come? That's where I'm putting my money. Then again, instead of betting on future happiness, perhaps I should invest.

— Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S.

The best day of my life happened on a recent Saturday. My 15-year-old brother Gabriel and I went to a ropes course for some "youth training." Up until then, Gabriel and I shared the typical sibling relationship of constant fighting and mistrust. He's two years younger than me, and I resented him for taking up so much of our

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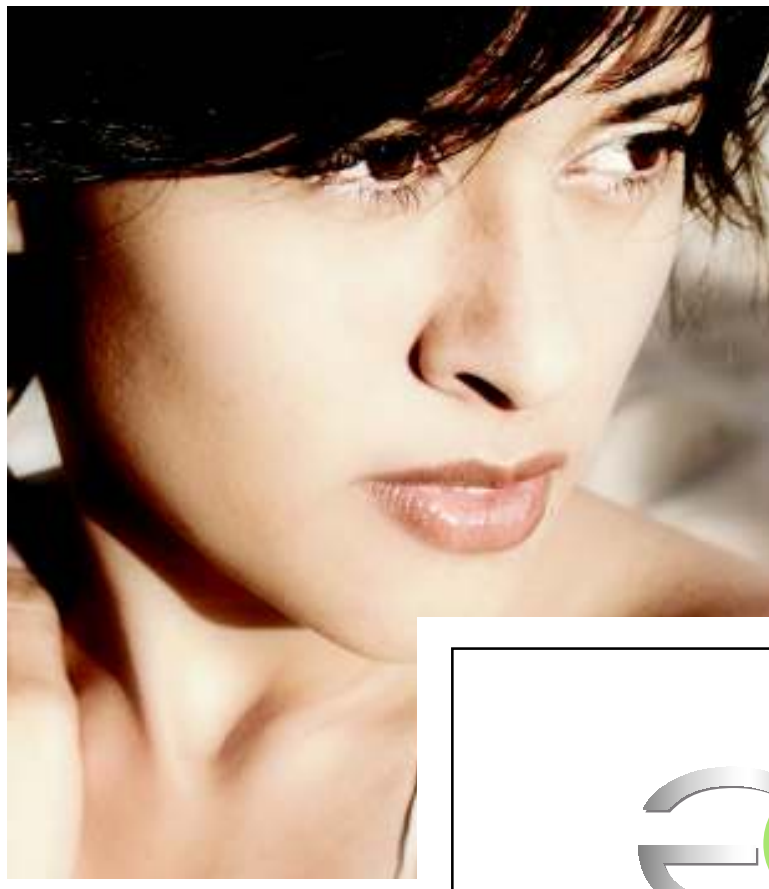

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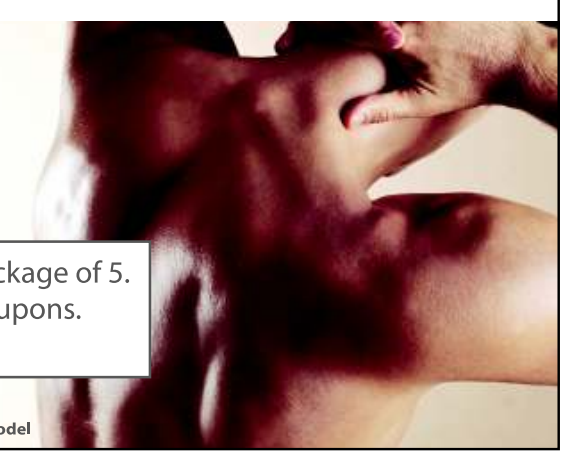

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parents' attention. I felt I could never count on him. He would always try to win my approval, but he never got it because he constantly broke my trust. We went to this ropes course with the hope of improving our relationship.

One of the tasks on the course was called "partners." We would climb 40-foot-tall trees opposite each other, then we would balance our way across a log connecting the two trees and switch places in the middle of the log without falling off.

I was scared to death of falling, even though we had safety harnesses on. Gabriel promised he would fall off the log before he let me fall. After I scaled the tree and made it to the midpoint of the log, I became petrified. Gabriel balanced his way across the narrow log to where I was. Gabriel reassured me. We held on to each other and locked hands. We leaned away from each other and turned. Then I lost my balance and cried hysterically, "I'm going to fall!"

Gabriel looked into my eyes and said, "Then I'm falling with you." He wrapped his arms around me as we fell off. No words can express the joy I felt upon discovering I could count on Gabriel.

I would have to say the worst day of my life was when I found my family was moving to Sacramento from San Diego. I was ten and didn't understand why my parents would make me move away from my friends; it completely devastated me. I cried gallons of tears that first month in Sacramento as I struggled to fit in. It took me about a year, but I finally made new friends and adjusted.

— Emma Seemann, Carlsbad H.S.

There has not been one day in my life that I have been ridiculously happy. Not that I'm cynical or anything, but being only 17 years old, I have never had a wedding or a baby, so I have no typical "happiest day of my life" story.

The happiest time of my life, however, was the age of innocence; I wish I were a toddler again, when my day was full of sleeping in, eating, cartoons, and knowing nothing. Ignorance was my bliss. I wish I didn't have to know or care about the world, academics, and the drama of my friends and non-friends. I'm not against being informed or caring about people, but I loved not needing to care or know.

Although I may be less ignorant and therefore less blissful as a 17-year-old, I wouldn't want to go back to being a toddler. I am content, and I hope I will always be. Additionally, I would much rather be relatively happy forever than be able to identify one day that was the happiest day of my life.

The saddest day of my life was one recent Friday. I was very busy and my schedule was jammed with activities. I was exhausted and didn't really want to do anything. I found out that I had to give up going to a concert in order to go to work. Plus, I had a commitment to a play that I was in while my friends enjoyed their Friday night. I suppose if this is the worst day of my life then I probably shouldn't complain.

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The year previous had been unusually difficult for van Gogh (and this for a man for whom no year was easy). October 1888. Paul Gauguin joined van Gogh in Arles. They planned to live together, share expenses, and paint. Quickly, however, the two began to quarrel. Absinthe made their disputes stormier. On December 23, 1888, after attacking Gauguin with a straight razor, van Gogh sliced off his own left ear. Bleeding profusely (he had cut through an auricular artery) and with his head wrapped in rags, van Gogh bundled the bloody gobbet of skin and cartilage in newspaper and carried this packet down dark Arles streets to a brothel — the Maison de Tolerance, Number 1 — where he and Gauguin several nights earlier had visited. "Guard this object carefully," van Gogh said, and handed the ear over to Rachel, a prostitute. Van Gogh's drinking buddy, the postman Joseph Roulin (whose portrait van Gogh had painted), was at the brothel when van Gogh arrived. Roulin dragged van Gogh back to the house van Gogh and Gauguin shared and laid the painter down in the single bed, whose rich ocher, oddly skewed footboard seems almost to fatten its half of the canvas in van Gogh's *Yellow Bed*. Weakened by blood loss, van Gogh was taken by carriage to the hospital. For the rest of his life, until he died a suicide on July 29, 1890, van Gogh would be institutionalized or under a doctor's care, first in Arles, and then in St. Remy, and last in Auvers-sur-Oise.

On the afternoon van Gogh shot himself (in the chest with a small revolver he had stolen or been loaned to scare away crows that harassed him while he worked), he had been drawing and painting for only 11 years, and his most famous works were painted in the last four of those years. Van Gogh remains one of the world's



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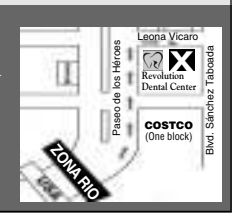



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most popular painters, his *Yellow Chair* (one of the series of "yellow" pictures that includes the several rapturously yellow sunflower canvases, *The Yellow House*, *The Yellow Bed*, painted by van Gogh to decorate the house for Gauguin's arrival in Arles) among the most reproduced works of recent art. During van Gogh's lifetime, his work was ignored by all but a few people, one of whom was his younger brother Theo, an art dealer who supported Vincent during his painting years, and only one of his paintings was sold outside his family.

Van Gogh regularly wrote long, passionate letters. Some 700 letters survive, most written to Theo. All the letters, from boyhood notes to his parents to the last letter to Theo, can be read in three volumes in *The Complete Letters of Vincent Van Gogh*. W.H. Auden selected 652 letters for *Van Gogh: A Self-Portrait, Letters Revealing His Life as a Painter*.

David Sweetman's *Van Gogh: His Life and His Art*, the first biography of the artist in 25 years, uses the letters to "understand Vincent in the context of his own world as he would have seen it himself."

Van Gogh's father was a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church. Vincent, born in a Dutch village near the Belgian border, was the oldest of six children (two of his five siblings became psychotic as adults, and another might have committed suicide). From an early age, van Gogh read prodigiously and shared his mother's interest in nature study and sketching. He did well academically but left school at 15 and never returned. (Sweetman suggests van Gogh's abrupt removal from school might have been precipitated by the first of the manic-depressive episodes that later regularly beset him,)

One of van Gogh's paternal uncles was connected with the prestigious Goupil galleries in Paris, which had branches in Brussels, Berlin, London, the Hague, and New York. At 16, van Gogh was taken into the firm as an assistant. While at Goupil's London gallery in 1873, he fell into love with — or more likely developed a monomaniacal obsession *for* — his landlady's daughter. She rejected van Gogh's suit. His descent into depression was instant.

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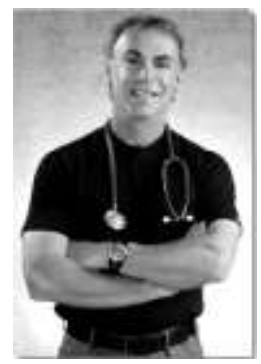

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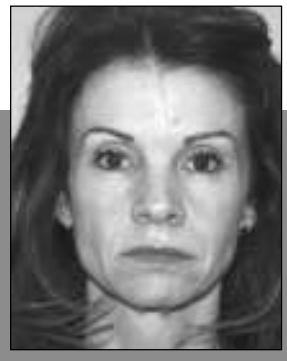


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tramped London's streets. He saw, writes Sweetman (echoing letters to Theo): "women in rags whose filthy children held out scrawny hands for coins." And he "turned to the Bible for comfort, sitting up late reading and rereading it." *And* "[H]e began to draw. Only a little, but it helped to pass the time, and the activity seemed to keep at bay the endless cycle of unanswerable questions that plagued him."

Van Gogh quickly lost interest in his work at Goupil. "Why," Sweetman writes, "waste one's life peddling art to the well off, when there was so much to be done for the poor?" By 1876 even van Gogh's family connections to Goupil could not protect him from dismissal. After brief employment as a teacher in an English boarding school, and then at a bookstore in Holland, van Gogh (who all this time had been studying the Bible) felt called by God to become an ordained Dutch Reformed pastor, like his father. He wanted, he said, "to teach the Gospel to the poor and oppressed." To do this he would need to pass university examinations in Latin and Greek and then enter the Dutch Reformed seminary.

In 1877, van Gogh moved to Amsterdam, lived with an uncle, and for over a year desperately tried to apply himself to classical language studies. Then he abandoned his studies. To Theo he wrote: "[C]ertainly it is very doubtful I shall ever succeed, I mean, shall ever pass all the examinations."

"Why waste one's life peddling art to the well off, when there was so much to be done for the poor?"

A second plan rapidly replaced the first. He would not become an ordained minister; he would become a lowly missionary lay-minister. A month after quitting his Greek and Latin, van Gogh entered the Training School for Evangelists in Brussels. At the three-month course's end, with only a probationary appointment as a lay-preacher, van Gogh headed as a missionary to the Belgian mining district of Borinage.

What van Gogh found in Borinage horrified him more than London's slums. Sweetman: "There were sights to pierce the heart: stables 2000 feet underground where ponies broken with toil spent their wretched lives; worse still, children, girls as well as boys, some only eight years old, filthy and in rags, pulled sledges of coal through tunnels too small for the animals. And hanging over all this was the constant fear of accidents."

Van Gogh responded by giving away his clothing, food, bed, and finally, he moved out of his comfortable room to live with the miners to whom he ministered. When Esther, van Gogh's former landlady, asked him why he behaved

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as he did, literally handing out the shirts off his back to be torn into bandages, van Gogh replied: "Esther, one should do like the good God; from time to time one should go and live His own." His superiors disapproved van Gogh's charities; they chastised him for overzealousness, and after six months as a missionary, 26-year-old van Gogh was fired.

What a terrible moment! The occasion of his firing feels heartbreaking to the reader. How must it have felt to van Gogh, who had set such hopes on being permitted to bring the remedy of God's love to the miners? Sweetman guesses: "He was utterly cast down…he had done everything for God, and God had surely rejected him."

I came to Sweetman's report of van Gogh's rejection at a time when I was sitting through several nights with a sick friend. I had curled up under a lamp at the end of the bed, listening to the rasping rise and fall of my friend's breathing. I felt alone, tired and dispirited. I felt afraid for my friend. I had next to me Auden's collection of van Gogh's letters and two small books I'd bought one year in Paris, books filled with reproductions of van Gogh's paintings. ("Even reproduced thousands of times," Sweetman writes, "van Gogh's art retains a capacity to surprise and move us.") Sweetman's van Gogh biography lay open in my lap.

Millet's gleaners "have all the force of a political cartoon, of an act of propaganda" and to van Gogh seemed "to make a radical, political statement."

Someone once told me, "One must write as if one's readers were men and women who knew they had only six months to live." Smiling, he went on to say he didn't mean to suggest one necessarily should write pieces that read quickly or were short, but that what one wrote should acknowledge the questions about life's meaning that when crushed by despair we all ask *and* should offer hope or consolation. The last half of Sweetman's biography and the evidence of van Gogh's letters convinced me that van Gogh painted with a mission like that in mind.

I had read, then, to page 112 of Sweetman's biography, a few pages past the point at which van Gogh is fired by the church. Sweetman notes van Gogh's purchase, then, of his first sketchbook. ("Thus far," writes Sweetman, "he had made his drawings on whatever scraps of paper he could lay his hands on; such an expensive outlay marked another, albeit tiny, step in the new direction his life was taking.")

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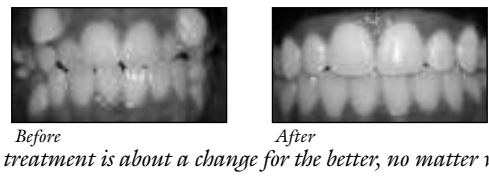

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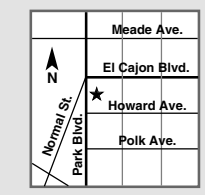

before he was fired, van Gogh had been sketching miners and their families. ("I should be happy if someday I could draw them," he wrote, "so that these unknown types would be brought before the eyes of the people.") After his dismissal, van Gogh stayed on in the Borinage. He acquired a primer that taught drawing — "clear black-and-white studies of faces," writes Sweetman, "with anatomical outlines that the learner was encouraged to copy as faithfully as possible" — and gradually, laboriously, van Gogh taught himself to draw and paint.

The van Gogh legend has it that he went unappreciated in his lifetime because he was consciously avant-garde. Sweetman argues against this, asserting a van Gogh who believed himself to be painting well within 19th-century proprieties. Sweetman notes that during the time van Gogh worked at Goupil, the galleries handled little that was "new," that van Gogh's way of painting developed in almost total exile from art movements current in Paris. Not until 1886, when he moved to Paris, living with Theo until 1888, did van Gogh make contact with Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings and artists of the French vanguard.

What van Gogh did know and admire were the sentimental academic paintings that Impressionists reacted against. Pastor van Gogh's study contained a four-by-eight-inch engraving of a funeral procession crossing a cornfield. Signed by a Dutch artist in vogue at the time among the middle classes, this engraving, Sweetman writes, might have been the first professional work of art van Gogh knew (as an adult, van Gogh would acquire a copy of the engraving for himself). When the 16-year-old van Gogh went to Goupil, he discovered the firm's black-and-white engravings of paintings by Jean-Francois Millet, whose *Gleaners* had been the marvel of the 1857 Paris Salon. Even the rough copies of Goupil, notes Sweetman, moved van Gogh, not so much for the surface beauty of the work but for what he could interpret from it. And *what* he interpreted, Sweetman continues, was that the engraving's three women bending to pick up scraps of corn were no ordinary peasants but outcasts, poor scavengers allowed on fields to pick scraps left after harvesting. Looked at as engravings, writes Sweetman, Millet's gleaners "have all the force of a political cartoon, of an act of propaganda" and to van Gogh seemed "to make a radical, political statement." (Van Gogh wrote in a letter to his sister Wil: "Oh Millet! Millet! How he painted humanity and that Something on High which is familiar and yet solemn.")

The Gleaners and other similar, almost sentimental pictures gradually added themselves to the engraving hung on van Gogh's father's wall as the type of pictures van Gogh hoped to make. Sweetman concludes, about van Gogh: "It was his identification with the miners' condition that pulled him most strongly towards art." And Auden argued that not only did van Gogh believe, deeply, that the only proper subject for art in his day was the life of the poor but that of all painters and writers who painted or wrote about the poor *only* van Gogh preferred the life and company of the poor, "not in theory but in fact."

Van Gogh wrote to Theo, on November 16, 1889, shortly after he had finished what would be his last self-portrait: "And instead of grandiose exhibitions, it would have been better to address oneself to the people and work so that each one could have in his home some pictures or reproductions which would be lessons, like the work of Millet."

Sitting all night in that little bedroom, waiting for dawn, shaken by my friend's stertorous breathing, I alternately read pages of Sweetman and then pages from Auden's collection of the letters. "We must cast ourselves into the depths," van Gogh wrote to Theo, "if we want to catch something." And "I want to paint men and women with that something of the eternal which the halo used to symbolize and which we seek to convey by the actual radiance and vibration of our coloring." And "It always strikes me, and it is very peculiar, that whenever we see the image of indescribable and unutterable desolation — of loneliness, poverty and misery, the end and extreme of all things, the thought of God comes into one's mind."

I turned often while I read to the small glowing reproductions of the *Sunflowers* and *The Drawbridge at Arles*, as familiar as sights near my house, to the *Postman Roulin* and *L'Arlesienne*, as familiar as relatives' faces. The tiny reproduction of van Gogh's sturdy bed, the thickly impastoed rich ocher comforted me.

Kept from ministering to the miners, van Gogh turned to painting. But his mission did not change. Van Gogh speaks, I decided that night, to our inner poverty, that he gives us in his paintings, as he did the miners, the shirt off his back to be torn into bandages.

On his last self-portrait, the principal background color is green; van Gogh's coat is green, even the shadows that fall under his eyes and even the eyes are green. The background is painted in the torturous, heavily impastoed swirls by which van Gogh is recognized. On this Christmas card I received, the card's manufacturer (InnoVisions — "Greetings for the Truly Deranged") had printed atop van Gogh's head a red Santa hat tipped with a furry white ball. Above van Gogh's head is "Merry Christmas." I opened the card and read the message InnoVisions printed — "All my love, Vincent" — and found stapled to the card stock a plastic bag of the type in which rock cocaine is sold. A pink plastic ear lay in the bag. ■

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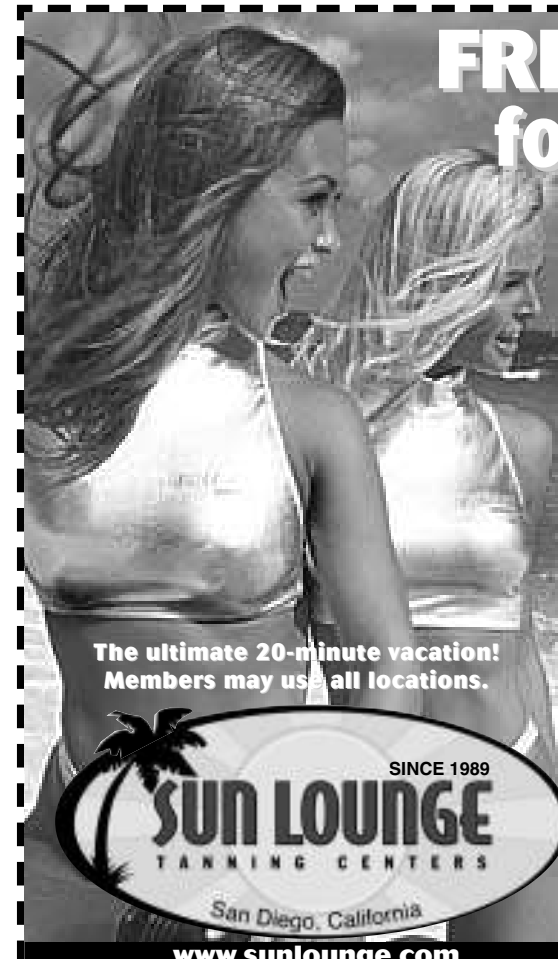

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As the hands of the clock on the cafeteria wall close in on 7 p.m., the hashers, oozing fatigue, make the first threatening motions toward cleaning up and leaving for the night. The final batch of interns and residents bounds in and lunges to the counter to be dished out gummy salisbury steak, overcooked green beans, and Jell-O, standard hospital fare. Once seated, the topic of general interest is: Where does the faculty eat?

"Maybe they brown bag it in their office."

"Naw, they go to fancy restaurants."

"Perhaps they go home for something edible."

"Well, with their higher salaries, possibly the hospital won't allot them meal tickets."

"They could get tickets if they wanted them."

San Diego's University Hospital cafeteria is in many ways similar to an army mess hall. Costumes point up rank. Nurses are all in white — either pant suits or dresses — while female physicians wear the same coats as their male colleagues. Interns' uniforms consist of white pants and jacket. Residents wear only the jacket; the faculty sport knee-length coats. Ancillary employees are garbed in various distinguishing ensembles. Lest any confusion arise, name and rank are clearly imprinted on plastic name tags: So-and-so, RN, Clinical Nurse III; So-and-so, LVN; So-and-so, M.D., Dept. of Surgery.

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Older doctors, those who went through internships and residencies in the 1930s or '40s, tend to look back on the experience with bittersweet nostalgia, similar to the way in which most men, after allowing that "war is hell," reminisce about their army days. Veterans of medical service frequently vie to outdo one another in swapping stories about the rigors and deprivations of an intern's life. Suggestions that life today is still difficult for members of a hospital house staff are usually scorned and dismissed.

My father trained at N.Y. City's Bellevue Hospital during the late 1930s. In his day, interns and residents were required to live in the hospital — mainly because they weren't paid enough to afford room and board elsewhere. Marriage was postponed until they were in their early 30s. Our family is familiar with exciting tales of riding on ambulances (something that doctors no longer do), careening through the Bowery, and administering first aid to drunks in the throes of cardiac arrest.

According to my father, today's house staffs have it soft: salaries are higher, about $10,000-$15,000, enabling them to live out. Many are married. But other conditions are relatively unchanged. Interns often put in more than a 100-hour work week, which comes to approximately $2.30 an hour. Surgery interns are scheduled for 24-hour duty every other day, or, if they're lucky, every third day. Hospitals definitely save money on the house staff, which performs the scut work of doctoring in return for a small salary and the setup in which to learn their trade.

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The surgery house staff lingers a moment over coffee. A resident with a slow Texas drawl regales the group with gossip about DeBakey, the famous Houston cardiac surgeon. "He is such an autocrat, a bastard, he makes the chief of surgery look like a pussycat. He'd sack anyone, even his chief resident, if the guy looked at him cross-eyed. And he'd always pick a time when there'd be a big audience. I remember one time in the hospital cafeteria — DeBakey was behind this resident in line and the guy was taking too long, or slopping his food on the wrong way, or something. DeBakey looked him right in the eye and yelled: 'You're fired!' "

Young doctors enjoy exchanging stories about the bigwigs in their field. They nod knowingly and cynically when told of a prominent San Diego surgeon who has "mitten hands" and often makes serious mistakes during routine operations. This surgeon wields enough power to prevent any underling from confronting him with his errors. The assisting surgeons just quietly rectify the errors and store the tale away for upcoming social gatherings.

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Brian Kopeki is the typical intern in general surgery at University Hospital. He wakes groggily at 6 a.m. to the blast of the alarm. He stumbled into bed only six hours ago and dreamed fitfully all night of taking out and putting in an endless row of sutures. As he fights to unglue his eyes, he strains to recall what his wife looks like. One hour later, clothed reassuringly in crisp white, feigning brisk efficiency, he begins rounds, tagging after the attending physicians, the resident, and his fellow intern. They confer in low voices outside each patient's door. Two operations are scheduled for that morning, and there is only half an hour until starting time. This month Brian is on neurosurgery and with this service's chief, the knife falls promptly at 8 a.m. He checks his work-up of the pre-op in Room 13, experiencing relief to find all the necessary lab results duly noted. He remembers the disaster during his first month of internship, when the lab screwed up and failed to report the results of a patient's tests in time for the morning rounds. His explanation had been met with an overwrought resident's harsh rebuke: "When I

tell you to get something done, I want it to get done. And I don't want to hear any more about it." At the time Brian had wondered if he'd missed a turn somewhere and mistakenly found his way into the medical corps of the French Foreign Legion.

It is 2 p.m. They are halfway through the second operation. A four-year-old girl has accidentally been shot by a dropped pistol. Her brain has swelled, and the surgeon is removing a portion of the cranium to relieve pressure. The intern is assisting, which means that he primarily holds open the aperture, swabs blood, and sutures when needed.

There is an old medical joke that goes: Did you hear about the longest operation on record? It took sixty hours and used ten surgeons, twenty nurses, five residents, and only one intern. Surgeons are immobile on their feet so much that many resort to wearing support stockings to forestall varicose veins.

Released finally from the operating theatre, Brian grabs a late lunch before checking on patients, writing orders for medication, and issuing instructions to the ward nurses. He is on call that night and must stay in the hospital for the next 36 hours, attending to new admissions and any crises that may arise. If anything serious develops, he must contact the resident and chief. He dawdles a few moments over a glass of milk, hoping that no one will get sick or hurt in the city that evening and that the nurses will have no reason to interrupt his sleep.

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Doctors are not immune to the convenience of stereotyping. But while laypeople assign collective characteristics to physicians as a whole, within the profession differences are detected according to specialization. Anesthesiologists are easygoing and like to have a lot of free time; internists are bookworms; obstetricians don't like sick people; psychiatrists are screwed up; pediatricians are affable and masochistic; and pathologists are intellectual and food-oriented. Surgeons are targets for the most malevolent generalities: they are thought to be arrogant jocks and technicians who would rather cut than treat. They spend so much time learning and practicing surgical procedures that they not only forget what medicine they studied in school, but have no opportunity to add to their store of basic medical knowledge. I know one resident in dermatology who avoids visiting the surgery wards because, he says, "Even the nurses jump down your throat every time you open your mouth."

Other departments lag only half a century behind non-medical institutions in political and social organization, but surgery harkens back to feudalism. The chairman is lord and master; the teaching staff, lesser noblemen; and the house staff, serfs with different degrees of seniority. The other day I overheard someone from anesthesiology advising a surgery intern to switch to anesthesiology "where at least they treat you like a human being."

Each surgery department is virtually an autonomous state, presided over by an appointed autocrat with near dictatorial powers. Although they may be adept at flattering their superiors, fraternizing with equals, and pouring on the bedside manner for influential patients, not many chiefs are known for benevolence toward subordinates.

There is a "horror" story currently circulating about a resident in the UCSD surgery department who, having completed the residency program in surgery, was attending the traditional ceremony when certificates are awarded. After dinner, to his sur-



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prise, the chairman informed him that his work had been judged unsatisfactory and that he wouldn't be receiving certification. Without such certification a physician is ineligible to take the state examination for licensing as a qualified surgeon and is relegated to a practice in the boondocks, where accreditation isn't so strictly observed. Those acquainted with the situation generally felt that allowing the man to continue for four years was cruel, when it should have been apparent after the second year whether he was going to make the grade or not.

In our system, a great deal more goes into educating a doctor than merely imparting medical skills. There is a complex socialization process that begins when a student makes that decision to enter medical school. If doctors are not to the manner born, they are to the manner made.

Undergraduates often dread being in the same classes as pre-meds, who are avid "A" chasers. It is rumored they pop pills, steal exam questions, or bribe professors to earn those high grades necessary to gain admission to medical school. So many apply; so few are chosen. By the time students reach medical school, the pattern for compulsive work and achievement is set.

If God made man in his own image, the same principle holds for medical school admission policy: doctors choose students in their own image. They prefer young people who will develop placidly into the mold prescribed by the AMA. Radicals, iconoclasts, longhairs, and others thought prone to eccentric or disruptive behavior are weeded out.

I have a friend who, during her first year of medical school at UCLA, sat on the admissions committee responsible for selecting the incoming class. She told of one qualified applicant who was passed over because he sported Byronic locks and listed poetry as his outside interest. The consensus among committee members had been that he would have found it difficult to "fit in."

During the fourth year of medical school, students apply and interview for internships and, via a computer matching service, are fixed up with a program where some mutual interest has been expressed. Competition for "good" appointments, usually those in large university-affiliated hospitals, is fierce. Many programs, such as surgery at UCSD, are pyramidical, which means that out of 25 interns, five are selected for chief residencies, five or six more for an additional year, and the remainder are dismissed to seek positions elsewhere. Decisions are made by the department chairman and are frequently unpopular and controversial.

The house staff avoids possible avenues of appeal, fearing reprisals in the future. No one wants to risk being blacklisted. Doctors are a close-knit pack; career advancement, it seems, is contingent to a great extent on contracts.

Recently the courts, called on to determine the status of interns and residents, ruled that they were students rather than hospital employees and were thus legally ineligible to strike or to join the hospital's

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collective bargaining unit. This leaves the house staff in a bind. Excluded from the benefits and rights of being employees, they are also barred from many of the advantages of being a student, such as low-cost housing and low-interest loans.

Few house staff members are politically active in protesting their position. They consider their ordeal to be temporary and resign themselves to present suffering, while anticipating future recompense. There is, among them, a widespread sentiment of having "paid their dues." Eight years of intensive schooling, followed by five or six more of an apprenticeship during which they are exploited as well as trained, oppressed by their superiors, and often maligned by patients who want "real doctors" to treat them. Having paid dues enables them to justify and, indeed, covet the rewards — large income, prestige, power — that await them. And adjusting to each new privilege that accompanies every rung of the hierarchical ladder, they regard their juniors with a combination of condescension and indulgence.

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When Brian graduated from medical school to hospital, he left a comfortable world of theory, example, and conjecture, and entered one where he was called on to actively grapple with illness and death. He became intimate with tragedy and suffering and came face-to-face with moral and ethical questions that most of us are free to speculate about idly. The junkie who was barely saved by a long and tedious operation — he'll be back soon after another overdose. A family, recent immigrants from Thailand, severely burned when a gas heater exploded in their temporary home — the baby dead; the older brother condemned to a life of horrible deformity. Wouldn't it be an act of mercy to let some people die?

Brian and other doctors develop protective layers of calluses. Defense against their closeness with the underside of the human condition. Some seek solace in disparaging the nurses. Others make up private nicknames, not for public ears. Chronically ill patients, whose bodies and minds are pretty well used up, are referred to as "gomers." Sometimes nurses and residents will laugh nervously about burn victims and call them "bacon chips" or "crispy critters."

This doesn't mean they don't care or they lack compassion. Tasteless jokes seem to ease their own bewilderment and horror. An intern at Mercy Hospital told me that he didn't think he was going to be able to sleep that night. He had been treating a boy who had fallen off a horse and had told the parents that their son would recover. The boy's condition, however, had taken a sudden turn for the worse. He would die. The intern didn't know how he could face the family. ■

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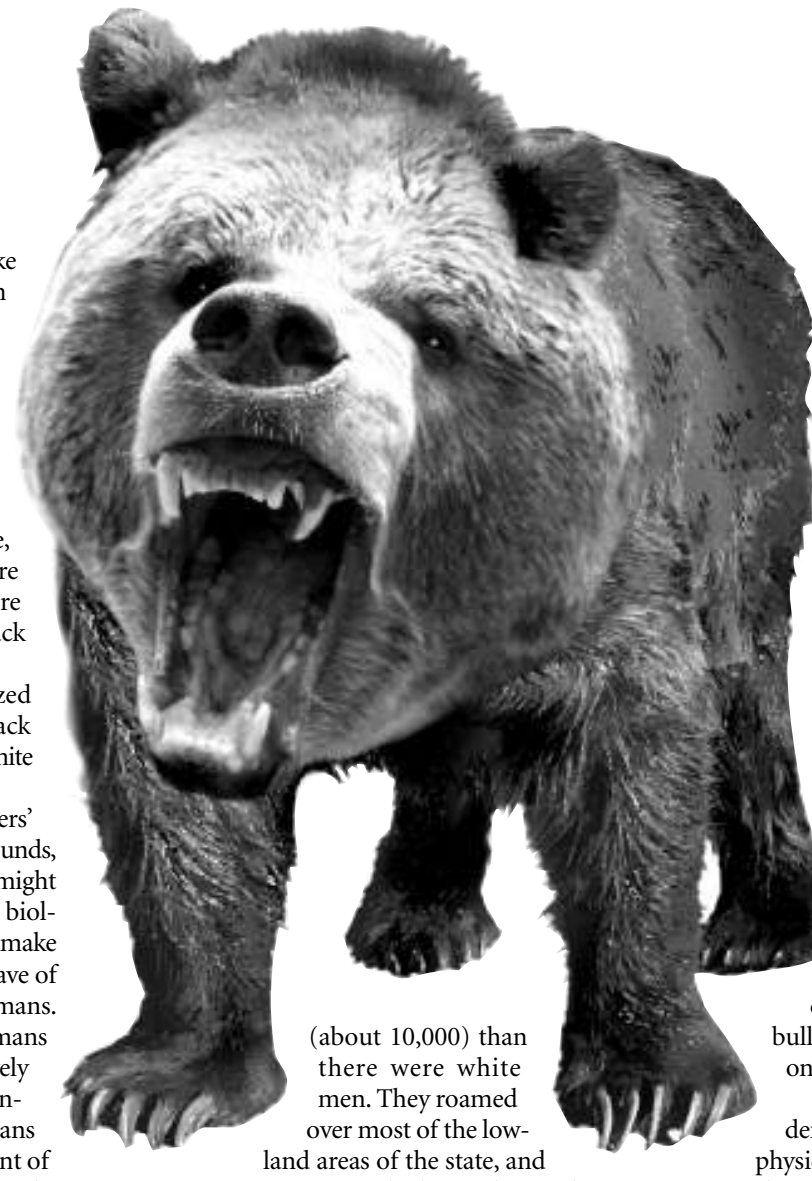

Not long ago the State of California failed to take advantage of an opportunity it may not have again until after the next ice age: the chance to reintroduce grizzly bears to this overcivilized and overpopulated state. Last summer Montana's Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department offered to share with California its unwanted grizzly bears, which have been getting into trouble with ranchers in the big sky country just as they did here more than a century ago. Eldridge Hunt, of California's Department of Fish and Game, declined Montana's offer with this somewhat insincere reply: "It's unfortunate that we don't have grizzlies here in California, but we'll just have to live with our black bears."

Black bears, of course, are the pesty, undersized cousins to the grizzlies. There are about 15,000 black bears in California today, most of them residing in Yosemite Valley (or so it seems), where they make their living burglarizing tourists' cars and pilfering food from hikers' backpacks. Though they rarely weigh more than 300 pounds, they can peel back the door of a Toyota as easily as we might shuck an ear of corn. (For some reason unknown to biologists, they favor breaking into Toyotas over any other make of car.) In spite of the instinctive fear most people have of the black bears, they are almost never a danger to humans. It's food they want, and they know very well that humans have a lot more of that than good sense. If the relatively cowardly black bears have learned they are free to plunder and pillage without fear of reprisal whatever humans have, it is little wonder that the California Department of Fish and Game is so reluctant to see their black bear problems compounded by the return of the more formidable grizzly bear to California.

In 1830 there were more grizzly bears in California (about 10,000) than there were white men. They roamed over most of the lowland areas of the state, and San Diego County, which was the southernmost range of grizzlies along the coast, had a sizable population of grizzlies as well. Every year at Santa Ysabel a grizzly was captured by vaqueros for the bull-and-bear fight, which was the main attraction at the annual Indian fiesta. The vaqueros would capture the grizzly by lassoing its legs and neck and having their horses pull in all directions until the beast was so exhausted it could either be forced into a cage or tethered to a stake. The largest grizzlies were capable of dragging two horses and their riders along behind them, so this method of capturing a grizzly not only required a great deal of skill and timing but a certain degree of foolhardiness as well. Several horses and more than one vaquero were lost in this way.

As for the bull-and-bear fight itself, the method was to tie the hind foot of the grizzly to the forefoot of the bull, turn them both loose, and see what came of it. Often the two animals were reluctant to fight and spent their energy trying to get away from one another. The promoters of this gruesome event would then prod the bull and bear into a fury by poking them with a stick that had a sharp nail attached to the tip. Eventually the confused bull would charge the bear, and the bear would sink its teeth into the bull's neck and rip open the bull's jugular. Sometimes the spectacle ended too quickly — one grizzly was said to have killed three bulls in rapid succession — but sometimes the fight went on for as long as two hours. The bear almost always won.

If this senseless and cruel form of animal torture demonstrated anything, it was the grizzly's phenomenal physical abilities. Grizzly bears are faster than a horse over short distances, stronger than two horses in a tug of war, as agile as a monkey, tall enough to dunk a basketball flat-footed, as smart as a football player, and sometimes weigh as much as a small pickup.

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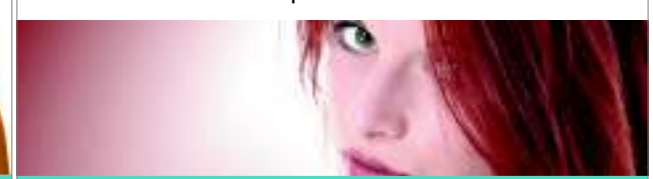

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In 1846, when Californians rose up in revolt and declared their independence from Mexico, it was the grizzly bear that was depicted (somewhat crudely) on the flag of the Bear Flag Republic, and in this form the image of the grizzly bear haunts us still. Even though the grizzly bear later became the official state animal, its fate in California was doomed. During the gold rush days, grizzly bear meat, which is said to taste something like pork, was bringing more than a dollar a pound in Sacramento — twice the price of venison — and grizzlies were being slaughtered all over the state. Several hunters bragged about killing a hundred grizzlies or more, and in 1848 one party of five hunters brought 700 grizzly pelts into Fort Sutter. In San Diego, a Mr. James Hobbs started a profitable enterprise shipping fresh grizzly bear meat, killed and butchered in this area, by boat to San Francisco, where it was then sold to miners in the mother lode country. Later, Hobbs found that by drying the meat before shipping it, he could reduce the shipping costs, ship more meat, and make even more money.

After the gold rush days were over and the sheep and cattle industries came to the state, grizzly bears were all but finished off. Henry W. Henshaw, a naturalist attached to the Wheeler surveys of San Diego County in 1872, wrote, "A supply of strychnine is part of the outfit of every sheepherder and by means of this the number of bears is each year diminished till in many sections where formerly they were abundant they have eventually disappeared."

Before the arrival of the white man, when grizzlies roamed free in San Diego, they were found in greatest numbers along the seacoast, where they grew fat and lazy living on the dead sea life that washed ashore, and in the lowland hills and valleys where they ate acorns and dug for roots. But in later years the grizzlies sought refuge in the mountainous country in the east and northern part of the county, which probably had not been their natural habitat before the arrival of white men. In the 1870s, several grizzlies weighing at least a thousand pounds were killed in the upper San Luis Rey Valley, and as late as 1877 a 1500-pound grizzly was killed near Fallbrook. In return, the grizzlies took a few men as well. Vital Clayton Reche, a res-

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ident of Temecula in the late 1800s, said in a 1937 interview that he knew of six men killed by grizzlies in one ten-year period. He attributed this to the invention of the Winchester repeating rifle — grizzly hunters became less cautious than they had been in the days of the single-shot rifle, and the wounded, enraged grizzlies were able to attack and kill the would-be hunters.

The Indians of California conceded the grizzly bear his title as master of this land and even considered the grizzly to have supernatural abilities beyond other animals. Among Indian shamans there was a specialist — the grizzly bear shaman — who acquired a special power by sleeping with a she-bear in her den. Sometimes these shamans would put on padding and dress up in the skin of a grizzly bear to terrorize and even murder their enemies, hoping that in the bear disguise they would go unrecognized and unpunished. To kill a grizzly, the Indians would try to surprise one while it slept, or, if the bear couldn't be killed in its sleep, they would send one very brave man to chase it out of its den, where several hunters would plant their wooden spears at an angle and try to get the charging grizzly to impale itself. One swat from a grizzly's paw could easily separate a man from his earthly ambitions, and even if the Indians sometimes succeeded in killing a grizzly, as often as not an Indian's life was traded for that of the bear.

It is said that grizzlies were the only animal in California that would purposely stalk and kill a human. Unlike any other animal, they apparently had such little fear of men that they regarded them as just another form of prey. Whether or not they ate the flesh of man seemed to be a matter of individual taste. While they were said to have relished the flavor of Indians, according to Joseph Grinnell, one of California's leading wildlife experts in the '30s, some grizzlies found white men to be unpalatable, or at least distasteful; though the grizzlies would kill a white man as readily as an Indian, they often passed over the opportunity to make a meal of them.

Considering the grizzly's reluctance to yield respect to man — and California's destiny to become the most populated state in the Union — the eventual elimination of grizzlies from California was assured. Even though grizzlies were once found in greater densities in California than anywhere else on the continent, they now survive here only in zoos and on the state flag. As far as anyone knows, the last grizzly in California was killed by a cattle rancher at Horse Corral Meadow, near Sequoia National Park, in 1928.

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Today, grizzly bears are doing fairly well in Alaska, particularly in and around Mt. McKinley National Park. They still have little respect for man and frequently demonstrate this by assaulting park visitors or breaking into cabins. Sometimes in the early spring, when they have a craving for almost any kind of meat, they will put their reservations aside and eat even a white man. Wilderness enthusiasts from all over the world flock to the park for the opportunity of having their lives threatened by the man-eating beasts, and the park rangers, by making it illegal to carry firearms in the park, have greatly improved the odds for this once-in-a-lifetime wilderness experience to occur.

We know the grizzly bear belongs here, this place is his birthright, he is part of our heritage, and having him here among us should be our right as inhabitants of this land.

But down here in the lower 48 states, grizzly bears aren't faring so well. As usual California has set the trend, by eliminating grizzlies, and the rest of the country is rapidly following. In the contiguous 48, there are fewer than 200 grizzly bears living in the wild now, mostly in and around Yellowstone National Park. There, too, grizzlies occasionally harvest the overabundant human population, though the redneck residents of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming seem to be growing increasingly reluctant to participate in this balance of nature, as is demonstrated by their eagerness to send their grizzlies to California.

In spite of the California Department of Fish and Game's refusal to accept Montana's offer, there would seem to be several advantages to reintroducing grizzlies to San Diego County. Perhaps we should examine just one of them.

In August of 1984, a dead, 60-foot blue whale washed up on the tranquil shores of Cardiff-by-the-Sea. The rotting carcass lay there putrefying in the hot sun, swarmed by blowflies and curious tourists. Within a few days, however, the horrifying stench of the animal was so bad nobody would get within 200 feet of it, and some nearby residents were forced to leave town until the state parks, or the coast guard — or whatever government agency would assume responsibility — dealt with the problem. The trouble was, no government agency had any idea of how to dispose of the huge carcass.

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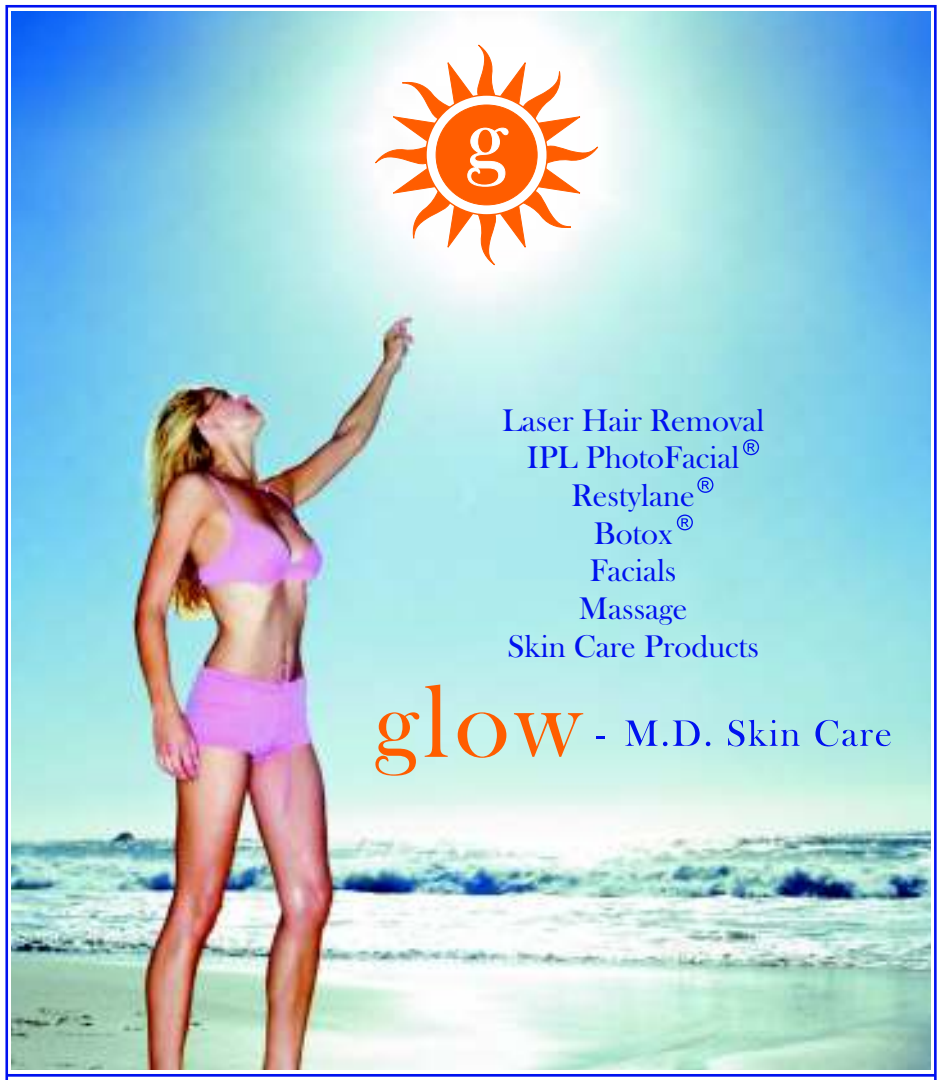
But if we brought the grizzly bear home to San Diego, he would find it was a different place from the one he left, and there is no guarantee he would like what he saw. He might very well decide Montana is a better place for him after all. So it would be necessary for us to accommodate him in whatever way we could. In some ways this might be easier than it was a hundred years ago. For example, the cattle industry, which really was responsible for the extermination of the grizzly in California, is almost extinct now itself. There is less and less demand for beef these days, and the few large cattle ranches that are left survive mostly as tax write-offs for larger land-holding corporations. Since the public subsidizes these cattle operations (mostly through low-cost grazing on government land), maybe Californians would prefer to see these lands converted into grizzly ranches where our state totem could roam safe and free.

It is unlikely that grizzlies would respect the boundaries of these ranches, however. It is the nature of grizzly bears to defy anything of man's — which, of course, is the reason we need them here so badly. They would invade our suburbs, our parks and cities, and probably even our homes, and we would have to tolerate this in the same way a Hindu tolerates his sacred cow. And like the Hindus, we would have to accept the benefits of our association with the grizzly bear as being more spiritual than material.

Anybody who has spent a night in grizzly country has been forced to confront his or her own mor-



tality. We may want to go out at dawn and kill the grizzly for reminding us of it, but that would only postpone the inevitable. In time, we will still die. This fear of our own mortality, of course, is the real reason the grizzly bear is no longer with us. We may feel safer for having eliminated the grizzly from this land, but we are greater fools for it. We go about our lives seeking wealth, security, and good health, as though these things could save us from our fate. Of course they can't, and we need the grizzly bear here to remind us of it every day.

Even more disturbing than the thought of our own death, though, is the horrifying thought of being devoured by an animal. We will eat almost anything on the planet, from fish eggs to bamboo, yet we can't bear the thought of anything eating us. Carrying this irrationality to the extreme, when we die we have ourselves sealed within decay-proof caskets so as to deny the nourishment of our bodies to the earth that nourished us. Even though it is the fate of every other living thing to be absorbed back into the planet, we are revolted by the thought of vultures, fishes, coyotes, and even worms making use of what we have no more use for. We are the broken link in the food chain, and even though life goes on without us, we feel this strange, unnatural distance between ourselves and other living things, as though the animals stopped talking to us when we put ourselves above them. The grizzly bear was the one animal that kept us in our place, and it can put us there again.

If the grizzly bear survives anywhere on the continent, perhaps he will return to California during the mass animal migrations following the next ice age or some other natural or man-caused catastrophe. This migration, of course, will have to happen without the blessing and sanction of the California Department of Fish and Game, but hopefully the grizzly won't be punished too severely for this transgression. He will only be doing what comes naturally.

In the meantime, we are haunted every day by the image of the grizzly bear on our state flag. He is telling us what liars we are. This is not the home of the grizzly, this is the home of Mickey Mouse, and until the grizzly bear returns, it is that silly little desexed, anthropomorphized figure that is our state totem and belongs on our state flag.

We know the grizzly bear belongs here, this place is his birthright, he is part of our heritage, and having him here among us should be our right as inhabitants of this land. Without him we lack something, we are incomplete, our land is less magnificent than it was meant to be.

We need the grizzly bear. We miss him. We long for the sight of him lumbering down our streets, powered by the flesh of humanity, foraging through the sun roofs of cars caught in the rush-hour traffic, loitering outside our 7-Elevens, lounging with the transients in Balboa Park, sunning himself in the middle of I-5 if he wants to, blessing and enriching our asphalt world with his mountains of scat which, if we examine closely enough, are composed of our friends, our neighbors, and someday maybe even us. ■

— Steve Sorensen

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Trailer Monk

PART 1 OF 3



In the middle of my third midlife crisis, I looked to buy a travel trailer. But I am a stay-at-home guy who hates to drive, camp, or "rough it." Why would I want a travel trailer? Answer: To stay put.

In San Diego's Boy Scout Troop #441, I was a lousy scout. I once helped an old lady across a busy street, but I never figured out the allure of smoky campfires. I puked the single time I ate a s'more, that wretched thing of chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers that is melted over a campfire. I found the wilderness, at best, boring, and to this day I hate the Discovery Channel.

But then I picked up an Airstream travel trailer promotional booklet.

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I thought it was pure poetry.

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My first midlife crisis hit when I was 39. It lasted two years.

His Old English roses were the size of cabbage heads, and the sweet peas smelled like jelly beans.

At the time I was living in a loft in New York's Greenwich Village. Long and narrow like a bowling alley, the loft had 14-foot ceilings and a wall of windows through which late afternoon's rosette light poured. I paid less than $40,000 to buy, gut, and refurbish the 2000-square-foot space that is, today, a million-dollar property.

I liked the quick pace, the large crowds, and the stink of Manhattan's concrete and steel. I had good friends, full weekends, and fine professional prospects. The anthropologist Margaret Mead guided my dissertation; I was tenured at Queens College and had done a postdoctoral year at Oxford. Reading my *curriculum vitae* and its record of passage through Berkeley, Columbia, and Yale universities, someone was likely to picture me as a bloodless, overeducated African-American academic. They would be wrong. I was a shark.

But then I suddenly quit my job, rented out my loft, packed bags, and returned to California where I was raised. In Berkeley, I found night work as a janitor. With my days freed, I used the time to excise from my writing the long words, quotes, and footnotes of scholarly work. In their place I wrote sto-

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ries about simple people.

I also looked after my great-aunts who were both in their 90s. Like all the Hawkins women, Aunt Babe kept her figure. Almost as bald as a ripe mango, she was surely as sweet; she loved a naughty joke. For her 90th birthday, my Aunt Eden had a satin jumpsuit made in eye-popping purple. She wore her zippered jumpsuit just once. At the supermarket, the checkers ignored her and the children gaped. I think she was happy, but she never went out again. After that, I did all the shopping.

I'd been in a funk for a while, but in June I turned 40 — official middle age — and I felt like I'd dropped into a dark hole. Feelings of depression held for that entire year.

My regularly scheduled therapy session fell on the morning of my 41st birthday.

"... So how are you?"

My therapist sat with his back to the large window that overlooked the garden. An old hippie, he pulled his white hair back in a ponytail. He worked out of his home, a restored Victorian filled with flowers from his garden. His Old English roses were the size of cabbage heads, and the sweet peas smelled like jelly beans. I liked to arrive early and listen to him play his piano behind the closed doors of the parlor. On the black Steinway grand, its top lifted like a gleaming fin, he'd run through some Bach or a Chopin étude. At the end of the piece, after a trembling silence, he'd open the door to his office and say, "Won't you come in?"

That day in June, sunlight beaming through the glass over his shoulder splashed in my eyes and blurred the edges and surface of his desk.

"It's my birthday," I said.

He reminded me that June 21 was the first day of summer and the longest day of the year.

"I'm 41," I said.

He was quiet for a moment. Then he asked, "And how do you feel about that?" An alarm clock went off inside my head.

How many hours had we spent considering what might lie at the root of my depression? Yet today the answer struck with all the dumb force of a cliché. *When I was 39 I'd been unhappy about turning 40, and for the full year that I* was *40 I was depressed about* being *40.*

Some men dye their hair and lose weight, others remarry or buy a speedboat. I'd moved across the country and found work as a janitor. Instead of a major research grant or a post at some elite Ivy League college (professional prizes I'd spent my entire adult life preparing for), I chose the uncertain life of a writer. It was like the ceiling rolled back to expose clear blue sky. A teaching post at Princeton would have suited the career-minded academic. Writing a clean sentence thrilled the man.

My midlife crisis began in advance of my 40th year, but I date it from that morning of my 41st birthday, when I found its name.

I quit therapy the next week.

Aunt Eden passed away in her home, and Aunt Babe died in a convalescent hospital. From New York came word of the death of my friends, one after the other, all young and all dying from AIDS. I sold my loft, bought property in California, and was briefly (and mostly on paper) a millionaire. I'd found religion by the time the bottom fell out of the real estate market, so the loss of almost everything was hardly a loss at all. *("It is harder for the rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven....")* Growing up, I'd thought about being a Catholic priest, but when I got religion as an adult, it was as a born-again Christian. I joined a Quaker Church, had a brief season with a cult, and worked with faith healers and a Brazilian shaman before meeting a tall, moon-faced Tibetan monk. Three years later he handed me a letter addressed to his abbot, and I boarded a flight for India and my second crisis.

It was 1995, and I was 51. I'd turned my life inside out a decade before, and while death, money (and their woes), and spiritual searching were sad or exciting, depending, nothing had managed to touch my core like that first crisis. But in India, the sense of uncertainty, anxiety, and depression returned. The sourness that rises at the back of the throat just before throwing up is a taste you never forget.

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Gaden-Shartse monastery sits on a dusty brown plain in the near-desert southern state of Karnataka. Jabbering wild monkeys swing in the high canopies of trees, and black ravens caw as they cut into the orange sky. Here, before dawn each morning, 2000 red-robed monks rise from pallets and hurry to the temple, where they make full prostrations, pray, eat a piece of hard bread the size of a small breakfast pizza, then rush off to their various tasks.

The ancient monasteries of Gaden and Shartse were as famous in Tibet as Oxford and Cambridge are in England, or Harvard and Yale in the U.S. They were among the hundreds of monasteries in Tibet, many with great libraries. When the Chinese invaded Tibet in 1959, they quickly reduced these ancient repositories of culture to rubble and ash. Thousands of monks and nuns were jailed, tortured, and killed, and the head of state, the Dalai Lama, was forced to flee to India. The handful of monks of Gaden and Shartse monasteries who survived the invasion and flight across the harsh Himalayas into India, joined forces. They plowed the

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rock-hard soil, the monks, themselves, wearing the leather harnesses. They built the temples, classrooms, and dormitories, all behind an eight-foot wall of white-washed brick.

I was put up at the abbot's house, where there was greater privacy, the water was boiled, and the simple food was ample. (There was some worry that I might otherwise come down with dysentery or any of the diseases, including the plague, in which India abounds.) Dorje (pronounced Door-jay) was my translator. A short, handsome young man, he sometimes disappeared for long stretches, for he was in the final days of the famously strenuous "*geshe*" exams. He collected American slang expressions the ways some boys collect marbles. "Get with the program!" and "You could have fooled me!" were two I gave him. When I first arrived, as the heat snatched at my breath, Dorje explained that the rainy season was just a month away. Coming close and speaking low, in confidence, he assured me that the days were actually quite comfortable.



The author

You could have fooled me!

Then word came. The abbot had read my teacher's letter and gave his permission for me to be ordained.

I was led into the garden where, while mosquitoes as big as dragonflies drank my blood, two young monks shaved my head. Inside, my white linen Armani suit was replaced with my first full set of robes — red shirt, red skirt, yellow cloth belt and a red cotton shawl called a *zen*. Then, in a private chapel on the second floor, the abbot, Lati Rinpoche, ordained me as a Tibetan Buddhist monk. Precise and elaborate, the full ordination ceremony took two long afternoons and was performed in the presence of 12 high lamas. Well before the end, I was exhausted from kneeling.

Afterward, monks left cups of hot butter tea at my door. Thick with churned butter and doused with salt, the strong black tea was meant to comfort me, but it only reminded me of just how foreign life was atop this blistering plateau. Had I not, in a language I did not understand, just taken more than 100 vows, including vows of celibacy? What was I doing here?

I'd earlier told Dorje I was worried that I would not make a good monk.

"Live a compassionate life," he said. "That is best."

But I was not convinced. The ceremony over, and sensing no great shifts among the tectonic plates of my personality, no sudden rapture, I felt the shame of an imposter.

As it turned out, Dorje only added to my problems of identity.

At the close of the ordination, he'd given me a slip of paper on which were written my ordination name in beautiful Brahmi script and again, underneath, in English. *Jangchup Phelgyal*, he said, translated as "abounding compassion." The abbot chose my name and Dorje had written it out — my last name first. However, he'd left out the all-important comma between the two names, and I would go on, unwittingly, introducing myself that way: backwards. (It was like saying, "Hi! I'm Smith John."). When Dorje wrote out my last name (which was really my first), in the transition from Brahmi script into English, he misspelled it so that even Tibetans could make no sense of the name. Because it was not a word at all.

(Back in the U.S., my last/first name would be generally difficult for Americans to parse and therefore uniformly ignored. Like Madonna, I'd be known by a single name, Jangchup. Except folks would mishear and presume my last name was "Chup" (properly pronounced as "joop"), and in that habit of instant intimacy for which Americans are famous, they would hail me as "Jang," which even this they would mispronounce and turn into that commonest of given names, John.)

In my early 30s, I'd dropped my given name of La Mont for my mother's maiden name because I thought it sounded more distinguished. (Hawkins Mitchell is the name I continue to use professionally.) If I have spent the last ten years secretly cringing at hearing myself addressed as "John," I know also that this was in the nature of comeuppance for a guy who'd traded in a perfectly good name for one that sounded more select.

I was always a superficial guy who knew, for example, that shaving my head

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and replacing a closet full of clothes for a couple of sets of red cotton robes had its own soigné charm. But I was also a cynic. I had good friends and deep family relationships, but if asked I'd have said that I did not believe in long-lasting love or long lasting anything. I was a middle-aged man who'd never formally committed himself to anyone or anything. I lay on my pallet in that oven of a room and wept quietly like a new bride who is certain she'd just made a terrible mistake.

Yet by the end of the week, I found peace. I packed for my return flight home, assured that if my ordination were a mistake, time would tell. By then the heat no longer bothered me, and I even enjoyed my morning cup of butter tea. Having surrendered to my fears, and my discomfort, within only six days, my second midlife crisis had come and gone like a bad case of the flu.

In the decade that followed, two of my younger brothers died, I got a dog, I managed to keep my vows, and I remained a monk.

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Vajrapani rests in a snug hollow within the San Lorenzo Valley. Under shady oak trees and tall pines that scent the air, this Buddhist retreat center includes a small temple, some cabins, a commercial kitchen, and a dining room. The modest, gold-painted memorial to the center's founder, Lama Yeshe, is strung with tiny white Christmas lights. Tibetan lamas come for a week or so to offer teachings. A few single-room cabins, set on the western ridge, are available for extended seclusion. Vajrapani is charming in its simplicity.

"It will be good to have another monk living here," said Elaine, the pretty blonde who headed the staff. At the time only a Swiss monk, René, was on staff.

I explained that I was looking for a place where I could stay and do my writing. I had not the training for serving on the staff.

"I see, but you can hardly live full-time in the dorm," she said. It was only the weekend students who bunked in the two dormitories. They used outdoor showers and outhouses. The four cabins on the ridge were reserved for those seeking the solitude of a private retreat and were not suitable for year-round use. Staff housing was limited and only available to staff. "So what do we do with you?" She shook her head. "About the only thing we have is a trailer platform and hook-up."

Which is when I remembered the Bambi.

I'd seen my share of Airstream trailers. Vaguely egg-shaped and always covered in shiny aluminum, they reminded me of my grandmother's stewpot, but turned on its side and set on black rubber wheels. Then two years ago a new model, "Bambi," was on display at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Sheathed in shiny stretch-formed aluminum, the proportions of this smallest of Airstreams trailers recalled pleasant moments the same way that picnic baskets do. In addition to a bed and toilet and kitchen, it was redesigned to include Internet hook-up, satellite pre-wire, and a flat-screen TV. My graduate work at Yale's School of Architecture had prepared me for the trailer's sleek high-design interior and amenities. The thing was



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And there was another reason the trailer was so appealing.

I'd returned to India three years after my ordination for a six-week pilgrimage that included an excursion to Nepal. Here our group visited a cave where, many centuries before, a Buddhist holy man once lived. Overlooking a valley of deep greens, the empty cave was now illuminated by two dozen wax candles bought and left there by pilgrims like myself. I stood at the mouth of the cave, staring at the lighted candles that burnished the massive stone walls, and envied that holy man his sanctuary.

When Elaine mentioned the trailer hookup, I remembered first the Airstream trailer at the museum, and an instant later the cave in Nepal. Why could not the trailer be my place to burrow, a 21st-century cave as quiet and unmoving as the Santa Cruz Mountains themselves?

"So it's settled?" said Elaine.

I was excited, but practical, aware that the retreat center emphasizes community living, and so said nothing of my hermit dreams. After all, I was a monk who went to movies. Occasionally I liked to dunk a buttery fresh croissant into one of Starbucks' steaming caffe mochas (venti size, decaf, hold the whipped cream), and then catch it in my mouth before it fell apart. On my iPod, I drifted away on classical music and the jazz of Miles Davis and Gil Evans. But hermits did not drink caffes mocha or listen enraptured to recordings of Maria Callas singing Puccini. I was a vegetarian (a point in my favor), but I loved a good novel. I'd kept my vows, but each week I buried myself in the *New Yorker* magazine.

My dilemma bore the now-familiar hallmarks of a midlife crisis, but my thoughts were elsewhere. I still had a serious piece of unfinished business.

"I have a dog," I told Elaine, and listed her good points. "She is a dachshund, and very sweet, and also small." I'd bought her after I came back from my pilgrimage. My youngest brother had died, and Bodhi — just being there — helped me manage the long grief. I wanted to explain this to Elaine, to say that she was not just a dog to me, that because she relied on me, Bodhi helped to make me less self-involved, a better man. But the best I could come up with was the lamest of arguments. "I can't just give her away," I said.

Most communities do not accept pets, and when Elaine said, "Pets are not allowed at Vajrapani," my heart sank. "But I think," she added, "that we can make an exception this once." She smiled and I wrung her hands.

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— Hawkins Mitchell

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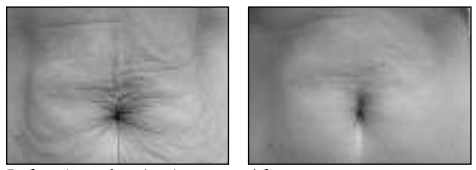

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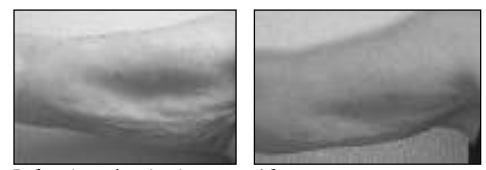

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LETTERS

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has slaughtered 3 million civilians in the past 50 years, maybe he'd realize that the best way to guarantee the security of San Diegans is not by piling up one ineffective spending program on top of another. And it wouldn't cost a penny. Peace and neutrality do not generate enemies. Then we wouldn't have to support a bloated but ridiculously inept military establishment. We wouldn't have to create new, more expensive programs to protect us from the consequences of previous unjustifiable programs. But then maybe Sanders' cadre of tax-subsidized soldiers, policemen, politicians, prison guards, defense contractors, homeland-security contractors, bureaucrats, and snoops would have to get real jobs instead of lapping up tax money.

Lawrence Ludlow
University City

Thanks For The Memory

I wonder what was your motive behind the reprinting of "Who Killed Rodger Whitehead?" (Feature Story) in the May 25 issue.

Do you have new evidence to answer the question? Or, like the Jimmy Hoffa where-is-he-buried issue, one has to be constantly reminded of an event that occurred over 16 years ago and should be laid to rest.

As one of the seven maverick candidates that ran against the old guard back in the fall of 1989, we sent a strong message to local as well as national labor leaders that business as usual was unacceptable. Sadly, Rodger had only three months to try to make the Teamster local he headed the best in the west and deliver justice in the workplace.

Sadly, his mantle to improve his membership deteriorated, and business as usual is once again the reality.

Thanks, however, in reviving his memory. Hopefully we will see the likes of another Rodger Whitehead.

Michael Nester

Died On My Birthday

I was so sorry to read today of the premature death of senior editor Judith Moore. I got to know Judith through her cover story on my book in June 2003. She was a consummate professional, and the interviews for the *Reader* article took days, even weeks. When I read the published article, I was astounded at what she had gotten out of me, the scope of her insight and understanding to bring together the story of my life and my search for Dora and Kafka's missing writings. After that, I stayed in touch with her, partly out of respect and partly in gratitude for helping me explain my fascination with Kafka and Dora's story to your readership.

When her own book, *Fat Girl,* was published, I rushed out to get it. Like Kafka's work, it was hard to read. Magnificently written, clear, and compelling, the honesty was too much for me at times, but the humor kept me turning the pages. I wrote her afterwards and told her how in awe of her I was.

I was in North Carolina last week and saw the Plume paperback edition, with raves from David Sedaris, Augusten Burroughs, and Anne Lamott, in an airport bookstore — the sure sign of a bestseller. I was excited for her and couldn't wait to write to congratulate her. I can't do that now — she died on my birthday — but I can congratulate the *Reader* for having the great good fortune and sense to have employed Judith and for giving us her writings for so long.

Kathi Diamant
Normal Heights

Caretaker Took Care

I am writing to eduskate you about some false information that was presented in the *Reader* ("Blurt," May 25). An article suggested that an article about the "Party of the Year" at Pala was helping to demise the Pala Pool. Whoever wrote that is obviously not familiar with Pala. The pool in question has been featured for years in video parts, ads, websites, and most of the widely available skateboard publications. The party in question was done with the permission of the caretaker. The party was dispersed when the caretaker said everyone should leave, and the premises were left cleaner than before the party started. There was nothing but good times, fun, and respect going down at that party.

Any spot that is great will get well known and more popular and not remain secret forever. Skaters can help a place like Pala keep going, and skaters can also cause the owners to shut it down. If anything, articles like the one in question and parties done properly teach people that if treated with respect, valuable places like Pala can last year after year. Hopefully, people get motivated by photographs and articles to get off the couch and create their scene; I know that is how I got motivated when I was young.

I know of which I speak because not only was I skating at that party, I have also been skating Pala on and off since its beginning, and I also took many of the photos for the article in question. I have been skating pools for over 21 years and would never publish photos on any secret spots. I am pretty sure none of my pool-skating friends or colleagues would have any issues with the photos I contributed.

George Crosland
via e-mail

Skateboarding Scene Takedown

Ken Leighton needs to get his facts straight before twisting around stories with little thought thrown into them whilst trying to take down the skateboarding scene ("Blurt," May 25). I'd be pretty disappointed, too, if I worked for the San Diego *Reader* over *Transworld* though. Good luck keeping the food on the table!

Scott
via e-mail

Get Your Stuff Right

Hey, what the hell's up with insulting *TWS* ("Blurt," May 25)? They didn't ruin Pala Pool! *TWS* kicks ass, and their story was cool. And you ran photos of the article without permission?! That's friggin illegal! Get your stuff right and interview some other skater that will actually say his name!

Ron Callahan
via e-mail

Accountable View

Love your "City Lights" articles! It's the only paper to give an accountable view of our local political ineptitude and corruption.

Dan Siddens
via e-mail

Besides Rock, Punk, Rap

Why in the "Blurt" section is there never or hardly ever anything on other musicians besides the rock, punk, rap, and other kid-orientated stuff? I think that is pretty one-dimensional and unfair to not only the artist but the paper.

Name Withheld
via e-mail

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La Jolla Cove and Environs

Changes Publicly Discussed in Mid-June



La Jolla Cove

'The Scripps Park Project proposes to enhance this postcard-perfect place. I think they have some political agenda," says Jaruska Solyova. "This city is quite bankrupt and quite corrupt. With improvements done by the architect, [the park] could turn into another Old Town or SeaWorld or Santa Monica waterfront."

On Wednesday, June 14, the steering committee for the Scripps Park Project will host a public meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Ellen Browning Scripps Park, an area that includes La Jolla Cove.

Solyova, a yoga instructor, plans to fight the proposed changes, which may include moving the La Jolla Cove Bridge Club from its waterfront location to the area where Prospect Street meets Coast Boulevard.

LOCAL EVENTS

"The whole idea [to renovate the park] came up about 15 years ago," says Patrick Ahern, chair of the Scripps Park Project. Three years ago, Ahern was asked to help create a concrete plan for these renovations. Steering committee member Bob West says, "Patrick has worked on segments of the coastline for numerous years. He did Windansea [Beach] before this, and the La Jolla Children's Pool. That whole area was improved and is incredible."

"I'm a bit of an environmentalist," says Ahern. "I like things that are natural and open. I have been surfing here for over 30 years, so most of my interest is along the coastline." Man-made erosion and pollution are two of the committee's guiding issues. "The pollution is created by runoff from overwatering the grass. Also, all that water goes over the bluff and erodes the Point Loma formation."

With the assistance of the project's chosen consultant, Campbell and Campbell Architects, Ahern hopes to reengineer the park so that rather than running off the bluff, excess water will gather at a central point. Ideas for that point include a pond or a middle grassy area known as the "meadow."

"Another guiding principle is to enhance and improve the spectacular view, which is one of the reasons for moving the bridge club," says Ahern. "We also want to move the restrooms over to the side near the street so that when you're sitting on the lawn you'll be able to look straight across, all the way to La Jolla Shores. Right now, when you look back over the meadow, all you see is the bathroom."

Howard Bresner, rental manager for the La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, agrees with Solyova in wanting to keep the club where it is. In the past 11 years, over 400 weddings and other special events have taken place in the club. "Why do they need to move the building? Because a few people can't see the view? That's not a reason. The building may not even be able to survive the move," says Bresner.

The club was built in 1939 and is considered by many to be a historic landmark. The 1125-square-foot space can be rented for $1500, plus a refundable $1000 deposit and a nonrefundable $100 cleaning fee.

"What I ask myself," says Ahern, "is would we put that bridge club there today?" The committee insists that at the new location the club's roof would be in line with surrounding treetops and would not impede the view of the nearby condominiums. "The position of the parks and beaches is to reduce commercialism. They are very strict when an event takes place...there are to be no commercial sales in the park, like T-shirts," explains Ahern.

Solyova criticizes plans to alter the park's landscape. "They want to replace the [current] vegetation with native vegetation," she says. "They say 'native,' but the plants that are there have been there for 80 years." The Scripps Park Project will be hiring a horticulturist to review the current state of vegetation in the area, including the palm trees that were planted in 1905. "Balboa Park plants about 200 trees a year," says Ahern. "We need to look ahead and be prepared to plant and replace trees early enough. All of the trees may be dying around the same time in the San Francisco Golden Gate Park because they didn't start [in time]."

Ahern hopes to plant native cultivars, like aloe, in place of the ice plant that currently blankets the bluff. "One consultant made a comment that Scripps Park looks like a country club, where everything's all perfect and manicured and unnatural. He basically dissed the park. A more natural look would be best along this beautiful coast."

Ahern insists that he has no agenda other than to protect his favorite environment. "People don't fear change, they fear the unknown," he says. "I love this park, and I wanted to preserve this openness and naturalness. That was my motivation for Windansea."

The current proposal, Ahern explains, "is only the first draft being presented to the community." Before any changes can begin, Scripps Park Project must obtain approval from many city departments, including lifeguard, fire, and police. "Then we go through environmental reviews, prepare an environmental impact report, and then go to the city council or park and recreation board, depending on the extent of the plan. We're a good year out," predicts Ahern.

— Barbarella

Public Meeting: Proposed Changes to E.B. Scripps Park
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Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

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BAJA

Tere Estrada in Concert, Thursday, June 8, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328; 011-52-664-685-1264). Concerts also planned on Friday, June 9, 8 p.m., at CEMAC (Rosarito Beach); Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m., at Guateque del Vino (Ensenada); and Sunday, June 11, 8 p.m., at Sapo Cancionero (Mexicali). Tickets: $10 per concert. 011-52-686-554-3484. (TIJUANA, ROSARITO BEACH, ENSENADA, MEXICALI)

Author Andrés de Luna discusses his new book, *El Invierno Apenas Comienza,* Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Panamerican Cup Men's Volleyball competition continues through Sunday, June 11, in Auditorio del Estado, Cuidad Deportiva. $5 U.S. 011-52-686-568-3025. (MEXICALI)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2006, annual musical series continues when Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra presents all-Mozart program on Friday, June 9, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

"Italy in Baja California" — lecture by Camilo Migoni, the Italian Consulate in Tijuana, Saturday, June 10, 6 p.m., at Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

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"El Camino de la Identidad" is subject for lecture by Jorge Ruíz Dueñas in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), Monday, June 12, 7 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Fronteras Culturales y Visiones del Mundo" is topic when José Manuel Valenzuela Arce speaks Wednesday, June 14. Lecture starts at 7 p.m. in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street; 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

"June Gloom," the cool and intermittently overcast conditions likely to dominate the beach and coastal areas through the remainder of this month, mocks the already sizzling temperatures inland. If it weren't for the ocean's enormous resistance to changes in temperature, the hottest weather along the coast would occur soon after the summer solstice — June 21. Our warmest beach weather will probably not arrive until August or September, just about the time the ocean water temperatures are peaking.

Explore William Heise County Park with Audubon Birders, Saturday, June 10, 8 a.m. Various mountain species of birds are possibilities. Bring lunch, drinking water. Moderately strenuous hiking. Parking fee. Directions: 619-692-3246. (JULIAN)

Pillbox Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (SOLANA BEACH)

Check Out Cute Chicks on the Beach — Western snowy plovers chicks, that is! Become a plover lover, and learn to help plover chicks on Silver Strand State Beach. Volunteer training, Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Bring binoculars. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

OUT & ABOUT

FORDS AND FRIENDS
Picnic, Sunday, June 11, Dos Picos Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)



"A Peek at the Peak," enjoy visit to top of Cuyamaca Peak — without seven-mile trek — led by Shane Coles and Bob Hillis of Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, June 10, 5–8:30 p.m. Participants will travel to Cherry Flats area of peak, then walk last half-mile at leisurely pace, learning of natural and historical features of peak, unusual plants, Cedar Fire recovery. $25. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including June 10. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). $2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Visit Historical Grinding Rocks Site and see San Diego River during guided nature walk, Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m., beginning in Kumeyaay Lake Campground of Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Look for Wildflowers, Butterflies, and Birds on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 10, 11, and 14, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, June 10, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Waterfall and Walden Pond Hike led by Linda King, Saturday, June 10, 4 p.m. Moderately paced with chance to see flowers, wildlife. Free. Meet at end of Park Village Drive with hiking boots, insect repellent, water. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

June's Full Moon, which occurs Sunday, June 11, is sometimes called the "rose moon," "strawberry moon," or "honey moon" because of its tinted color. Especially when seen from the high northern latitudes, the June full moon always stays close to the horizon, where its light is filtered and reddened by the atmosphere. From San Diego, June's full moon reaches a maximum altitude of about 33° above the horizon — about as high as the sun gets at noon in December. By the time this Sunday's full moon clears the horizon, some 45 minutes after the sun sets, the eastern sky will be already overtaken by deep twilight.

Where Is Juaquapin Creek Loop? Take a moderate hike along shaded creek to lunch stop at morteros with Canyoneers, Sunday, June 11, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Diverse Plant Populations and Expansive Views promised during occasionally strenuous four-mile hike led by naturalist Rick Paul in Daley Ranch, Sunday, June 11. Hike starts at 9 a.m. in Cougar Pass parking lot (take I-15 to El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, and drive north four miles to Cougar Pass; turn right, drive one mile to parking lot on left). 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, June 11, 8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. Rain cancels. (SAN CARLOS)

Early June's Very Low Tides, associated with the full moon, are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Monday, June 12, features a minus–1.2-foot tide at 4:45 a.m.; and Tuesday, June 13, brings another minus–1.2-foot tide at 5:29 a.m. Wake up on Wednesday, June 14, for a minus–1.1-foot tide at 6:16 a.m.

Grunion Runs following June's full moon are most likely to occur after midnight this Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings, June 13–15. This corresponds to 1 to 2 hours after highest nocturnal tide, 2 to 5 days after the date of full moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

Rediscover Old Escondido East during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Grunion Run Fun led by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Tuesday, June 13, 9:45–11:45 p.m. Lecture, film on grunion, moonlight beach explorations. Fee: $12 for adults, $9 for children 6–14. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Earliest Sunrise this year, reckoned in Daylight Saving Time, occurs Wednesday, June 14, at 5:38 a.m. This event occurs about a week before the longest day of

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A Little Normal Heights History divulged during Walkabout adventure, Thursday, June 15. Flat and casual walk starts 9 a.m. on north side of Normal Heights sign, over Adams Avenue (at Felton Street). Free. 619-231-7463. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

DANCE

"We Dance/Our Dances," dance students present their original and diverse dance pieces under direction of Jean Isaacs, June 8–11, in Potiker Theatre at UCSD. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. $15. 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Dancesport championships with ballroom and Latin competition, June 9–11, at Loews Coronado Bay Resort (4000 Coronado Bay Road). Dancing takes place 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and 7 p.m.–midnight, daily. Admission for spectators: $15 for matinees; in evening, pay $25 on Friday, $30 Saturday, $35 Sunday. 619-339-3953 or 714-850-0676. (CORONADO)

Ragtime Dances featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, June 9, 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)

Contradance to calling by Steve Barlow and Chris Page, music by Old Twine String Band, Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Music jam at 6 p.m. (free). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. $7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including June 10, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). $7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, June 10, 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. (BAY PARK)

South Indian Classical Dance concert by Nitya Venkateswaran, Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m., in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Tickets: $15 general, $12 seniors/students, benefiting Amnesty International. 858-336-6055. (DOWNTOWN)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Ellen Riley is caller on June 11. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. $6. 858-676-9731. Coming up: guest caller Robert Moir — "all the way from England" — on hand on June 25. (POWAY)

Sunday Zapateado on June 11, 2 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan performs dances from different state of Mexico each month. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

Rueda de Casino, dance hailing from clubs of Cuba is taught by Cuban native Jordaine, Sunday, June 11, 6 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). $10. 760-436-7070. (ENCINITAS)

"Christopher, for the Love..." — Culture Shock San Diego presents "full-length hip-hop dance story," June 15–18, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Dance is dedicated to Culture Shock dancer Christopher Braswell, nonsmoker who died at 22 from lung cancer. Guest performers include Jabbawockies, Future Shock, Mighty Shock, FloMaster, Khalid Freeman, Kevin Brewer, breakdance crews.

Tickets: $15 general; $12 seniors, students, military; $10 matinees. Shows begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-1000 or 299-2110. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"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)

"Cinema under the Stars," see Audrey Hepburn and Gary Cooper in *Love in the Afternoon* on Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Rob Reiner's *Princess Bride* is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 8:30 p.m. $12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Edge-of-Your-Seat Paranoia! Honored with seven Goya Awards, *Take My Eyes/Te Doy Mis Ojos* screens June 9–15 for Cinema en tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center, at UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). $8.50 general. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Hope in the City," seniors from Crawford High School and Hoover High School have made digital films from stories in their lives during ten-week program. Showcase of resulting films, Saturday, June 10, 7 p.m., College Center Covenant Church (6126 Adelaide Avenue). Free. 619-582-2489. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Watch It! *Monsters, Inc.* during Second Saturday Cinema series, June 10, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train" screens Monday, June 12, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4764 Santa Monica Avenue). Historian, activist Zinn has been at "forefront of progressive thought" for decades; film offers archival materials, interviews with various cultural icons (Noam Chomsky, Marian Wright Edelman, Alice Walker, others). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

Up for a "Coyly Seductive Chamber Piece of Forbidden Passion"? Helena Bonham Carter, Olivia Williams, and Paul Bettany star in *The Heart of Me,* a Brit-flick screening for Film Forum on Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Beyond the Sea," study of Bobby Darin by Kevin Spacey screens for June's "Musical Movies"–themed Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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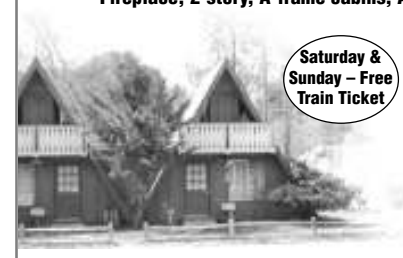

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LOCAL EVENTS

"Tijuana Makes Me Happy," San Diego premiere of Dylan Verrechia and James Lefkowitz's dramatic comedy following life of 14-year-old Indio, offering "authentic portrait of a hopeful boy" and "an honest panorama of Tijuana." Screening begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Abril Castro of CECUT leads discussion with several of film's actors following flick. Music and projections by Fussible and Nortec Visuals. $7. 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 *Chronos* (6 p.m.) and *The Dream Is Alive* at 7 p.m. on June 9. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Romanov Riches: A Study of the Icon" is subject for "Art in the Afternoon" lecture at Timken Museum of Art by USD medieval literature professor Sister Elizabeth Walsh, Thursday, June 8, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

"The Art of Original Thinking" examined by Jan Phillips, Thursday, June 8, 5:30 p.m., at Salk Institute for Biological Studies (10010 North Torrey Pines Road). Phillips' quest has led her around world on "one-woman peace pilgrimage." $60. Registration: 858-964-1343. (LA JOLLA)

Learn to Be Funny when San Francisco Comedy College presents introduction to stand-up on Friday, June 9, 6 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Gain insight on "joke diagram," described as "a proven formula" illustrating structure of jokes, funny stories. Free. Reservations: 858-869-5687. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

The Achievements of Eleanor Roosevelt in the 1930s discussed by William Cheek when American Association of University Women gather, Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m., at Country Club of Rancho Bernardo (12280 Greens East Road). $18. 858-486-7569. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

OUT & ABOUT

SOUTH INDIAN
classical dance — Nitya Venkateswaran, Sunday, June 11, Lyceum Theatre.

(SEE DANCE)



Learn to Make Inari-Zushi during class led by Miho Ishida, Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. $20. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Stories of San Diego" provide theme for summer lecture series at Museum of San Diego History (Casa del Prado, 1649 El Prado). Series commences with Matt Bokovoy on "The Panama Expositions and Urban Growth in San Diego, 1910…2000," Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. $5 general. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x104. (BALBOA PARK)

"Firescaping With Native Plants" is subject when landscape designer and native plant expert Greg Rubin speaks, Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). $9. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Onward to Mars" — multimedia look at current scenarios for human exploration of the Red Planet presented by Mars Society members, Saturday, June 10, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233 x808. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"San Diego's Air: It's Not As Clean As You Think," says Professor Kimberly Prather, who speaks for ongoing "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Learn of research underway at UCSD to help clean California's air. $8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"The Search for the Navy's First Submarine, USS *Alligator*" is topic when Timothy Runyan speaks for "Undersea Stories: Submarines Through History" series, Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., aboard ferryboat *Berkeley* at San Diego Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive). The 47-foot iron submarine sank off coast of Cape Hatteras in 1863. $10. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Class repeats Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Interrobang Lecture Series continues when City of Santa Cruz housing and community development manager Carol Berg speaks for San Diego Design Consortium gathering, Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). $18 general. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Tracing My Roots from Austria to Arkansas Using the Internet" is subject for Jeanette Schiel when Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets, Tuesday, June 13, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Outdoor Photography Clinics by Don Gale planned at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 12, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Tuesday, June 13, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)



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"Scottish Church Records Available at the Family History and on the Internet" examined by Jackie Webster for Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, June 14, 10 a.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

"La Obra de Jaime Sabines (The Poetry of Jaime Sabines)" illuminated by journalist German Dehesa during lecture in Spanish, Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. $20. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Renowned Surf Photographer Art Brewer talks about past and current work, his journey from freelance surf shooter to "sought-after photographic legend," Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m., at Zelman Studios (2308-C Kettner Boulevard). $15. Reservations: 417-2150. (LITTLE ITALY)

Mt. Kilimanjaro Adventure Slideshow and lecture by Jaye Gleyzal, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

"Mozart and Italy," lecture-concert by art historian Konrad Oberhuber, violinist Victoria Martino, and pianist Brent Johnson, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., at House of Italy (across from Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

"An Evening with the Maestro of the Manx" presented by Bruce Meyers for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum, June 15, 7 p.m. Meyers will tell story of how he created his dune buggy "Ole Red" (based on a VW chassis), adventures that followed. $5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

Dogs and Toddlers lecture offered by San Diego Humane Society, Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Learn tips to keep dogs and toddlers safe in each other's company. $10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. (MISSION VALLEY)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

A cool late afternoon or early evening in June is perfectly fine for exploring the aptly named Boulder Loop Trail in Daley Ranch — Escondido's 3000-acre open space preserve. During the next six weeks, the sun won't set until 8 p.m. daylight time, so this could be a great place to unwind after work. The loop trail traverses a ridge dotted with granitic boulders that gleam in the afternoon light. Each boulder has been sculpted into its own unique, often fanciful shape, a product of tens of thousands of years of weathering and erosion.

Begin walking at the entrance to Dixon Lake Recreation Area (one mile up La Honda Drive from El Norte Parkway in northeast Escondido), where a large parking lot accommodates Daley Ranch day-trippers. Pass around the Daley Ranch gate and walk on pavement up and over a summit 0.4 mile ahead. At 0.7 mile take the path on the left signed "Boulder Loop Trail." On this steep, slippery old bulldozer track hewn into decomposed-granite soil, you quickly gain 250 feet of elevation. Look behind you for an agreeable view of the pond-dotted valley below. To the south and southwest spreads the quintessentially suburban city of Escondido, and far beyond that — if you're lucky this time of year — you'll see the San Diego and Baja coastline.


Along Boulder Loop Trail

At 1.0 mile into your hike, you level off on a gently rolling plateau averaging about 1600 feet in elevation. You proceed west for a while on a narrow, sometimes eroded path, swing north at 1.5 miles, go up and over a low saddle, and at 1.9 miles stay right, joining a distinct dirt road. A virtual boulder garden lies hereabouts, with tooth-like specimens of coarse-grained bedrock jutting upward from the ground. Many of the outcrops and boulders exhibit the effects of spheroidal weathering, a process of micro-erosion that eats away at the surface of a rock and rounds its shape by removing mineral grains one at a time. The mineral grains lying along any sharp edge of a boulder are more susceptible to loosening and removal by the chemical action of rainwater and by biological activity, and by the physical forces of flowing water and wind.

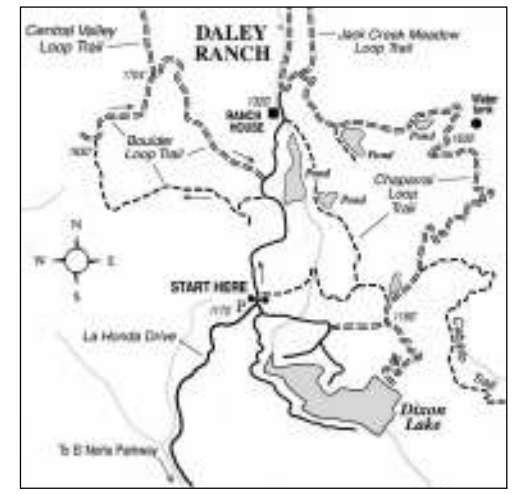
Heading east around the loop now, you pass Central Valley Loop Trail on the left. Keep straight and descend to the paved Daley Ranch entrance road (3.2 miles). Retrace your earlier steps on the pavement back to your car, another 0.8 mile away.

This article contains information about a publicly 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.

BOULDER LOOP TRAIL (DALEY RANCH)

Meander amid tooth-like boulders high atop a ridge on Daley Ranch preserve in Escondido.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 36 miles
Hiking length: 4.0 miles
Hiking difficulty: Moderate



IN PERSON

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)

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)

Americana Singer-Songwriter Slaid Cleaves performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, June 9, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). $15, $20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

SDSU City Planning Professor Lawrence A. Herzog visits D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue) on Friday, June 9, 7 p.m., to discuss his new book, *Return to the Center: Culture, Public Space, and City-Building in a Global Era.* 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" discussed by author Greg Palast, Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: $5–$10. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

Author Robert Levinson signs, discusses *Where the Lies Begin* and conducts "The Long and the Short of It" writing seminar, Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Recommended reservations: 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Baja Blues Boys perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, June 10, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). $15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Christian Drama presented by Covenant Players, Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

Contemporary Mystery Author Kyra Davis visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss *Passion, Betrayal, and Killer Highlights,* Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"Building With Nature: Inspiration for the Arts and Crafts Home" discussed by author Leslie M. Freudenheim, Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Lecture illustrated with "rare historic images," letters. Booksigning follows. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

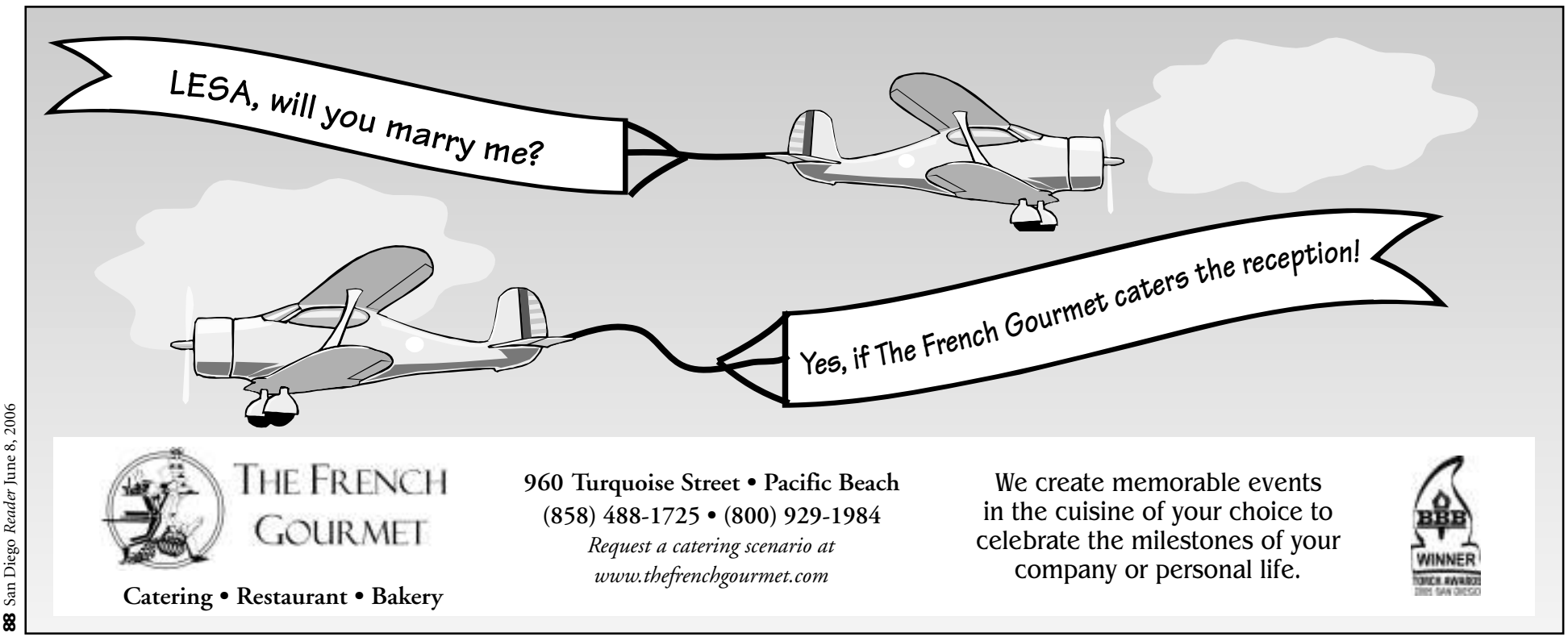
Author Robert Simmons discusses his book, *The Skeptic's Dictionary,* when Humanist Fellowship gathers on Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

The Tommy Gannon Quartet performs at 1:30 p.m. for party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG), Sunday, June 11, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). $12. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kol Zimra a Cappella Ensemble in concert, Sunday, June 11, 7 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. "Evening of *simcha* and song from one of New York's hottest Jewish groups." $25. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Music of Japan and original compositions blending jazz, rock, and world music played by Masayo Norikura (on 13- and 17-string kotos) and Robert B. Williams (flute, wind synthesizer), Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo High School Performing Arts Center (13010 Paseo Lucido). Tickets for CD-release concert are $10 general, $5 for children, free for those under 12. 858-451-9117. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Navy Band Southwest, June 11, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)



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"Three Women, 23 Novels: An Afternoon with Drusilla Campbell, Sara Lewis, and Abigail Padgett" hosted by San Diego Writers, Ink, Sunday, June 11, 4–7 p.m., at YMCA Youth and Family Services (2927 Meade Avenue). Donation: $10. Reservations: 619-701-4922. (NORTH PARK)

Carrying on Klezmer Traditions — sixth annual Klezmer Summit, Monday, June 12, 7 p.m., on Lyceum Stage at San Diego Repertory Theatre in Horton Plaza. Bill includes New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars, "Songs from the Heart: Ha'nigun Sh'bah'lev," appearance by klezmer clarinet virtuoso Alexander Gourevitch. $22. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Beating the Summer Doldrums! San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, June 12, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Spectators: $2, competitors: $5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Joyride Through English! Martha Barnette, author and *A Way With Words* co-host, speaks on Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). She's author of three books on word origins. Free. 619-533-3902. (COLLEGE AREA)

Open-Mike Poetry Night, Monday, June 12, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"But I Love My Wife" Comedy Show with comics Scott Bowman, Tim Palmer, sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, for Comedy Grill on Tuesday, June 13, 8 p.m., Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: $5. For those 18 and older. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Philosopher and Professor Joan McIver Gibson discusses her new book, *A Field Guide to Good Decisions: Values in Action,* Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author Franklin L. Gould discusses, signs *A Woman's Right,* Tuesday, June 13, at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington Street). Free. Time, details: 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

Love, Murder, Mysticism, the Sea — Ferenc Mate signs and discusses *Ghost Sea,* Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Secrets of the Savanna" divulged by authors Delia and Mark Owens, who "stopped the poaching in the northern Luangwa Valley in Zambia." Duo signs and discusses their book, Thursday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

INDIAN FAIR
San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

(SEE SPECIAL)



SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in Milwaukee for game against Brewers, Thursday, June 8, 11:05 a.m. Pads head back to Petco Park to host Florida Marlins, June 9–11, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 12:35 p.m. on Sunday. Los Angeles Dodgers arrive for games June 13–15, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

The San Diego Surf Dawgs baseball team hosts Long Beach Armada, June 8–11, at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday, in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

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

National Learn-to-Row Day commemorated by ZLAC Rowing Club with "fun in the boathouse and on the waters of Mission Bay," Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. It's never too early or late to take up the sport. Reservations: 619-276-0266. Boathouse is located at 1111 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Venture to Valley Center, Lilac, and other spots on backcountry ride hosted by Bicycle Touring Society, Sunday, June 11. The 80-miler begins at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive) at 8:45 a.m. Free. 619-688-6536. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Full Moon Paddling, kayak tour of Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, June 11, 7–10 p.m. Fee: $65 per adult, $20 for children six

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San Diego Walk for Autism Research, Sunday, June 11, at Coors Amphitheatre. Registration at 8:30 a.m., 1.5-mile walk at 9:30 a.m. Activities for spectators, participants. Pledges, donations requested. 858-597-9300. (CHULA VISTA)

Which Way to the Greek Festival? Join Knickerbiker bicyclists to answer question on Sunday, June 11. The 25-miler starts at 9 a.m. by municipal pool at Morley Field (Upas Street). Cycle through Mission Hills, North Park, Point Loma, back to Park Boulevard and St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church's annual festival. Bring money for lunch, admission. 619-262-3969. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginner's Kayak Lessons offered Sunday, June 11, 10 a.m., by Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place); 15-minute demonstrations available as well. Participants must be able to swim. Free. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

Del Mar Charity Fair Horse Show — equestrian event features American saddlebred horses, hackney ponies, Morgans, Friesians, roaster horses and ponies, Tuesday–Friday, June 13–16, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Classes begin at noon and 6:30 p.m. each day; no evening classes on Friday. Included in Del Mar Fair admission ($11 general). 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Bicycle to Sunset Cliffs and Shelter Island with Sierra Club riders, Tuesday, June 13. Moderate hills, peppy pace, 21–35 miles — ride starts at 5:15 p.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for dining. 858-974-4871. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

17th World Bromeliad Conference — boasting extensive plant sale, horticultural specimens, and artistic arrangements of these drought-resistant plants — runs June 9–11 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Events begin at 9 a.m. each day, closing at 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. $5 per day. 858-277-1030. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Ride the Tide to Fun, San Diego County Fair runs Saturday, June 10–Tuesday, July 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests (bubble gum blowing, pie eating); many concerts.

Closed Mondays. Gates open 10 a.m.; admission closes at 10 p.m. Sunday–Thursday, at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; grounds remain open until around midnight. Admission: $11 general, $6 seniors and kids 6–12, free for those 5 and under. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Jacumba Music, Arts, and Wellness Festival, Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., promises many stages of live music, healing arts, crafts, food. Country parade at noon. To reach festival, take Jacumba exit off I-8, turn left on Carrizo Gorge Road, right on Old Highway 80. Admission is free. 619-766-4997. (JACUMBA)

Many Former Slaves Settled in Julian in the late 1800s. Julian Black Historical Society hosts Juneteenth festivities with historical enactments, tours, food, music on Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m., at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Juneteenth commemorates the date slaves in Texas learned of Emancipation Proclamation, two and a half years after its signing. Free. 760-765-1120. (JULIAN)

Biannual Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. Sale boasts "thousands of handmade ceramics" by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

Antiques and Artisans by the Bay show and sale, Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Embarcadero Park North. All-era antiques, artwork, crafts. Free admission. 760-737-0334. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Fifth Annual Filipino Cultural Celebration with music, film, food, and dance, Saturday, June 10, in Oceanside Civic Center Plaza (330 North Coast Highway). Screenings of *Dollar a Day, Ten Cents a Dance* (11:30 a.m.) and *Untold Triumph* (1 p.m.); traditional costume show (noon), dancing by PASACAT (2 p.m.); *parol* making for children; food for sale (10 a.m.–4 p.m.). Free admission. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

37th Annual Greek Festival hosted by St. Spyridoon Greek Orthodox Church (3655 Park Boulevard). Authentic Greek food, music, dancing, church tours, games for kids on June 10 and 11. Festival starts at 11 a.m. both days, ends at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: $2 for adults, free for those under 12. 619-297-4165, 619-582-4109. (HILLCREST)

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Southwest Hemerocallis Society Show, Saturday, June 10, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

23rd Annual Indian Fair hosted by San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Native American singer and actress Irene Bedard performs, as do Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, musicians, storytellers; Native American marketplace, children's activities, "authentic Native American cuisine" for sale. Admission: $5. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Luiseño Mission Indians Inter-Tribal Powwow, June 10 and 11, at Mission San Luis Rey. Many different tribes, cultures represented in dance, art, music. Gourd dancing starts at 11 a.m. both days, grand entry at noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday. Intertribal and competition dancing follows grand entries both days. Vendor village, food.

Hours: 9 a.m.–11 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sunday. Find mission at 4050 Mission Avenue. Admission is free. 760-724-8505. (OCEANSIDE)

"Sushi's Red Ball: The Revolution" — annual "infamous art-party fundraiser" is Saturday, June 10, 9 p.m., at NTC Promenade (2899 Roosevelt Road). Dress as your favorite revolutionary (thinker, artist, scientist, politician) for art, music, dancing, "healthy dose of debauchery." $45 at door. Reservations: 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

Silent Book Auction hosted by Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), June 10 and 11. Some very old, some very collectible, some new, all interesting! Make or raise a written bid anytime from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, 1–3 p.m. on Sunday. 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

"Stories of Service," orientation for this program — in which young people interview veterans, then use these interviews to make short movies about the veterans' memories — is Saturday, June 10, 1–3 p.m., at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center (2115 Park Boulevard). Process takes one month to complete a DVD, working two hours a week for that month. Free. 858-636-4125. (BALBOA PARK)

Encinitas Wine Festival, benefiting many charities, Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Food from local restaurants, fine wines, microbrews, tequilas for sampling. $75. Reservations: 760-753-7343. (ENCINITAS)

Core Yoga Workshop led by Dana Pare, Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m., at MBS Studio (2971 India Street). "Connect with your own internal source of power and energy" in this Ashtanga Vinyasa yoga-based class. $35 for this class, or pay $100 for series of four workshops. 619-682-7115. (MIDDLETOWN)

Hillcrest Book Fair and Festival, Sunday, June 11, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., on Fifth Avenue (between Robinson and Pennsylvania). Booksellers will offer all manner of books; authors on hand; staged readings; storytelling;

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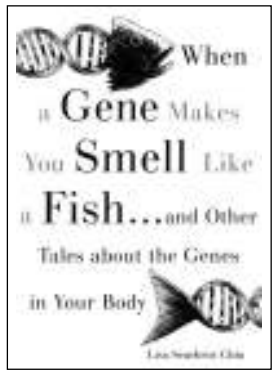
When a Gene Makes You Smell Like a Fish: And Other Amazing Tales about the Genes in Your Body



By Lisa Seachrist Chiu
Oxford University Press; 2006; $27; 240 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:
From the gene that causes people to age prematurely to the "bitter gene" that may spawn broccoli haters, this book explores a few of the more exotic locales on the human genome, highlighting some of the tragic and bizarre ways our bodies go wrong when genes fall prey to mutation and the curious ways in which genes have evolved for our survival.

Lisa Seachrist Chiu offers here a smorgasbord of stories about rare and not-so-rare genetic quirks – the gene that makes some people smell like a fish, the Black Urine Gene, the Werewolf Gene, the Calico Cat Gene. We read about the Dracula Gene, a mutation in zebra fish that causes blood cells to explode on contact with light, and suites of genes that also influence behavior and physical characteristics. The Tangier Island Gene, first discovered after physicians discovered a boy with orange tonsils (scientists now realize that the child's odd condition comes from an inability to process cholesterol). And Wilson's disease, a gene defect that fails to clear copper from the body, which can trigger schizophrenia and other neurological symptoms and can be fatal if left untreated. On the plus side, we read about the Myostatin gene, a mutation which allows muscles to become much larger than usual and enhances strength – indeed, the mutations have produced beefier cows and at least one stronger human. And there is also the much-envied Cheeseburger Gene, which allows a lucky few to eat virtually anything they want and remain razor thin.

While fascinating us with stories of genetic peculiarities, Chiu also manages to explain cutting-edge research in modern genetics, resulting in a book that is both informative and entertaining. It is a must read for everyone who loves popular science or is curious about the human body.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
Publishers Weekly: Although Chiu uses a catchy title, cute jokes, and soft watercolor illustrations by her mother to disguise this book as popular science, she has produced a rigorous and detailed survey of the most recent developments in human genetics; a "Genetics Primer" is appended, and many readers will no doubt need it. The first chapter, on a woman who smelled so badly of fish she had to take a three-month leave of absence from work, seems at first the usual, chatty fare of much popular science writing. Within a few paragraphs, however, Chiu has launched into a complex discussion of gene mutation and enzymes. Chiu writes best in her detailed accounts of these genetic oddities, but the names Chiu and others have given the genes responsible ("The Cheeseburger Gene," "The Werewolf Gene," "The Calico Cat Gene") often belie their seriousness, a problem echoed in Chiu's personal anecdotes, which seem to serve less as relevant commentary than as deliberate bids for a larger readership. Chiu's greater contribution is in her willingness to trust her audience with explanations of genetics research that are long, dense, complicated, and surprisingly accessible.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Lisa Seachrist Chiu is a journalist and writer who has covered the cutting edge of genetics, medicine, and molecular biology for more than a decade. She's been published in United Press International Syndicate papers, *Science, Science News, BioWorld Today, Discovery.com*, and the *Howard Hughes Medical Institute*. She lives in Washington, D.C.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:
When I phoned Lisa Seachrist Chiu at her home in Washington D.C., she and her husband had just returned from a trip to the park with their 20-month-old daughter, Anya. As Lisa and I

> A smorgasbord of stories about rare and not–so–rare genetic quirks — the gene that makes some people smell like a fish, the Black Urine Gene, the Werewolf Gene, the Calico Cat Gene.

vendors with variety of reading, writing, food, arts and crafts products. Free. 619-299-3330. (HILLCREST)

House of Philippine Islands hosts lawn program with dancing, music at International Cottages, Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Fords and Friends Picnic — open to all makes and models — Sunday, June 11, 9 a.m., at Dos Picos County Park (17953 Dos Picos Park Road). Free admission for spectators. Registration fee for competitors: $25, benefiting Meals on Wheels. 619-741-4073, 619-461-7194. (RAMONA)

Yoga Under the Full Moon! Relax your mind and muscles during class for all levels (12 and older), Sunday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Bring yoga mat (available for rent, $1), blanket, water. Fee: $10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Sunday, June 11, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. $20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Tuesday, June 13, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. $7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Ring of Fire wine series continues with "Pacific North American Wines" on Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). $25. Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). $20 entry, $10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Solstice 2006 celebrated on Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m., at Del Mar Plaza (1555 Camino del Mar). More than 20 local restaurants offer food, wine, ale; strolling fashion show; music. $40. 858-755-1179. (DEL MAR)

"Putting on the Ritz" — vintage European autos star during Cajon Classic Cruise, the weekly classic car show featuring "more than 500 classic, custom, and hot-rod cars," on Wednesday, June 14, 5–8 p.m. on Main Street. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Why Don't Women Attend the discussion group meeting Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue)? Present your theory. Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

What's in Store for E.B. Scripps Park? Learn about proposed changes to park and La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, Wednesday, June 14, 5:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

"Art-at-6" showcasing artist Kim Reasor is Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m., at Hotel Solamar (435 Sixth Avenue). Art auction, hors d'oeuvres, hosted wine bar. Free admission; proceeds benefit A Reason to Survive. RSVP: 619-295-8232. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Dialogue: Judy Christensen, Sally Hagy-Boyer, Kathy Miller and Lisa Olson" exhibit artists' books through Sunday, June 18, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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)

"Urban Trees 3" — year-long public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Italia Mia — Real Photos by Real People" continues through Saturday, September 16, at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Exhibit boasts 75 photographs by 37 people representing "their most ideal Italian fantasy." Viewing, 1–4 p.m. on Saturdays, is free. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOR KIDS

ArtsFest hosted by Young Audiences of San Diego, Thursday, June 8, 5 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Ensembles will present music, dance, storytelling, visual art from many cultures; hands-on art projects. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

"Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" is next production by South Bay San Diego Junior Theatre, running June 9–18 at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Recommended for all ages. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: $10 adults, $5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48˝ must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Create Foam Flyers from foam plates during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, June 10, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Seal-a-Bration! Third annual event celebrating "another successful pupping season for harbor seals in La Jolla," Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., with art projects, educational/fun games, face painting, at Children's Pool (850 Coast Boulevard). Free. 619-757-6277. (LA JOLLA)

Oh Boy! Origami! Class for kids 5–12 years old, Sunday, June 11, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants make cat, dog, fish. $3. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Wizard of Oz" presented by Encore Youth Theatre and Premiere for Kids, Thursday–Sunday, June 15–18, 8 p.m., at Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Tickets: $9–$16. 760-521-1725. (VISTA)

Hillcrest Book Fair & Festival 2006
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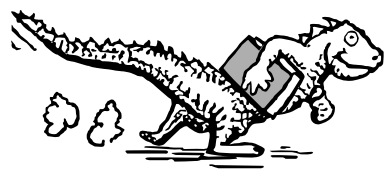

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spoke on the phone, father and daughter could be heard in the background, making preparations for a midday nap. "Were you expecting at the time you were writing your book?" I asked.

"As a matter of fact, I was. I would say that writing a book on genetics while you are pregnant is probably not the best thing to do. It's a little too much information."

"Where did the notion for this book originate?"

"It started as an idea by an agent. The agent sold the idea to a friend of mine who got the book contract and ultimately decided that he didn't want to do it. I had been working for a dot-com, and the dot-com went 'poof,' so I was in a place where this was a reasonable thing for me to consider doing. Then, through a whole host of reasons, the book took longer than I expected. There were changes in editors. At one point I had to re-do the proposal. There was a lot of silliness. Then, because it was not my idea, originally, there were additional challenges.

"Originally the book was sold as a bunch of interesting little stories about genes. The idea was that there would be 40 to 60 of them. But Oxford felt there needed to be some unifying theme, so I organized the stories around major concepts like dominant and recessive genes. You could nearly teach a genetics course with the stories that I have."

"What background did you bring to the topic?"

"I have a master's degree in Biochemistry from Duke, so I have a lot of science background. I'm also the former Washington editor for a biotechnology newspaper called *BioWorld Today*, so this kind of stuff was really old hat for me."

"When you thought about writing this, did you identify an ideal reader and determine what sort of background they would bring to the piece, so that you knew how much information to provide?"

"You know, I probably should have. I first identified the very basic things that you need to know in order to understand these stories. I tried to put all of that into the Genetics Primer in the appendix. Originally, that section was at the very beginning of the book. It became clear right away that that just wouldn't work. Nobody wants to be schooled right off."

"It sure didn't take me long to scoot to the Primer as I read Chapter 1."

"That's just the thing; you leave it as an option and then repeatedly remind people it exists.

"I also repeated information, intentionally, from chapter to chapter. When I pick up a book that has as many little discrete chapters and stories as this one does, I'm not going to read it straight through. I'll read a section then look at the next section and decide. So, I needed to repeat some of the technical aspects so that readers could understand the various sections independently. I didn't expect anybody to remember from one chapter to the next.

"If I were going to spend another few months on it, I would spend more time working with my mother to include more illustrations. There are so many more we could have done had my brain been wrapped around the idea. Originally, I thought about using images from scientists, but they were too off-putting. My mom does watercolors, so I thought it was a good idea."

"Does your mom have a background in the sciences?"

"No, she's a theater major."

"How did you explain things to her in such a way that she was able to illustrate them?"

"First, I would give her the long description, taking her step by step. She would ask, 'What is the most important part of all this? What are we trying to show?' As we talked, the picture came clearer. Fortunately, I communicate well with my mother."

"I have to ask, did you ever have to send her back to the drawing board?

"Yes. It was fine, because she is remarkably fast. At one point I flew her down for two weeks. Of course, at that point, there was a granddaughter involved, so it was pretty easy to get her to come down."

> "Once they learn to speak, they have opinions, and it's not quite as fun."

"In what ways were you encouraged, as a girl and a young woman, to pursue an interest in the sciences?"

"I was always expected to do well in school. There was never any doubt. I was just expected to, and it didn't really matter what the subject was. Because there was that expectation, and I was not a particularly confrontational or contrary child, I wanted to do well.

"Every family has their stories. My grandfather's father died very young. He was a veterinarian and was killed by a horse. Because of that, and a number of other circumstances, my grandfather was unable to go to college, even though he had received a partial scholarship. Because his father couldn't go to school, it became a terrifically important thing, when my father was growing up, that he and his sisters go to school. Going to college was very important in my family as well, because my grandfather didn't get to go."

Suddenly, there is a click on the line, and Lisa's daughter, fresh from her shower, chimes in with a series of distinct syllables, "Ray, me, me, me." As Dad whisks Anya off, I reflect on how much I enjoyed my own daughters at that age. "Once they learn to speak, they have opinions,

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Puppet Express at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater presents *The Country Mouse and the City Mouse* and *The Monkey and the Crocodile* through Sunday, June 11. Show hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Next up: *Pirate Paul's Pirate Party* by Big Joe Productions, June 14–18, Wednesday–Sunday, at 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: $3 for children, $4 seniors, $5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "NASA Accomplishments: In Space and On Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "Aging for All Ages," "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "Try-Science!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Dis-





Reading

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and it's not quite as fun." I muse.

"She's beginning to have opinions already. She's a very early talker. She's 20 months old and she speaks in sentences. You can hear her coming down the stairs."

"How important are genetics in something like early verbal ability?"

"Language has been one of those difficult things to pin down. So far they seem to have identified just one gene related to it. If you have a mutation in that gene, you have problems with actual speaking and with syntax and all sorts of verbal abilities. Other than that, they really don't know what is involved in language acquisition and skills. Knowing about the one gene gives you a place to look for others that have a smaller effect.

"My mother says that I was also an early talker. So, perhaps there is some genetic component to it."

"How did you go about selecting the human stories you use to illustrate the effect of genetic disorders?"

"The story about fish odor syndrome, from which my book takes its title, made a splash in local newspapers and magazines when it was first identified. There have, in fact, been two symposia on the disorder. I went to one, and so was already familiar with the story prior to starting the book.

"Since the 1960s there has been speculation that Abraham Lincoln had Marfan Syndrome. I knew that women's volleyball legend Flo Hyman had also suffered from Marfan Syndrome. I thought that because she was such an important volleyball player, and was so important for women's sports in the 1980s, that this would be a good one to start with.

"Marfan's is an interesting gene because it has so many potential effects. The specific genetic disorder interferes with a very important and widely used protein, so it can manifest itself in any number of ways. You can have problems with the arches of your feet, the main blood vessels of your heart, or the lenses of your eyes. It can also cause you to have lengthy bones and to be very flexible. Marfan Syndrome is a great way to explain the notion of pleiotrophy – the concept that one gene ends up having myriad effects because it involves such a basic process.

"I've always been personally interested in Marfan because I'm an extremely short human being, but my father's father (the veterinarian) was 6'8". He married a woman who was 4'8", and we've been short ever since. One of the interesting things about him, though, was that he sat short. When he sat down he looked to be the same size as everyone else, but when he stood up he was all legs and arms. Looking at him, I have to wonder if he had Marfan Syndrome. And, if so, had he not been killed by that horse, would he have died an early death anyway? Maybe he would have had a weak aorta."

"You say that the first condition recognized to be genetic in nature, Black Urine Disease, was identified as early as the 1580s. You also note that the discovering physician, Scribonius, was a leading proponent of the water test for witches. It's heartening that this child, whose urine turned inky black when it was exposed to the air, was never tried as a witch himself. Or was he?"

"There wasn't any mention of witchcraft. I guess because the child had no other symptoms – he wasn't having fits, and nobody was having problems around him – they assumed he wasn't a witch.

"That does bring up an important point, though. When the Human Genome Project was being started, I went to a press conference with Francis Collins. One of the concerns expressed early on was that people would be stigmatized once something was identified in their genetic makeup. Collins said that it was possible that people would, indeed, be stigmatized, initially. He also said how wrong that was to do, because the best estimates were that all of us carry between seven and nine really bad genes. Whether or not they get expressed depends on which genes they are – which is luck of the draw – and then what kind of environment you find yourself in."

"I can't help but think that genetics is not the field for persons who seek ultimate answers. It seems that each answer that's been found has just led to a thousand more questions."

"It's not a field for somebody who's looking for black and white. You get incremental answers. People seem to think that once you've identified a gene, you can move right to creating a drug or gene therapy. But, it's not that simple, and it's not that straightforward. Biological systems are enormously complex. Changing one thing in a cell can affect so many other things.

"The one thing that frustrates the general public more than anything else is the lack of certainty. You hear people say, 'Just tell me what to eat so I live well.' But it isn't that simple.

"A promising outcome of recent genetic research, though, has to do with SNPs [single nucleotide polymorphisms]. These are tiny variations that cause individuals to respond to various drugs in unique ways. By identifying a person's SNP profile, you can select drugs that are effective and avoid those that aren't. I think this personalized medicine is going to provide some of the answers people have been seeking from genetics research."

– Jerry Miller

> "Scribonius was a proponent of the water test for witches."

cover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January 2007, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* The H.M.S. *Surprise,* used in film *Master and Commander,* is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Body Ornamentation: Artistic Representations of Self," continuing through Tuesday, March 27, 2007, examines this enduring art form. Exhibit focuses on many different types of body art in variety of cultures around the world, as well as underlying reasons behind the ornamentation. See examples of body painting, tattooing, scarification, piercing; documentary videos, photo murals.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Saturday, March 24, 2007.

"Passage to Panama: Past to Present" continues through Thursday, January 25. Exhibit documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs. "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas,* colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. Closes Monday, September 4.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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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)

Lunchtime at the Lyceum, La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs for series, Thursday, June 8, at Lyceum Stage at Horton Plaza. Woodworks: The SDSU Clarinet Choir takes stage on Friday, June 9. On Monday, June 12, enjoy Fine Arts Quartet with Michael Collins; Westwind Brass performs Tuesday, June 13. "Mozart and His Women" presented by Stanley Walens on Wednesday, June 14. Time for "Moderns for Mozart" on Thursday, June 15. All programs begin at noon. Free. 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra! UCSD Wind Ensemble performs Thursday, June 8, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Songs of Experience," Bolcom's "ambitious setting of William Blake's *Songs of Innocence and Experience* for soloists, multiple choral forces, and orchestra" is presented by La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, June 10 and 11. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2006, annual musical series continues when Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra presents all-Mozart programs on Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) and on Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). (DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

Duo piano recital with Jon Kimura Parker and Anton Nels (pianos) joined by Christopher French, John Cox, Sunday, June 11, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Rachmaninoff. (LA JOLLA)

The Fine Arts Quartet plays pieces by Mozart, Shostakovich, and Beethoven on Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m., in Don Room at El Cortez (702 Ash Street). Ensemble plays Mozart on Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at Jackie Robinson Family YMCA (151 YMCA Way). Listen for pieces by Glass, Mozart, and Schubert on Wednesday, June 14, 8 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Cocktail concert with Mozart and Mendelssohn pieces, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., at Bristol Hotel (1055 First Avenue). (DOWNTOWN, LOGAN HEIGHTS, MIDDLETOWN)

Tickets, reservations: 619-239-0100.

Celebrating 25 Years, the handbell choir ministry plans concert by Bell Tones adult choir and Energetic Ensemble youth choir, Saturday, June 10, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Voice Students Master Class Recital, Saturday, June 10, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B-10) in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra Symphony performs with soloists Hayato Ishibashi (violin) and Lisa Zhu (piano), Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Concert previews selections the symphony will perform on upcoming tour of Sweden, Finland, Russia. $20 general, $10 students. 858-484-9635. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Music and Witness of Mark Hayes" — the Westminster Choir, soloists, New Dawn Singers perform works by Hayes in concert, Sunday, June 11, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Hayes will conduct his newest work, a setting of the "Te Deum" (in English) with orchestra. 619-232-7513. Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble performs music by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Chesnokov, and Russian folk songs, Sunday, June 11, 1 p.m., at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street). Offering. 619-224-0140. (CLAIREMONT)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, June 11, 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 11, 7 p.m., at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). Donation. 760-473-7254. (OCEANSIDE)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs compositions by Dvořák, Wagner, Strauss, Gluck, Holst, Anderson on Monday, June 12, 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church of San Diego (5055 Governor Drive). Offering. 619-235-8067. (SAN DIEGO)

Coastal Communities Chamber Trio performs music by Bizet, Fauré, Clare Grundman, Scott Joplin, Shostakovich, and Von Kreisler, Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

Symphonic Sounds in Historic Halls, the Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., in Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Mary Gerard leads orchestra made up of students 12–22 in pieces by Dvořák, Wagner, Strauss, Gluck, Holst, Anderson. Tickets: $10 in advance, $15 at door. 619-235-8067. (NORTH PARK)

"Mozart and Italy," lecture-concert by art historian Konrad Oberhuber, violinist Victoria Martino, and pianist Brent Johnson, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., at House of Italy (across from Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Inspiration: Mexico," exhibit of work by Hugo Crosthwaite, Marianela de la Hoz, and Irma Sofia Poeter opens with reception, Friday, June 9, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). 619-232-5004. Through Saturday, July 8. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Lost Objects and Ephemera" — photographs by Olivia Parker are on view through Saturday, August 26, at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Opening reception for Parker is Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

Works on Paper from 17th Century to contemporary times showcased at Perry L. Meyer Fine Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 251). Opening reception, Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. 619-538-9512. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Liquid Light," exhibit of new paintings by Los Angeles artist Jimi Gleason opens with artist's reception, Friday, June 9, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). 858-459-3917. Closes Friday, July 14. (LA JOLLA)

Three-Dimensional Wall Sculptures by Denise Brook and paintings inspired by vintage children's book illustrations, vintage photographs, and ephemera by Karen O'Brien go on exhibit during reception on Friday, June 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Their art is also featured during Ray at Night, Saturday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

New York Artists Willy Heeks exhibits "Recent Paintings" and Sebastian Blanck shows "Blue Morning" through Saturday, July 22, at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238). Exhibition opens with reception for artists on Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. 619-501-5689. (LITTLE ITALY)

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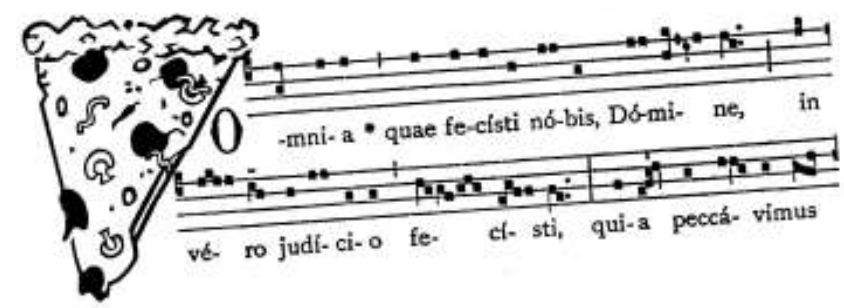

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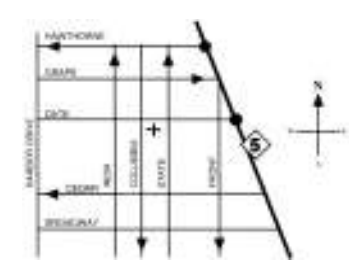

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ART

Abstract Art, artists Ellie Havel Wagoner and Ann Lynott host open studio reception, Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m., in studio F at Artisan's Gallery and More (224 East Grand Avenue). Abstract painting demonstration during reception. 760-602-0140. (ESCONDIDO)

"Coming Together," exhibit with work by Hugo Salinas, Christopher Blaikie, and Victoria Estacio Huckins opens with reception on Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Closes Saturday, August 5. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"Stand, Sayonara, Stand!" Mobile Toy Theater presents UCSD MFA first-year review, Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m., at Ice Gallery (3417 30th Street). Walk-through performance/installation of "Turn, Jane, Turn!" with various artists. 619-463-1907. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including June 10, 6–10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Peanuts" Animator Bill Melendez celebrates "Peanuts" exhibition opening with reception, Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m., at Chuck Jones Studio Gallery of Old Town (2501 San Diego Avenue). Exhibit — closing Saturday, July 29 — includes original production cels, limited-edition artwork, drawings, backgrounds, key master setups, original watercolors from cartoons. 888-294-9880. (OLD TOWN)

"Black and White" — multimedia group show opens with reception for artists in conjunction with Ray at Night on Saturday, June 10, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). 619-546-9546. Closes Thursday, July 6. (NORTH PARK)

"Beyond the Visible: Works by Abe Ordover and Will Gibson" go on view during reception on Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Ordover exhibits new abstract imagery from his Yellowstone series; Gibson shows images created in county and neighboring counties, as well as work from around country. Through Sunday, July 16. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Therman Statom: Through the Looking Glass" mixes interactive, site-specific installations composed of bridges, towers, and mazes with "the collection of painterly large-scale plans for these works." Statom is known for his "innovative use of glass."

Work investigating "memory, identity, and the ephemeral nature of existence through light projections and the physical transformation of matter" showcased in "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, Downtown, "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 17.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

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Over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

"Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits" continues through Sunday, September 3. Venegas created portraits of artists in upcoming "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana" exhibit, asking each artist to select location for portrait; resulting pieces record physical and physiological spaces connecting places and their inhabitants.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s that changed the world. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

Discover how the introduction of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs." 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" 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)

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

"The really *big* problem with the Broadway theater today is you always know what's going to happen," says Denis, a budding novelist in Richard Greenberg's play *The Violet Hour*. "Why pay attention when you can tell how something's going to end?"

It's 1919 and Denis, who writes as voluminously as Thomas Wolfe, vows that his novels will be unpredictable. In Denis's complaint about Broadway, Greenberg asserts both the arc and the theme of *The Violet Hour*. During the long, talky first act, you'd expect the second to be equally dreary. Though just as gabby — this script *cries* for a pruning! — Act Two opens forward, into the future, and asks: what would you do if you knew how your life will turn out?

John Pace Seavering has a dilemma. The Princeton grad and WWI vet wants to publish books (shuffle a few dates around, and John resembles Maxwell Perkins, genius editor of Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and Thomas Wolfe, and the closest thing to godliness in American literature). Though his New York office has more manuscripts than furniture, John has only enough money to publish one. Which will it be: Denis's 25-volume, anthology-like shambles or African-American singing sensation Jessie Brewster's (Josephine Baker?) steamy memoir? Denis needs to be published so he can marry Rosamund Plinth (yep, she of the Chicago "meatpacking Plinths"). Jessie and John, it turns out, are an item.

Then this other book shows up. Pages spew like snow from a printing press/contraption in the next room, and *The Violet Hour*'s unpredictable second act turns into science fiction. The "book" is books and articles about John's life, authors unknown, and of the 20th Century. Gidger, the publishing company's factotum, reads sections and incorporates 80 years of American jargon into his speech (this being one of the all-time linguistic wonders). Gidger doesn't know if his name's his first or last. When he can't find it in the index, he shouts, "I'm just a conduit for history!"

The idea's a grabber: not just what if you know your whole story beforehand, but what if you have no free will to change it? So, just submit? Rebel, try to hoodwink destiny? Enjoy the living of your life anyway — and maybe more fully?

The idea also lets Greenberg take a few potshots, often as asides. One of the funniest: a critical theorist, who specializes in Rosamund Plinth studies, vows to write a multidisciplinary exposé of John's private life of "hegemonic entitlement" and closeted sexuality. But, John protests, neither is true. No matter, says Gidger, "It's in a book." Ergo…

Most scripts play better than they read. *The Violet Hour*'s an exception. It's a fun read: ideas jumping around, enough literary references for a grad seminar. Onstage, however, it unfolds like a 90-minute chamber piece expanded, with filler, to two and a half hours. As when Gidger gives all umpteen names for his dog, Sir Lancelot (Lancie, La, Celot, Sla, Lut, Slut — that's fewer than half of them!). On the page, since you can skip, they're witty and inventive. On the stage they do go on.

Greenberg has written some fine plays: *Three*



Lucas Hall, T. Scott Cunningham in The Violet Hour

The Violet Hour, *by Richard Greenberg*
Old Globe Theatre, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by Carolyn Cantor; *cast: Lucas Hall, T. Scott Cunningham, Patch Darragh, Christen Simon, Kristen Bush; scenic design, David Korins; costumes, Robert Blackman; lighting, Matthew Richards; sound, Paul Peterson*
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Days of Rain (in which the characters go back in time) and *Take Me Out,* his paean to baseball, come to mind. But with *The Violet Hour* he keeps pumping the brakes when he should be hitting the gas.

Characters suggest figures from literature and music. With the males, Greenberg offers teasing hints: John does and does not resemble Max Perkins. The playwright's women, however, are just badly written. Both are mold-breakers reduced to stereotype. Rosamund recalls Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of F. Scott. It might have helped if Kristin Bush gave Rosamund more of Zelda's jazz age, over-the-top fire. Instead she's a ditz in canary yellow who never, ever stops talking. During Greenberg's lumpiest prose, when she tries to seduce John, the scene does a long, tepid collapse.

Given the quantity of cutesy racial remarks Jessie must endure, it's a wonder she doesn't react. Josephine Baker would've. Christen Simon plays Jessie more reined in than she should be.

As John, Lucas Hall captures the odd optimism of the times (for a "lost" generation, one character observes, they sure are upbeat). Hall's at his best when naïve young John faces the results of his grand hopes — the If You Knew Now What You'll Know Then Syndrome — and must wrestle with the difference.

In a one-note role, Patch Darragh pumps energy into Denis. But his talk about being a great writer sounds a lot more like bluff than certitude. His hair parted down the middle, a look of lost-dog perplexity etched on his face, T. Scott Cunningham's Gidger provides much-needed comic relief — in a comedy!

And there's the rub. Well, one of them. *The Violet Hour* tries to yoke antithetical canvases: a comedy, an ongoing seminar of insider literary references, a sage meditation on human effort. Given these centrifugal tuggings, it's a wonder that director Carolyn Cantor almost holds them together.

Best of show: its hyper-period look. Robert Blackman's costumes shout "1919." David Korins's scenic design recalls the box sets of the time, but with a flashy warp. His has only two walls. Another corner bullies into the audience, in effect combining design elements a century apart. The play's title comes from T.S. Eliot's "Waste Land." At one point lighting designer Matthew Richards, who has a field day with moody angles and New York sunsets, takes it literally. He casts a violet tinge on stacks of the "history," the light suggesting a reward at day's end; the history, the course of a life.

The people in *The Violet Hour* have, as one says, "most of the century ahead of them." And since they've just come out of the war to end all wars, they're convinced the worst has already happened. We stand at the threshold of another century. Tim Flannery (a respected Australian scientist, not the erstwhile second baseman of Los Padres) has written a profoundly important book about the 21st. To read it is to read your future. *The Weather Makers* not only proves that global warming is real, it details horrific scenarios if left unchecked. John Pace Seavering has one path ahead of him. According to Flannery, we have several, but only one if we don't act now. ■

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Atwater: Fixin' to Die

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.
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Christmas on Mars
The Old Globe Theatre offers Harry Kondoleon's "off-kilter" comedy about a new apartment and how it could unite or splinter Bruno, Audrey, her mother, and his friend. Kirsten Brandt directed.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, THROUGH JULY 9; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Crave
By the end of Sarah Kane's 50-minute piece, the four tormented speakers on a collision-course 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 session, however, takes place in 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.
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his ever-present wit and amazing performances by Jeanne Montano (who skewers Yoko Ono and *Jersey Boys*) and Valerie Fagan (co-author of *Six Women With Brain Death,* who slanders Sarah Brightman). Male performers Jared Bradshaw and Kevin B. McGlynn certainly hold their own (especially Bradshaw's demolition of Harry Connick Jr. and McGlynn's take on a forgetful Robert Goulet, who slaps lyrics from *Camelot* onto *South Pacific*). The revue reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing ("Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?" one sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear), and Alessandrini's spoof on *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes (often changed in split seconds). Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater, and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. ***Critic's pick.***

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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 fun happens when the cast adopts B-movie talk and if-you-get-my-

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drift asides. Like jets 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 Monroe circa 1956; Eve Kellgren resembles her character's namesake, Vivian Blaine; Jo Anne Glover's Terry speaks with a spot-on Audie Murphy accent; versatile Jessica John's Ava Gardner; and Terri Park recalls every oppressed soul seeking refuge from the conformist, claustrophobic '50s, an age that's become a dead ringer for our own.
Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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 CENTRE DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JUNE 25; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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 BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Six Women With Brain Death

North Park Vaudeville Theatre stages the popular "take-no-prisoners satire of life and pop culture."
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My Fair Lady

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Violet Hour

Reviewed this issue.
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 SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents 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

Boris Pasternak's 1955 novel and David Lean's movie have a majestic sweep. By contrast the La Jolla Playhouse's musical version, now in its world premiere, feels cramped, truncated, like trailers of *Dr. Zhivago* performed on a sound stage. Metallic girders dominate the look. No matter where the story goes, from Alexander Gromeko's New Year's Eve party to far Varykino, the set always resembles a high-rise under construction. The story feels even more cramped. Michael Weller's book speed-reads the novel so quickly that the characters have no time to breathe. Although Jessica Burrows tries to suggest depths, her Lara's little more than a blonde object of male desire. As written (and except for the songs Ivan Hernandez sings beautifully), Yuri comes off as a shallow romantic lead in a melodrama. Moustache-twisting dialogue also makes for melodrama, as do the musical's facile hero-versus-terrorists opposition (Joe McCarthy would approve this message). The production goes for big effects, including a railroad flatcar turning around, but Lucy Simon's melodic, Russian-tinted score is a star. When *Zhivago* breaks into song we get pages of needed backstory and characters suddenly have inner lives so different from their non-singing selves you wonder if they're the same person. The music's of such quality it doesn't need to be sung — as just about every song is — at full summer-blockbuster volume.
Worth a try.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH JULY 9; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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Rogue Band Thwarted! "We knew we would not be allowed to play [the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon], so we decided to take it over and do our own thing," says Dune Murderous of Defamation League. The local hip-hop group (which provided the soundtrack to the video produced by UCSD porn celebrity Steve York) arranged to set up their own unapproved route-side performance in the parking lot of the Barnett Avenue Adult superstore. Porn star and gubernatorial candidate Mary Carey was to appear with them during their show.


DEF LEAGUE AND CAREY JUST WANTED TO PLAY

When contacted about the plans six days before the event, marathon entertainment director Shauna Buffington was not pleased.

"A hip-hop band playing in a porno is probably not appropriate [for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon]," said Buffington. "Normally, [unauthorized bands] get shut down." She said permits are secured by the city for each band to play at each site along the run. "People play in their own front yards, like in Crown Point, and that's fine. But if they play on public property or at businesses, we've made them stop." She said she wouldn't "necessarily" call the cops herself, but she said the authorities are usually successful at getting rogue bands to stop.

Two days before the event, the band and Carey appeared on 91X to talk about their plans. That was a big mistake, says band manager Sam Elhag.

"Mary was not supposed to talk about it [on the air]. She was only supposed talk about [another promotional event] we were doing Saturday. Two hours after we were on 91X, the cops came to the store and told the manager as soon as anyone plugged in an amp, the store and everyone involved would get cited. We wanted to continue and move it to the roof, but the bookstore said they can't take the risk because of the kind of business they are in."


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PADILLA LEARNS POWER OF REAL ESTATE

Elhag doubts the SDPD issued the warning of their own volition after hearing the statement on 91X.

"Cops aren't that proactive. They don't give a crap about this."

— *Ken Leighton*

Provider for the Swarm On May 27, lawmen snuffed out a show at Stripline, a new all-age venue in San Marcos. The promoter, who had hosted four shows there during a two-month period, didn't have an entertainment license.

"The police told us that the daughter of someone who worked for the city [of San Marcos] mentioned Stripline to her father," says Jen Razavi, 19, who helped organize some of the shows. "Since then, the cops have been watching us."

Stripline is located in a warehouse near Restaurant Row in San Marcos. Music teacher Al Padilla rented out the space and taught his guitar students how to play Green Day and blink-182 riffs.

"Then I learned the power of real estate," Padilla says about his decision to stop teaching and start running rehearsal studios. He built four practice rooms and rented each one for $400 a month. The rehearsal rooms and a recording studio are upstairs. He built a 1500-square-foot performance space downstairs.

"I invested money in a decent-sized stage and in a sound and light system." During the four shows he had, Padilla says, "There was never a problem with drugs, alcohol, or fights. We only had a minor problem with trash, which we cleaned up.…


NEVAEH AND YNNOS LAVODNAS

"The bad thing about this business is the moment you tell a band they can play a show, they are going to advertise it on the Internet." San Marcos sheriff's deputies cited Padilla for the violation. "I have to go to court on July 19. They told me if I continue to do this, they would give me a misdemeanor. And if I kept doing it, eventually I would get a felon.… There is no all-age venue in North County, yet there is a swarm of bands up here who want to play."

"The cops [who canceled the show] were super cool," says drummer Jared Buckwalter. His band, Carol Ann, was supposed to be the last of four to play on May 27. "It sucks having to drive to San Diego [to perform]. We played [the small stage] at Soma. It sold out. A lot of our fans didn't make it there in time, so they couldn't get in. They wouldn't let some of our parents in."

— *Ken Leighton*

Name That Spawn Credit P.O.D.'s Sonny Sandoval for those tykes in your kid's kindergarten class named Nevaeh (pronounced neh-VAY-uh). According to the *New York Times,* the name's popularity is rising faster than any other in the past 100 years. Sandoval told MTV in 2000 that his baby daughter's name is "heaven spelled backwards."

Social Security Administration records document that 8 girls in the U.S. were named Nevaeh in 1999; last year there were 4457. It's currently the 70th most popular girl's name in the U.S., ahead of Amanda, Sara, and Vanessa, but not as popular as the modern era's top two: Ashley and Emily.

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

Bring the Noise Project This weekend, former Ché Café sound engineer and booker Bob Bellerue will enter the UCSD venue for the first time in 15 years. He'll perform as Halfnormal, his L.A.-based noise project. Bellerue ran the boards from 1987 to 1991, a period during which Rage Against the Machine appeared at the Ché.

"[Back then it] was a bizarre combination of things between the whole hippie garden vibe and then the punk rock or post-punk or post-whatever music scene.… You had this amazing rock scene, which was for me the people who were in Pitchfork, Fishwife, Heavy Vegetable who have all become rock stars in their own right. Then you also had the Crash Worship element, which really turned people on their heads in the same way the Dead did, but in a more pagan, industrial way. Then, also, they had Daddy Long Leggs, which were a funk-metal-punk thing, which turned a lot of kids on to groove and rhythm."

Bellerue left San Diego after dropping out of UCSD during the "next Seattle" years, when bands such as



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Drive Like Jehu, Three Mile Pilot, and Rocket from the Crypt signed to major record labels. When that happened, he lost a lot of his passion for San Diego music and moved to Colorado to study poetry and Buddhism.

"I think we gave Rocket from the Crypt their first gig outside of house parties," Bellerue says. "The thing that really sticks out from that period of time was that people were just interested in doing their own thing. They



BELLERUE RECALLS BIZARRE COMBINATION

knew about music that was going on in the world, but they weren't necessarily trying to make it big. They were just trying to have fun."

— Jeremiah Griffey

When the Meek Don't Speak... On May 25, aspiring rapper Lawrence Christopher Smith was sentenced to 84 years to life in prison for the November 2004 shooting death of Dom Perignon Champagne in Southeast San Diego. During his sentencing for first-degree murder, Smith chastised the



LEE MALVO: LIKELY ROLE MODEL

victim's mother for not attending all trial dates. "What you're doing is spitting on your own son's grave.… I'm glad. I hope you do suffer, as far as that goes."

Smith, 25, is said to have been driving his Oldsmobile Cutlass when either he or a passenger shot at 18-year-old Champagne. The police report indicates that Champagne, in his own sedan, was playing "Crip-killing music."

Smith's 16-year-old passenger, Jimmy Lopez (now 18), has pleaded guilty to shooting into an occupied vehicle and faces a possible eight years in prison.

Deputy district attorney Michael Runyon says rap lyrics found in Smith's jail cell during his trial express admiration for Washington, D.C., sniper Lee Malvo.

During sentencing, Runyon shared a sample lyric with the court: "The meek wouldn't speak, so we had to shear them like sheep."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Bad Lessons? In mid-May, Chula Vista police arrested the operator of El Jibarito Music Studio, Walter Rivera, and charged the 49-year-old with ten counts of lewd acts with a victim under the age of 14. The "inappropriate touching" is alleged to have occurred during a lesson with an 8-year-old student at one of Rivera's two music studios in the South Bay. The alleged victim's father notified police, and Rivera, who is married, was arrested on May 18 and held on $500,000 bail. On May 22, however, the district attorney's office said that no charges would be filed "at this time," and Rivera was released before a scheduled arraignment.



WALTER RIVERA

Prosecutor Enrique Camarena says his office plans "further investigation" into the allegations.

Chula Vista police spokesperson Bernard Gonzales says, "We feel there is enough evidence to proceed.… A second victim, a 14-year-old [girl], has come forward. We're still interviewing potential witnesses, as are detectives from the Family Protection Unit…."

El Jibarito Music Studio charges from $75 to $160 monthly for music lessons; the website touts their "carefully screened instructors."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hot Stuff "Over 50 percent of my roof is gone, and all the wiring has to be replaced," says Candye Kane, who recently returned from a European tour to her partially burned North County home. "I had a contractor fixing a small problem on my roof. Apparently, he used a blowtorch to loosen some of the tar, and the torch started smoldering some of the roofing insulation without his knowledge. After smoldering all day, by late Friday night the roof and house were smoking profusely.

"My 17-year-old son Tommy came home about 11:00 p.m. and opened the attic, and black smoke billowed out. He wanted to climb up there with a fire extinguisher, and thankfully, my roommate Josh talked him out of it and they called 911."

Kane says her homeowner's insurance, along with the contractor's insurance, should cover repairs.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Don't Call Her Pickle Breath When Ashlee Simpson appears at Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park tonight, June 8, she'll be in possession of a bag of Ricola cough drops, some Dentyne Ice or Orbit gum, a small bottle of Cool Mint Listerine, and a toothbrush with toothpaste. Other requirements include a box of Oreos; two bags of Lay's potato chips (regular and Baked BBQ); a box each of



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Crash Carter was formed in North County in late 2004 and pairs drummer John Mears and bassist Jeff Bowman (both formerly of surf rockers Tower 7) with singer/keyboardist Casey Gee. "We're just three groove-oriented guys trying to sound like Stevie Wonder meets the Police meets the Greyboy Allstars," says Gee. "The name comes from this mythical train conductor who supposedly got in a lot of accidents, but they couldn't fire him because he was in the union."

Last year's *Red Buttons Blink* featured guest appearances by local players Michael Tiernan and Sven-Erik Seaholm (who coproduced). Switchfoot front man Jon Foreman was supposed to contribute but ended up being out of the country during recording. The Switchfoot connection goes back to Gee's childhood friendship with Foreman, with whom Gee cowrote the Switchfoot song "Underwater" (heard on *Dawson's Creek*). Gee and John Mears also played together in a turn-of-the-century band called Phobicman alongside Switchfoot touring keyboardist Ryan Fisher.

The band is finishing up a new album to be released this fall. Crash Carter will perform some of their new music Sunday night at 8 p.m. on 94.9 FM.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER OR iPOD?

Jeff Bowman:

1. Black Eyed Peas, *Monkey Business* ("Funky, fun, danceable, not afraid to be silly.")
2. A Tribe Called Quest, *The Low End Theory* ("Quality hip-hop with old-skool groove.")
3. The Brand New Heavies, *Brother Sister* ("'70s-style funk with excellent vocals and melodies.")

John Mears:

1. Stevie Wonder, *Original Musiquarium 1* ("This never leaves rotation. Timeless and genius.")
2. Ben Folds, *Songs for Silverman* ("How is this album not getting airplay?")
3. The Roots, *Phrenology* ("You better be a damn good band with a name like that.")
4. *Lou Rawls Live* ("The classic '70s soul/pop sound.")

Casey Gee:

1. Robert Walter, *Super Heavy Organ* ("This guy's name should have been 'Oh-My-God-I'm-Funky' — he plays the keys so good it's criminal.")
2. Stevie Wonder, *Innervisions* ("Stevie plays all the instruments, and the songwriting is just crazy good.")
3. The Greyboy Allstars, *A Town Called Earth* ("Basically, an instant good time.")
4. Switchfoot, *Nothing Is Sound* ("Great musicians, fantastic songwriting.")
5. Oscar Peterson, *Night Train* ("Just beautiful stuff.")

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Bowman:

1. *House of 1000 Corpses* ("I'm a big horror fan, and this flick has it all.")
2. *Saving Private Ryan* ("One of the best war flicks.")

Mears:

1. *Almost Famous* ("Captures it all so well, should be required viewing for any aspiring musician, writer, or groupie.")
2. *That Thing You Do* ("Really great.")
3. The Who's *The Kids Are Alright* ("So much good music and footage, with plenty of Keith Moon's wackiness.")
4. Steve Smith's *Drumset Technique/History of the U.S. Beat* ("If you play drums, this instructional video is a must.")
5. *Office Space* ("I think we've all been there, in one way or another.")



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Crash Carter

Gee:

1. *The Empire Strikes Back* ("I've met people that have never seen this movie, and those people scare me.")
2. *Rushmore* ("Bill Murray is pee-your-pants funny.")
3. *Three Amigos* ("I can recite way too many scenes from this one.")
4. *Bubba Ho-tep* ("Bruce Campbell as a senior-citizen Elvis fighting soul-sucking mummies.")
5. *Blade Runner* ("I love sci-fi movies, and this one changed everything.")

FAVORITE CARTOON?

Bowman: "*Spongebob Squarepants.* It's humor for kids and adults."

Mears: "*Pee-Wee's Playhouse.* Yeah, not a cartoon but totally animated. I have a friend who believes Paul Reubens intentionally let himself get caught with his pants down in that movie house, to rid himself of the Pee-Wee character."

Gee: "*Spongebob Squarepants.* I like Patrick."

BEST CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER?

Bowman: "Hanging out with Dave Wakeling of the English Beat, backstage at the Belly Up after we opened for him."

Mears: "Performing and hanging out with Eddie Vedder in summer 2004. Crash Carter performed a couple tunes at the wedding of Vedder's brother Jason, who was a member of the band under our short-lived first name Prydamadera."

Gee: "Playing a Ramones song, 'I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend,' with Eddie Vedder on guitar and vocals, at his brother's wedding. Cool, nice, and gracious guy."

FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

Bowman: "Impossible to answer. I like them all."

Mears: "The one with the astronaut who lands on a planet inhabited by tiny people that treat him like a god ["The Little People"]. He has the ability to leave but stays to rule over the people as he's now drunk with power, only to have another space traveler land moments later. Of course, the new visitor is thousands of feet larger than him."

Gee: "I love the one with the little gremlin guy who lands on the plane wing, but only one passenger can see him ['Nightmare at 20,000 Feet']. Probably because whenever I catch an episode, that's the one that comes on."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

Bowman: "I'm an avid gun collector and enjoy shooting."

Mears: "I experience random and frequent brushes with clairvoyance and telepathy."

Gee: "I'm horribly allergic to horses. I went to Medieval Times a few years back and thought my nose was going to explode. If I'd been a knight, I would have had to ride a big pig or something." ■

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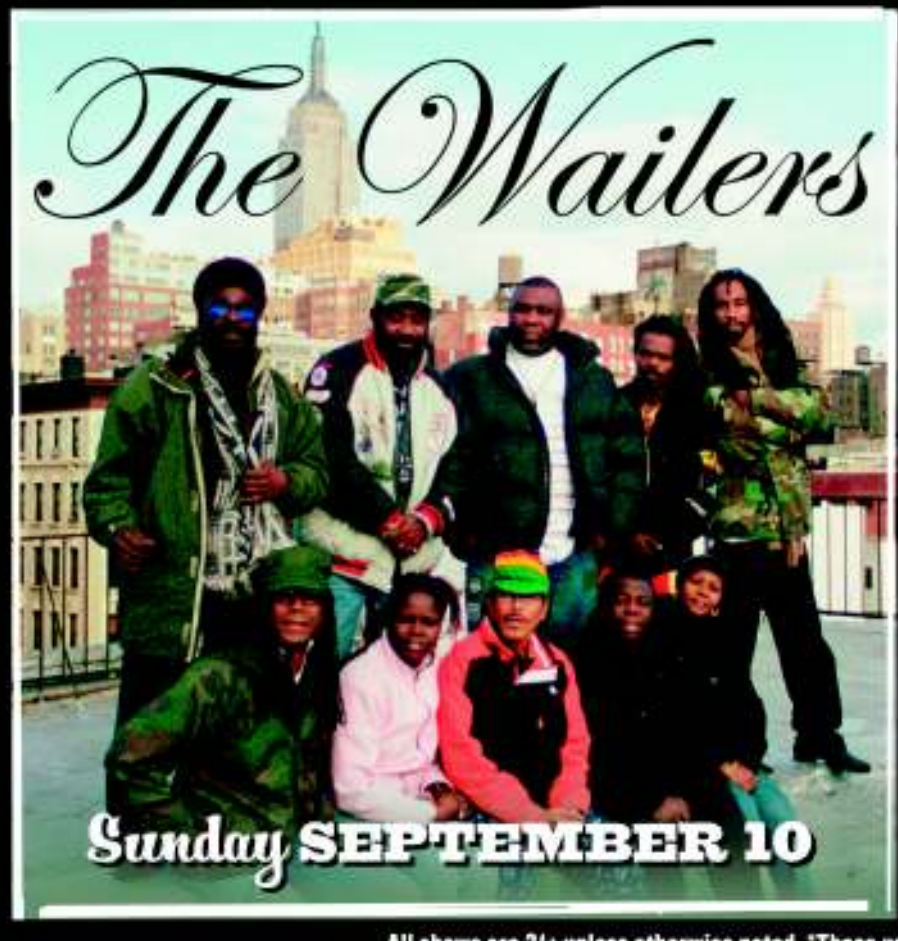



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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Calexico: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Rick Springfield: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Wolfmother: 'Canes, Tuesday, June 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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WEDNESDAY

Bo Bice: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandra Guzman *[596]*: 4th & B, Wednesday, June 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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JUNE

Leon Russell *[951]*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates *[576]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Walkmen: House of Blues, Friday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Mulvey: 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:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride *[779]*: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney *[784]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

T-Bone Burnett and **Jakob Dylan:** 4th & B, Monday, June 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Restless Heart, **Little Texas**, and **Blackheart:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

INXS: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, June 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Neko Case *[509]*: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tracy Lawrence *[782]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Heart *[610]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Il Divo: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, June 25, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Les Claypool *[282]*: House of Blues, Sunday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

LL Cool J *[620]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Radiohead *[183]*: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, June 27, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band *[218]*: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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 619-220-8497.

Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band *[218]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Counting Crows *[598]* and the **Goo Goo Dolls:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

America *[582]* and **Richie Furay:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Sunday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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Reverend Horton Heat: House of Blues, Sunday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Carrie Underwood: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Monday, July 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 4, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas and **Jewel** *[881]*: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, July 5, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pearl Jam and **Sonic Youth:** Cox Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

Teena Marie *[588]*: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, July 7, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

"Ozzfest": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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 *[586]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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!OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"**Paul Manousos** has a big voice," writes Steve Fisk in the liner notes of *For Better or Worse,* Manousos's solo debut. "I had nothing to do with that." Maybe, maybe not. As a producer, Fisk has worked with some of rock's biggest voices: Chris Cornell of Soundgarden, Nirvana's Kurt Cobain. In 2002, Manousos, formerly of Sway, was singing in a band called Power13. Steve Fisk produced what would be their final album. "I…suspected that they were breaking up as part of the recording," he writes. It turns out he was right. Manousos became a free agent soon after. He and Fisk eventually began work on *For Better or Worse,* a pop-infected cheese platter of '60s rock hooks and sappy poetics and the perfect theater for Manousos's soul-grind histrionics.



PAUL MANOUSOS

On record, Manousos could almost pass for a young Mick Jagger or, at a glance, even early Bob Dylan. His voice has brio enough to make a listen of even the most banal material a worthwhile venture. He can howl, and he can feel your pain. The existential sulking begins straightaway with the album's first song: "Another piece of the pie you take / Not realizing what's at stake / They suck you in / And they suck you dry / Another day in the life."

Unfortunately, this cliché follows soon after with the album's title track: "It's who I am / I bleed when I'm cut / I am no superman / I'm just a singer in a band." Not many successful artists dare attempt that sort of hackneyed melodrama, but I'm not ready to put all the blame on the singer. The Fisk approach to making the record was virtually assembly line. "He [Manousos] and I wrote arrangements, put together hooks, and found friends to play them." Somehow the singer with the big voice pulls it off, even through a sometimes overproduced syrup glaze of horns, strings, and whatever. Better as an acoustic set, with little more than a solo guitar and that large and supple set of pipes to steer the material. Sometimes less is more.

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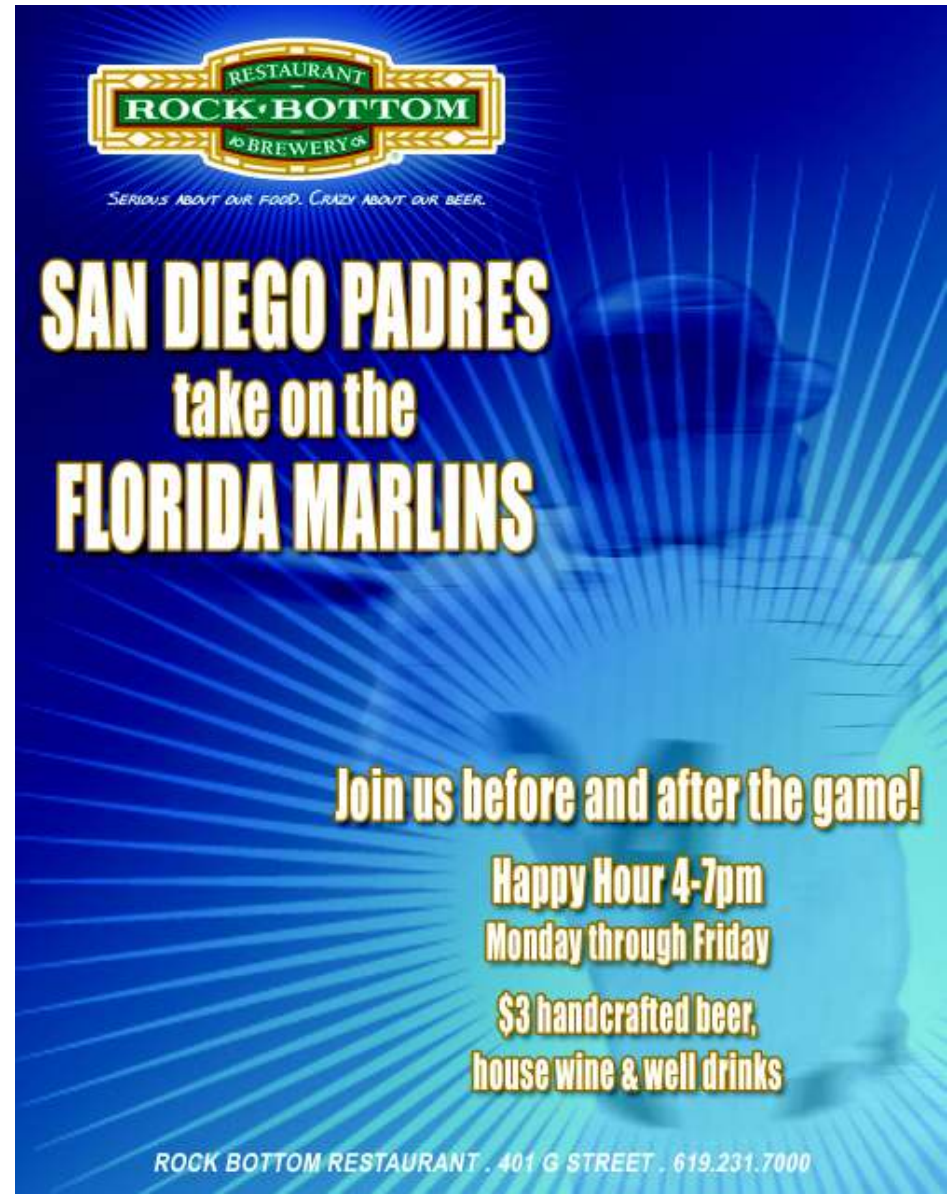

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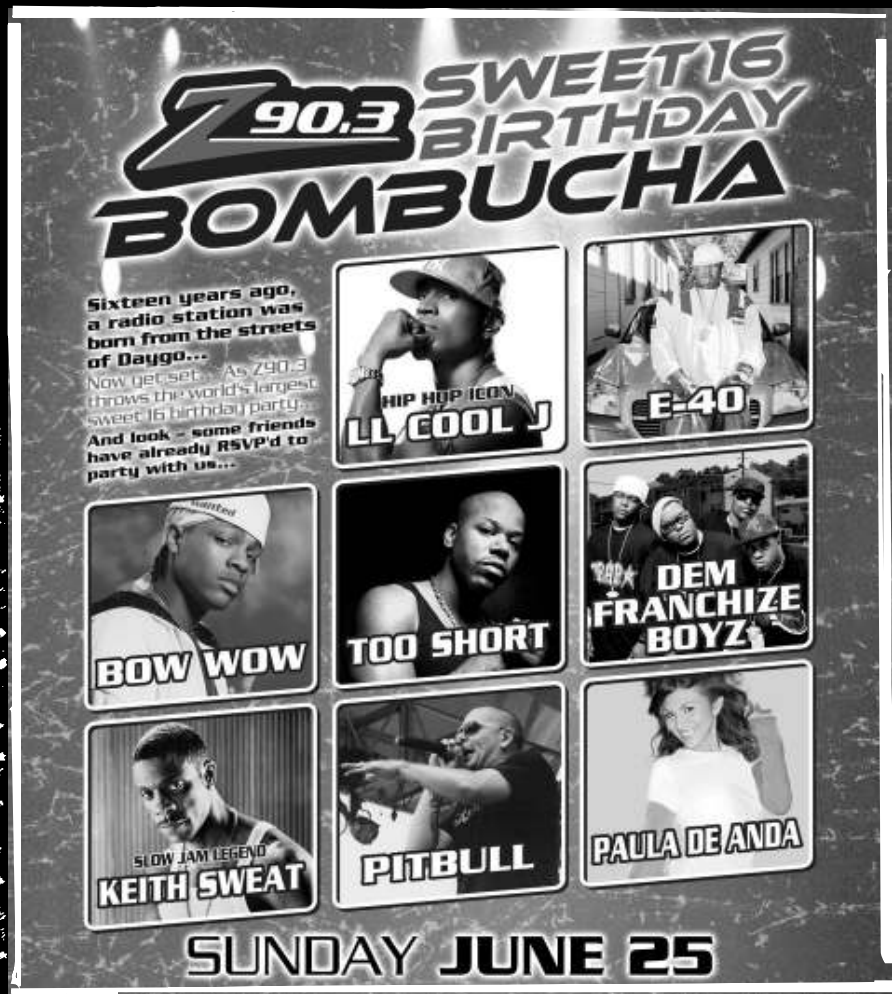

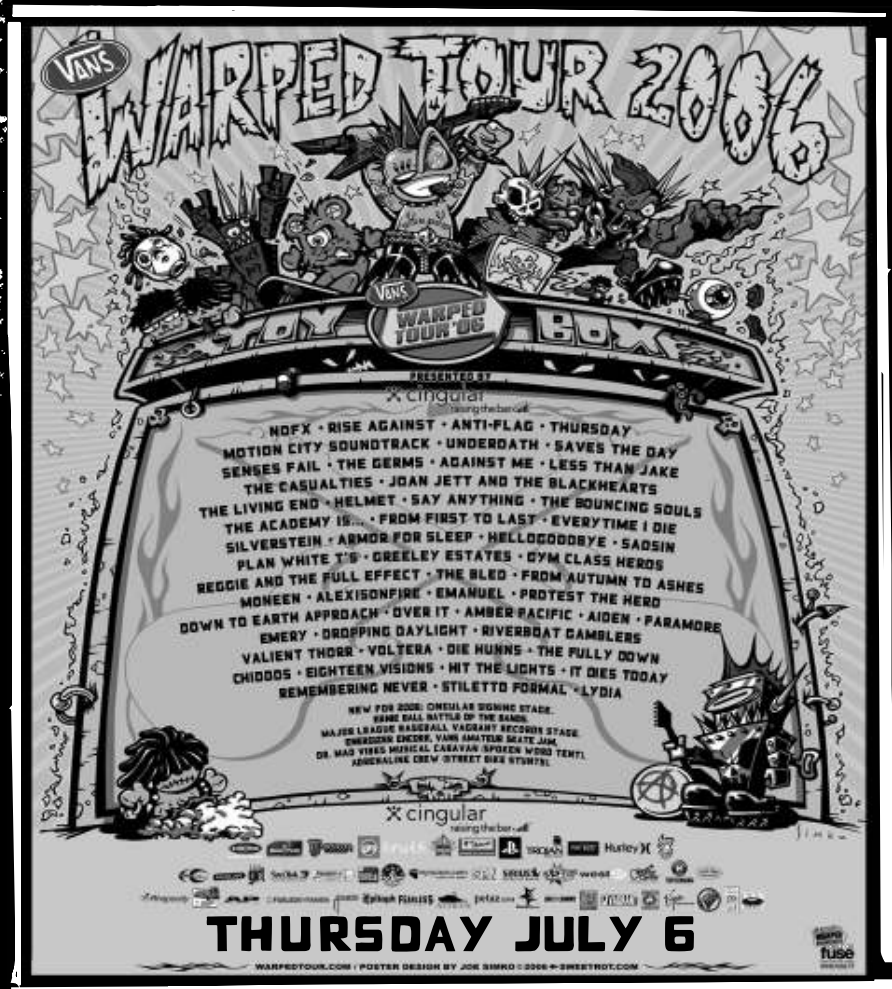



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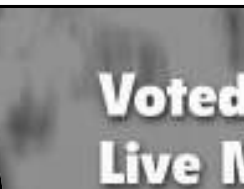

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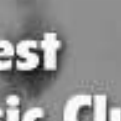

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Roy Book Binder *[967]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, July 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

John Renbourn: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, July 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Ray Davies: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, July 15, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Marc Anthony and **Marco Antonio Solis:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 16, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Foo Fighters: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, July 17, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys *[569]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys *[569]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Slayer *[405]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Hootie & the Blowfish *[624]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Edwin McCain: House of Blues, Thursday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby *[621]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Friday, July 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Saturday, July 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Sunday, July 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Taking Back Sunday *[553]*: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Robin Trower *[590]*: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steely Dan *[591]*: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, July 24, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings *[592]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Santana and **Mars Volta** *[292]*: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 27, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings *[592]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Natalie Cole *[580]*: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Al Green *[950]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sammy Hagar *[567]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Cockburn *[885]*: House of Blues, Monday, July 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

Boz Scaggs *[613]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pete Yorn: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Rollins Band and **X** *[252]*: 4th & B, Tuesday, August 1, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sean Hannity, **Hank Williams Jr.**, and **Lee Greenwood:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, 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 619-220-8497.

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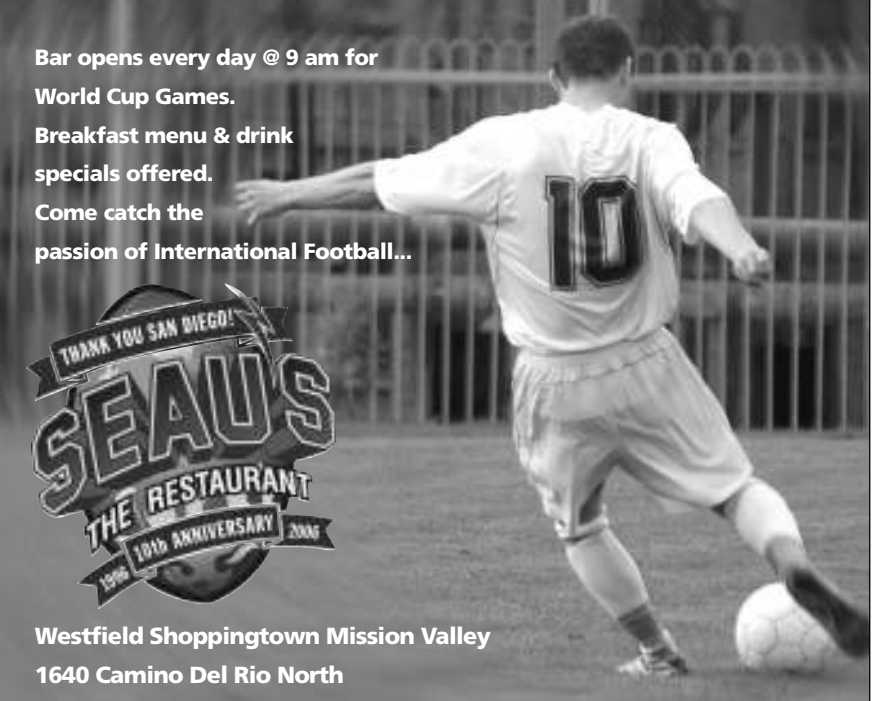

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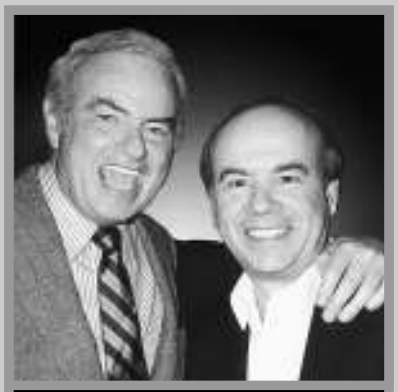

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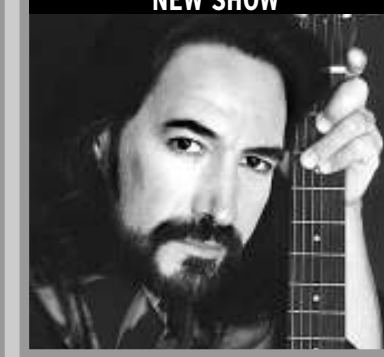

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Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra *[604]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Roots Rock Reggae" with **Ziggy Marley** *[737]***, Sinéad O'Connor** *[200]***, Sly & Robbie,** and **Ozomatli:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited *[628]***:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Harper *[956]***:** Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, August 13, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Cracker and **Bob Schneider:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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 619-220-8497.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers *[299]* and the **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 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Def Leppard and **Journey:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau and **George Benson:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Smokey Robinson *[623]***:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, August 24, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis *[780]***:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy *[626]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 25, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

"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.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers *[614]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Fogerty: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz *[815]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker *[608]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos *[605]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt *[593]* and **Keb' Mo':** Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, September 13, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam *[777]***:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ani DiFranco *[288]***:** Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, September 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, September 23, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations *[958]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris *[830]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Queensrÿche *[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.

The Young Dubliners *[571]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Frank Black: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Joan Baez *[817]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ana Gabriel: Pala Events Center, Friday, October 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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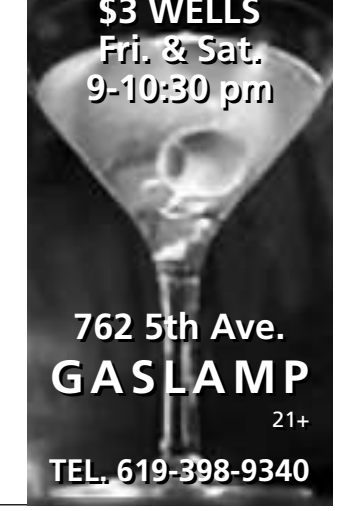

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BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, machine funk, disco house, and electro. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth, Terryn, and other female DJs spin indie, electro, and Britpop. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Third Saturday of the month, house, progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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!OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Like the Wrens or the Twilight Singers, Toronto's **Constantines** evoke a world-weary romanticism, with lyrics that are smart without being self-consciously clever. (In "Love in Fear," singer-guitarist **Bryan Webb** croaks out a particularly vivid line: "Just kiss me on a rooftop…a red light flashing / under helicopters of desire.") Like the older American bands, the young Canadians sing these lyrics in gruff voices that sound as though they've been well seasoned in whiskey, cigarettes, and heartache. And all three bands set these vocals against a sound that swings between classic rock and noisy '90s alternative guitar rock.


CONSTANTINES

But more than the others, the Constantines seem really torn about which style to stick with. A few years ago in the song "Arizona" they declared, "We want the death of rock n roll!" But last year they came out with *Tournament of Hearts,* a great album decorated with soulful horns, jazzy electric pianos, country-ish guitar leads, and various touchstones of '70s rock. The anthemic "Working Full-Time" seems inspired by "Takin' Care of Business" by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. Or, rather, it starts out sounding that way; before long it turns into something like a krautrock version of "Sweet Child o' Mine."

This kind of confusion is only natural for a band that likes to hold on to a certain mystique. When you go to the Constantines' website, you see little more than tour dates and a picture of the drummer's back. Go to the band's MySpace page and you can read a completely unhelpful bio and watch a video that sets their great song "Nightime/Anytime (It's Alright)" to footage of rats eating something brown.

CONSTANTINES, The Casbah, Sunday, June 11, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. $10.



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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Poncho Sanchez* and *the Escovedo Project,* Latin. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Super Diamond, the Urban Gypsies,* and *Reaganomics,* rock/funk/Top 40. Monday, 9 p.m., *Calexico* and *Pieta Brown.* Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Quinazo,* reggae. Wednesday, *Daredevil Jane, Every Move a Picture,* and *Midnight Movies,* rock/alternative.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, DJ event. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn,* classic rock. Tuesday, DJ event.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Sue Palmer,* jazz.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Mick Overman.* Friday, *Semisi & Fulabula,* reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues. Sunday, *the Rick Ross Trio,* jazz. Monday, *the Flounders,* acoustic. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk. Wednesday, *Billy Watson,* blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna,* classic rock. Saturday, *the X Factor,* rock.

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 rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard,* rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown,* rock/blues/folk; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David Beldock,* folk/rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band,* reggae; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Dan Connor,* folk; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague,* jazz.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Meliesa,* blues/soul. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Hillbilly Noise,* country.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Michael Tiernan* and *Rachael Sage,* folk/pop.

Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Sugaray & the Brothers Funk,* blues/funk. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Superfreaks,* disco/dance. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Bandshe,* Top 40. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain,* rock and roll.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jocelyn Scofield,* alternative folk/jazz.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub, 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., *DJ Kool T,* hip-hop, 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 piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the New Addiction, Slow Car Boost,* and *15 North.* Friday, *Demilich, Element, Condemned,* and *Omission.* Saturday, *F5, Wither, Nihilist, Rattlehead, Damcyan.* Sunday, *Restricted, Strike, Twelve,* and *the Crash Kids.* Tuesday, *Siren's Lure, John Moring, Resonate, 420 Blackbirdz,* and *the Mercuries.* Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Plato Soul.* Saturday, *the Blues Brokers,* blues. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers.* Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band.* Tuesday, *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Wednesday, call club for information.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Stefani Stevens,* Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Javid,* pop.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Semi, Born Tonight, Slewfoot,* and *In Every Breath,* alternative rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock/folk.

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.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *the Backwater Blues Band.* Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Material Witness,* rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union,* swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Custard Pie,* classic rock.

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St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Saturday, 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, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat,* classic rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Loose Canon,* rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* pub rock. Friday, call club for information.

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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 standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *DJ Pa Teé,* disco. Friday, 8 p.m., *Cousins of the Wise, Golden Tung,* and *Higher Minds,* hip-hop. Saturday, *Murdock, Rice Rokit,* and *Gadfly,* rock. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars,* hip-hop. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, *the Screamin' Yeehaws, the Prey,* and *Imperial Leather,* rock/alternative.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael,* Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Adopted Prophets, Spoken Gun,* and *Social Suicide.* Friday, *Cash'd Out, Whiskey Tango,* and *Chuck Schiele,* country. Saturday, *Tainted Love* and *the Spazmatics,* rock. Sunday, *Tech N9ne* and *Pyramid.* Wednesday, *Zoe, Hummbersqueal,* and *Buddy Akai.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Autumn Leaves* and *the Wignuts.* Friday, DJ event. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Elaine's Fault, the Breast Fed Boys, the Tijuana Marauders,* and *Motley Crued.* Wednesday, *Cronik, Over Due,* and *Splash Monkey.*

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos,* jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind,* global jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Buzzbombs.* Saturday, *Vintage Honey* and *Hollow Assembly,* rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross,* jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila,* solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Thursday and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Joe Marillo,* jazz.

Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego. 858-270-0840. Saturday, noon to midnight, *Band Camp,* acoustic pop/rock.

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., *Jay Jay Lim & Indaia,* Brazilian music.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective,* jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Riot House,* rock. Saturday, *the Stoney Dudes,* rock. Sunday, open mike. Wednesday, call club for information.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, 8 p.m., *Le String Band 5000,* acoustic jazz/Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Big Organ Trio,* and *Shoestring Strap,* rock/bluegrass. Friday, *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels,* reggae. Saturday, *Freshly Squeezed, the Cured,* and *Pink Froyd,* rock. Sunday, *the West Coast Ironworks Band,* blues. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Orooni,* heavy funk/progressive rock. Wednesday, *the Karl Denson Jazz Trio.*

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BY OLLIE



Album: *My Testimony* (2006)
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Band: Tee-Jay, MC; Wild Bill, DJ

Some songs on this album feature competent background music. Other tracks sound as though someone strung together a few stock drums and synth lines using Fruity Loops music software. There are a few sophisticated effects, and a couple of songs feature a nice-sounding female background singer; other songs have an echo effect similar to the Fisher-Price Karaoke Microphone.

The background music isn't bad, but it is a little dated. It sounds a bit like Cash Money Millionaires from 2001. But it's not the background music that's the real problem here; Tee-Jay's rapping is what's holding Tee-Jay back.

"My Testimony" is about Tee-Jay's struggle from being a drug dealer to his current status of Christian rapper. Between the music tracks are Christian sermons. What crawls up my ass is the pronunciation, rhyming, and lyrics. Tee-Jay is apparently from "Picksburgh," as noted in most of his songs. His "ah" sounds are all pronounced "ow," so "law" becomes "lau," and "dog" becomes "daowg."

Tee-Jay's rhyming is below amateur, and throughout the underwhelming 16-track CD, I make a game to find disjointed rhymes: "This is Tee-Jizzle / I need a tissue / I'm 'bout to blow like a referee's whistle." Other lyrics range from groaners ("She's the Neosporin that heals my broken soul") to downright laughable ("Man, these so-called rappers nowadays, man, Boo Boo / They constipated because they full of doo doo"). In more than a few songs it sounds as though Tee-Jay is looking around the room for things to rhyme with his last line: "I ain't even scratched the surface of my potential / It's essential/ to buy land from Prudential." Ugh.



Tee-Jay

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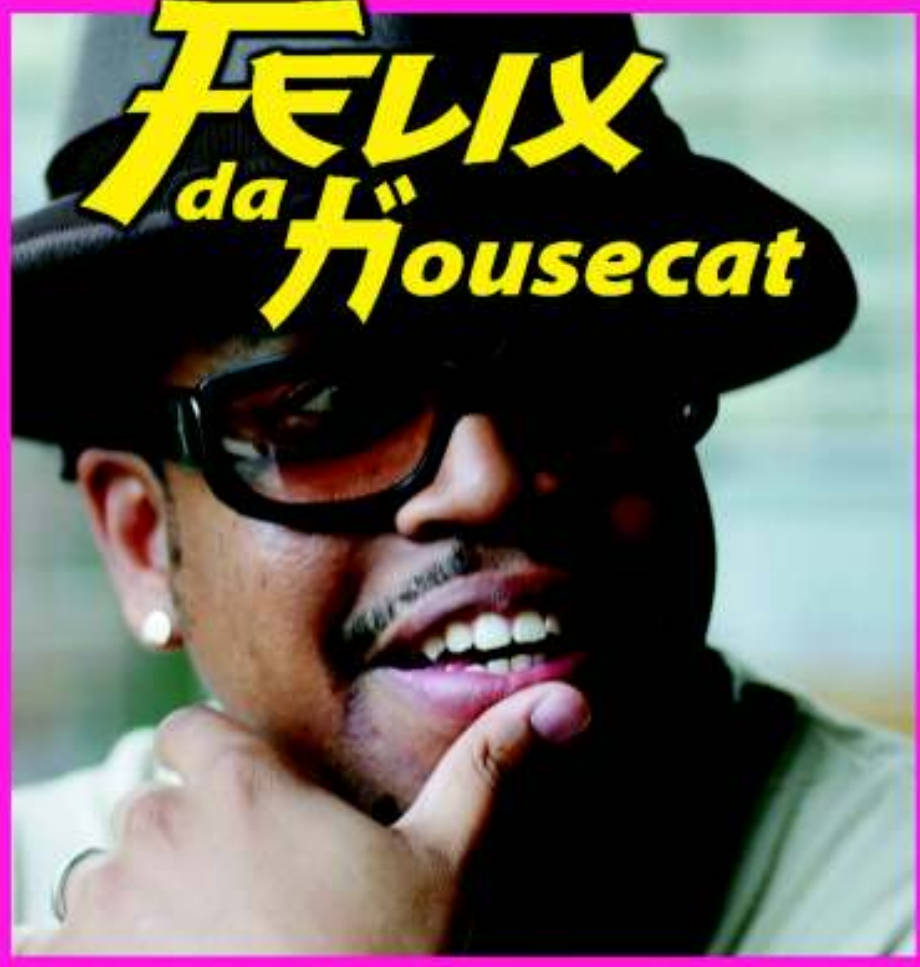

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural,* Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues,* classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris & Harold,* Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill,* folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Mellowdrone, Monsters Are Waiting,* and *A.M. Vibe.* Friday, *Prowler, the Deliverance Machine, Love Motor,* and *Zone 4.* Saturday, *Skumlove, the Thought Experiment, Media Lab,* and *Opus Dei.* Sunday, *the Separation Tree, Sign of One,* and *Sight Unscene.*

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, *Chasing Paper, Paradise Hills, Goodbye Tomorrow, Shining Through,* and *the Make Believe.* Saturday, *Matt Wertz.*

The Filling Station, 9522 Miramar Road (corner of Black Mountain Road), San Diego. 619-578-0757. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., DJ dance party.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings,* reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox.*

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80's.* Friday, *DJs Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes,* dance. Saturday, groove. Monday, acoustic music. 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, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Marie Hadad,* alternative. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Ultratones,* disco/dance, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Derrick Vaughn Band,* smooth jazz, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground,* soul/rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie and Stellita,* jazz. Monday, *Chet Cannon,* blues. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jose Molina Serrano,* Latin jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Boogiemen,* Chicago 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.*

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is heavy rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *the Modlins* and *the Boyish Charms.* Friday, *Society, Thee Corsairs,* and *the Holy Boys.* Saturday, *the Focus Group, Dreaming of Tanks,* and *Minmae.*

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio.*

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Bobby W., Matt Jones,* and *Gayle Skidmore.* Friday, *Anya Marina* and *Molly Jenson.* Saturday, *Gregory Page.* Sunday, *Chris Tapper, Robyn Harris, Tim Mudd,* and *Anna Troy.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *John Hull* and *Kyle Phelan.*

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Street, Hillcrest. 619-400-4500. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Z-Bop,* jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Wisebird* and *the Rebel Soul Band,* rock/funk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Red Exiles, the Mortars,* and *Race Against Space,* rock/punk. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Johnson,* rock/funk/R&B. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train,* blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Sara O'Brien, Cyndi Harvell, Alex Esther, Kris Mullins, Zindu,* and *LeNunes,* rock.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Nite Life,* blues/swing.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday, *the Blues Invaders,* blues. Saturday, *Blizzard,* rock.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins,* rockabilly/blues.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Secret Apollo, Swim Party, the Modlins,* and *Straight No Chaser,* indie pop. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Afterhours* and *Black Tie Dynasty,* indie rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise,* classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Nekromantix, Shark Soup,* and *the Chop Tops.* Friday, *Destroy the Runner, As Blood Runs Black, End of Eden, Thyne Scabbard, Carol Ann, This Is the Hospital,* and *Wages of War.* Saturday, *Scott & Aimee, Orion Frequency,* and *the Atlas of Id.* Monday, *Hemlock, Downspell, Caracell, Stiletto Silhouette,* and *Etc. X Infinity.*

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *the Devlin Jones Band.* Saturday, *Uncle Punchy.* Wednesday, *Squiddo, Fly Like the Wind,* and *Scary Mary,* alternative rock.

Tio Leo's, 6333 Mission Gorge Road, Mission Valley. 280-9940. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Squiddo,* indie rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Paradise.* Friday, *the Fremonts,* blues. Saturday, *Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Band,* jazz. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band.*

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert,* piano.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *the Heartaches, Shark Pants,* and *the Hippie Killers,* rock. Saturday, *BBQ* and *Demon's Claws,* rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* blues. Tuesday, DJ event.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet,* classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet,* Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Live acoustic/folk music almost nightly. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble.*

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Squiddo,* indie rock.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer,* acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Matt Curreri & the Ex-Friends, Years Around the Sun,* and *the Northstar Session.* Friday, *the Sweet and Tender Hooligans,* and *Run, Run, Run!.* Saturday, *Josh Ritter* and *Richard Swift.* Sunday, *the Constantines, Oakley Hall,* and *Bunky.* Monday, *Spank Rock, Low B, Pase Rock,* and *DJ Ikah Love.* Tuesday, *Radio 4, Fifty on Their Heels,* and *Small Sins.* Wednesday, *the Sound Team* and *Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin.*

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain.* Saturday, live rock. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps.* Tuesday, *the 86'd.* Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada.*

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Chris Walden Big Band,* jazz.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday and Tuesday, *Eamon Carroll,* Irish folk. Saturday, *Carly Hennessey,* folk. Wednesday, *Ashley Matte,* folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Markus Schulz* and *Matthew Dekay.* Saturday, *Felix de Housecat* and *John Digweed.* Sunday, *Gregory Isaacs,* reggae. Wednesday, *Alejandra Guzman.*

The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Genius of Soul, Jeshno,* and *the Downbeat,* soul jazz/funk/hip-hop.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *the Charlatans (UK),* rock. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., gospel brunch.

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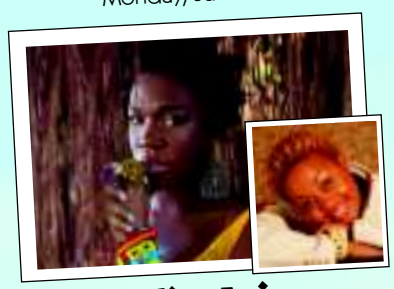

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The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio,* classic jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Criminal Funk.* Friday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.* Saturday, *Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.* Monday, *the Bayou Brothers.* Tuesday, *Dave Camp Blues.* Wednesday, *Taryn Donath & Mojo Rising.*

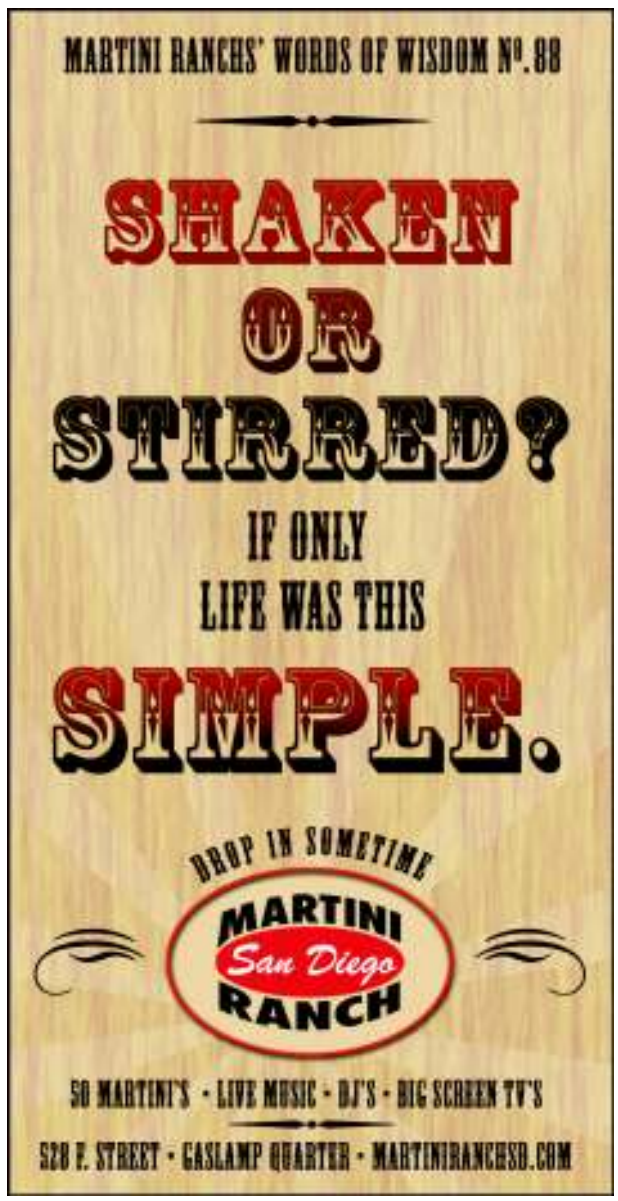
Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde,* piano.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo,* calypso.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil,* Brazilian jazz.

The W Hotel, 421 B Street, downtown. 619-231-8220. Ipanema Lounge: Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, Brazilian beats/bossa/breaks. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *DJ Who?,* hip-hop/mashups/rock.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 7:30 p.m., *In a Chord,* jazz.



Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Friday and Saturday, *DJ Daniel.* Sunday, *Justin James & the Down 5* and *DJ Daniel.* Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *City Limits,* country/rock. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet.*

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble,* world jazz.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.*

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa,* standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado,* jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson* and *Joe Garrison,* jazz. Wednesday, DJ event.

Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura, 616 National City Boulevard, National City. 619-474-7375. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Caballero's Latin Jam,* Latin jam.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes,* or *Vicki Eriqat,* European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley,* Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren.* Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West.*

Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., *John Cain.*

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage,* classic rock. Saturday, *Mercy Road,* rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Big-City Shaman,* blues. Friday, *the Elevators,* rock. Saturday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Stilettos;* 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jim Moore,* acoustic. Monday, *Tommy Price,* acoustic. Tuesday, *the Taylor Harvey Band,* acoustic rock. Wednesday, *4-Way Street,* acoustic.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos, rock en español.*

South Bay Fish and Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-720-7234. Sunday, 10:30 a.m., *the Third Coast Jazz Band.*

EAST COUNTY

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis,* rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge,* country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Metal Brigade* and *Children of the Grave.* Saturday, 8 p.m., *Difficult Henry, Crimson Knight, Chandala, Sangre, Shadow Lit,* and *Modessa,* death/thrash metal.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark.*

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *the Honky Tonk Kings,* country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *the Wild Ones,* classic rock.

Sixty 7 Bar & Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Friday, 9 p.m., *DJ Dirty Pat,* hip-hop/old skool/Top 40. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJ Girth,* old skool/hip-hop/house.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wize Guyz,* swing/standards.

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Chasing Paper: Epicentre

The Chop Tops: Soma

Cronik: Dreamstreet

Matt Curreri & the Ex-Friends *[249]***:** The Casbah

Damcyan: The Jumping Turtle

Daredevil Jane: Belly Up Tavern

Destroy the Runner: Soma

Difficult Henry: Fannie's Nightclub

Downspell: Soma

Dreaming of Tanks: The Kensington Club

Elaine's Fault: Dreamstreet

End of Eden: Soma

Etc. X Infinity: Soma

Every Move a Picture: Belly Up Tavern

Fifty on Their Heels: The Casbah

Fly Like the Wind: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

The Focus Group: The Kensington Club

Goodbye Tomorrow: Epicentre

Marie Hadad: Humphrey's

Hemlock: Soma

The Holy Boys: The Kensington Club

Hummersqueal: 'Canes

Ikonoklast: Epicentre

Imperial Leather: Blind Melons

In Every Breath: Longshot Saloon

The Make Believe: Epicentre

Anya Marina *[265]***:** Lestat's Coffee House

Media Lab: Brick By Brick

Mellowdrone: Brick By Brick

Minmae: The Kensington Club

The Modlins: The Kensington Club, Scolari's Office

Nekromantix: Soma

The New Addiction: The Jumping Turtle

Nihilist: The Jumping Turtle

Opus Dei: Brick By Brick

The Orion Frequency: Soma

Over Due: Dreamstreet

Gregory Page *[186]***:** Lestat's Coffee House

The Prey: Blind Melons

Radio 4: The Casbah

Rattlehead: The Jumping Turtle

Restricted: The Jumping Turtle

Scary Mary: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

The Screamin' Yeehaws: Blind Melons

Secret Apollo: Scolari's Office

The Separation Tree: Brick By Brick

Shark Soup: Soma

Shining Through: Epicentre

Sight Unscene: Brick By Brick

Sign of One: Brick By Brick

Siren's Lure: The Jumping Turtle

Skumlove: Brick By Brick

Slewfoot: Longshot Saloon

Slow Car Boost: The Jumping Turtle

Small Sins: The Casbah

Society: The Kensington Club

Someone Stills Loves You Boris Yeltsin: The Casbah

Splash Monkey: Dreamstreet

Spoken Gun *[131]***:** 'Canes

Squiddo: Tio Leo's (Mission Valley), The Zombie Lounge, Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

Stiletto Silhouette: Soma

Straight No Chaser: Scolari's Office

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The Tijuana Marauders: Dreamstreet

Anna Troy *[275]*: Lestat's Coffee House

Wages of War: Soma

Matt Wertz: Epicentre

The Wignuts: Dreamstreet

Wither *[286]*: The Jumping Turtle

Years Around the Sun: The Casbah

Zoe: 'Canes

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Buddy Akai: 'Canes

Carol Ann: Soma

BBQ: Tower Bar

The Big Organ Trio: Winstons

Blizzard: Riley's Sports Bar

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Buzzbombs: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Calexico: Belly Up Tavern

The Charlatans (UK): House of Blues

Chandala: Fannie's Nightclub

Children of the Grave: Fannie's Nightclub

The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Condemned: The Jumping Turtle

The Constantines: The Casbah

The Crash Kids: The Jumping Turtle

Crimson Knight: Fannie's Nightclub

The Cured: Winstons

Custard Pie: Pounder's

The Deliverance Machine: Brick By Brick

Demelich: The Jumping Turtle

Demon's Claws: Tower Bar

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Element: The Jumping Turtle

The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

F5: The Jumping Turtle

15 North: The Jumping Turtle

420 Blackbirdz: The Jumping Turtle

Freshly Squeezed: Winstons

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Alejandra Guzman *[596]*: 4th & B

The Heartaches: Tower Bar

The Hippie Killers: Tower Bar

Hollow Assembly: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Husky Boy Allstars: Blind Melons

Jesse Johnson: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Devlin Jones Band: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

Laguna: Carvers

Loose Canon: Surf N'Saddle

Love Motor: Brick By Brick

Low B: The Casbah

Material Witness: Ocean House

The Mercuries: The Jumping Turtle

Mercy Road: Island Sports and Spirits

The Metal Brigade: Fannie's Nightclub

Midnight Movies: Belly Up Tavern

Modessa *[537]*: Fannie's Nightclub

Monsters Are Waiting: Brick By Brick

John Moring: The Jumping Turtle

The Mortars: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Motley Crued: Dreamstreet

Murdock: Blind Melons

Nemesis: Dirk's Niteclub

The Northstar Session *[886]*: The Casbah

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Oakley Hall: The Casbah

Omission: The Jumping Turtle

Orooni: Winstons

Paradise: Tio Leo's Lounge

Paradise Hills: Epicentre

Pase Rock: The Casbah

Pink Froyd: Winstons

Private Domain *[489]*: Dick's Last Resort, Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort

Prowler: Brick By Brick

Race Against Space: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Rebel Soul Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Red Exiles: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Resonate: The Jumping Turtle

Rice Rokit: Blind Melons

Riot House: Tiki House

Rockola: Humphrey's

Ron's Garage: Island Sports and Spirits

Run, Run, Run!: The Casbah

Sangre: Fannie's Nightclub

Semi: Longshot Saloon

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Shadow Lit: Fannie's Nightclub

Shark Pants: Tower Bar

The Sound Team: The Casbah

Spank Rock: The Casbah

The Spazmatics: 'Canes

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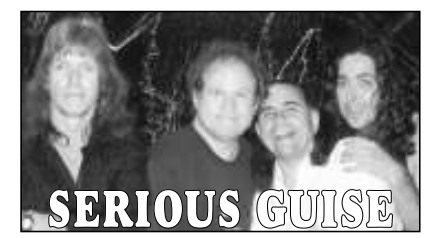

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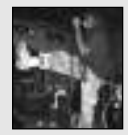

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7/11 **Dead Prez w/Mainflow**
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7/13 **Morningwood w/The Lashes**
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8/8 **David Grisman & The Bluegrass Experience**
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8/13 **Hal Ketchum**
8/17 **World Party**
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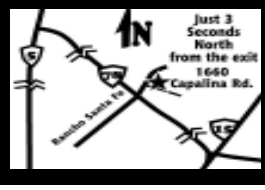

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The Stoney Dudes: Tiki House

Super D: 'Canes

Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern

Sweet and Tender Hooligans: The Casbah

Tainted Love: 'Canes

The Timeless Takeover: Club Kadan

The Ultratones: Humphrey's

Uncle Punchy: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

Vintage Honey: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Wild Ones: Second Wind (Santee)

Wisebird: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The X Factor: Carvers

Zone 4 *[499]*: Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Bandshe: Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort

Crush: Jimmy Love's

The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The Reaganomics: Belly Up Tavern, Jimmy Love's

Superfreaks: Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo *[636]*: Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective *[678]*: Thrusters

Caballeros Latin Jam: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura

John Cain *[703]*: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos *[667]*: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The Karl Denson Jazz Trio: Winstons

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Edo Brazil: Samba Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

The Genius of Soul: The Honey Bee Hive

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery

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The Shep Meyers Quartet *[660]*: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

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Sue Palmer *[641]*: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The David Patrone Quartet *[647]*: Croce's Jazz Bar

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The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]*: Tutto Mare

The Derrick Vaughn Band: Humphrey's

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The Wize Guyz: Tommy's Italian Restaurant

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Gadfly *[738]*: Blind Melons

Gregory Isaacs *[751]*: 4th & B

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Winstons

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Shoestring Strap *[778]*: Winstons

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Band Camp: Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club

David Beldock: Coyote Bar and Grill

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Eamon Carroll: The Field

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Chris & Harold: Blarney Stone Pub

Dan Connor *[877]*: Coyote Bar and Grill

Matthew Dekay: 4th & B

Alex Esther: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Flounders: The Calypso Cafe

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The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Carly Hennessey: The Field

John Hull: Lestat's Coffee House

Molly Jenson: Lestat's Coffee House

Matt Jones: Lestat's Coffee House

LeNunes: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe

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Mick Overman: The Calypso Cafe

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Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Josh Ritter: The Casbah

Rachael Sage: E Street Cafe

Chuck Schiele *[872]*: 'Canes

Markus Schulz: 4th & B

Jocelyn Scofield: The Hot Java Cafe

Scott & Aimee: Soma

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Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Michael Tiernan *[883]*: E Street Cafe

Chris Trapper: Lestat's Coffee House

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II

The Backwater Blues Band: Ocean House

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Big-City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

"Have a seat, watch the game while I cook you up something good to eat," says chef Mel Johnson, owner of Batter Up! "That's my attitude, that's what Batter Up! is about — like you were kicking back in my living room."

Chef Mel was one of the founders of the Gaslamp's late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far — but that's about to change) than Juke Joint's far-ranging Louisiana soul-food menu — but talent will tell. The quality of the cooking at this casual, pseudo-sports bar (no alcohol yet) is in a different league from standard pub grub.

Although it's several miles from Petco Park (about ten minutes via the MLK), the eatery's name is a pun on both the fried foods on its menu and the great American pastime — baseball. Johnson is an avid Padre fan and has furnished Batter Up! with baseball-themed decor and four plasma TVs tuned to sports channels. (If golf is the only game on the air, you may find at least one screen tuned to CNN instead.) You order at the counter from one of the notably friendly staffers, pick up a placard, then choose a table and watch the tube until they bring your order.

"Who's on First?" The menu, too, plays on a baseball legacy — the famous tongue-twister vaudeville shtick created by the legendary comedy team of Abbott and Costello. The menu opens with a section called "Who's on First?" (the title and first line of the sketch), an array of batter baskets of fried fish, shrimp, and/or chicken. All are coated in a thin, flavorful cornmeal-wheat flour batter — a batter more traditionally used for Outback Steakhouse-style "blooming onions," with black pepper, cayenne, and a pinch of Cajun spices. I'm normally no fan of deep-fried fish, but Batter Up's fillets are cooked moist and tender. They come with a house-made tartar sauce — an aioli-like garlic mayonnaise with a little sweet pickle relish. The shrimp are terrific, too. They come with cocktail sauce — chili sauce liberally amended with horseradish. If you want to add lemon, you'll find wedges on the condiment tray next to the Nestea pitcher. And a version of rémoulade — Dijon garlic mayo — is yours for the asking at the order counter.

When it comes to fried chicken, you have a choice of chicken breast tenders or wings so large they put me in mind of pterodactyls, condors, or Barry Bonds's forearms. The wings arrive with standard Buffalo wing accompaniments: The house "Batter Up!" hot sauce is a mixture of Frank's Red Hot Louisiana-style hot sauce and melted butter, served alongside a blue cheese dipping sauce dotted with chopped celery. Frank's was the hot-sauce choice of the original Buffalo gals who created the recipe, but since then the brand has been taken over by Durkee's and it's now a fierce brew — high in vinegar, with a shrill overtone of powdered cayenne. You can get your chicken or shrimp "Wet" or "Fireman Style," drenched with hot sauce, or "Dry," with the firewater served on the side. The latter is the more prudent choice, until you know whether you like the sauce and can stand the burn.

All "Who's on First" batter baskets come with a side of Baseball Fries. These slender fries resemble McDonald's but taste like spuds from the earth rather than generic starch from the chem lab.

"What's on Second?" heads a list of "signature sandwiches," most of them featuring the "Who's on First?" fried items. The fillings include fried fish dressed with tartar sauce, and shrimp — nearly a po' boy — served on a hoagie dressed with garlic mayo. Chicken tenders and roast turkey are both dressed with Dijon garlic mayo. All come topped with crisp lettuce and reasonably juicy tomatoes. There's also the Philly Pitcher, a Philly cheesesteak made with thin-sliced beef, imported from its native land, spread on a 10-inch hoagie roll and dressed with chopped grilled onions, green peppers, mushrooms, and melted provolone cheese. I still prefer the version at the Philly sandwich shop on Convoy Street (the peppers and mushrooms are sliced there, not diced, following the original Italian-American mode — a mouth-feel factor), but my partner liked this rendition almost as well. If you want some potato chips on the side, the brand here is Utz, also from Philadelphia.

"That's on Third!" is the heading for a series of grilled burgers, shrimp, and chicken sandwiches. Lately, I'm rediscovering the joys of juicy char-grilled burgers made with good meat — after five years of deadline-night Jack in the Box, I'd forgotten why America made the burger the national dish. Here, the burgers are half-pound slabs of certified Angus, cooked to a beautiful blushing medium-rare. The simple Curve Ball comes with Batter Up! mild sauce — house-made Thousand Island dressing. I was even more enchanted by the lush and spicy Bring on the Heat burger, topped with crunchy caramelized onions, pepper jack cheese, and a splayed-out golden-fried onion, with a whole flattened Ortega green chile in the middle and both fried jalapeños and chipotle sauce for fire. My partner, however, found the combo a little indigestible — he loves spicy food, but to his tastes, this one overdid it.

I was disappointed, in my turn, by "619" chicken, which sounded like a chicken muffuletta but tasted nothing like that great N'Awlins deli sandwich. It has a tender chicken breast on a bun with roasted red peppers, provolone cheese, and, theoretically, a garlic-olive relish. In real life, I couldn't find the olives, even when I took the sandwich apart to search. Instead, there's a thick layer of browned minced garlic, edging on burnt. More appealing is the California Catcher, the same tender breast on toasted bread with bacon, lettuce, tomato, and avocado, with that good garlic mayo. Both the chicken sandwiches are labeled "lite." I wouldn't call them that. If you really want a light entrée, there's a whole section of "Outfield Salads," several of them made with grilled chicken.

Some days there are specials. Every Friday, chef Mel turns out barbecue ribs. He doesn't have a smoker, but whatever he does to the ribs ($9.95 for a plateful, with fries) is heavenly. They're falling-apart tender and come with a sweet-smoky Texas-style barbecue sauce. If you're into franks, those served daily here are Vienna hot dogs from Chicago on Vienna buns.

On the side, onion rings are a delight — lightly cooked in the thin batter, the onions still have plenty of white onion flavor and crunch. Ask for a little blue cheese dip to go with them — the two go together like, uh, Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese. (Sorry, I'm still true to my team — the Brooklyn Dodgers.) Other sides include potato salad and coleslaw, both heavy on ordinary restaurant-supply mayo. There's also a

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kiddie menu with a corn dog, miniature fish nuggets, chicken fingers, and a small burger, all served with fries, Cracker Jack, and a drink.

All desserts are house-made, with real butter (not shortening) for their fat component. They deserve to be called "home run." The carrot cake is my ideal version — airy, spiked with ginger, a pouf of tangy sour cream frosting on top and between the layers. The apple pie has a crunchy butter-crumb crust over semi-crisp apple slices that aren't oversweetened. (Take it next door to Cold Stone Creamery and have them plop a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream on top for an indulgent treat.) Chef Mel's own favorite (which I'll have to try next time) is a butter pound cake shot through with caramel syrup — injected by one of those marinator-hypos.

The downside to all this fine craftsmanship? While the menu looks like fast food, the food doesn't come fast. But it comes good. Everything is made to order, so expect a wait for that perfect fish and flawless chicken. Grab a soda, settle down in front of the boob tube, and relax.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Chef Mel, aged 38, grew up in the Lincoln Park district of San Diego, in the same neighborhood as Batter Up! His family originally came from Louisiana (New Orleans and Baton Rouge), and on visits to relatives there, he fell in love with their cooking. "I would just watch what the old ladies in the kitchen were doing. A lot of traditional Southern recipes are handed down by watching and listening. I wanted to be a chef since the sixth grade. Out of high school I went to culinary arts school at Mesa College, and I've been cooking all over the place for years, traveling in Europe, India, and Japan as a guest chef and going around the country here.

"Right out of school I was a line cook at Cochise and a banquet chef at Grant Grill. Then I started the Juke Joint Café downtown — that was my first adventure. I really wanted to master a cuisine, and I picked Southern food because that was what I was raised on, what I knew. I went through a lot of energy using Southern ingredients and learning all the different techniques of cooking. I left there after two years because my partners wanted to make it more of a music scene and I was more of a foodie.

"I went to the Cheesecake Factory for corporate training and on to New York, where I was sous-chef at Mesa Grill under Bobby Flay. Then I came back [for family reasons] to San Diego."

Chef Mel was working on the catering team at the French Gourmet when the idea for Batter Up! was born: All the businesses in Market Creek Plaza are chosen, based on neighborhood needs, by a resident-fueled community board under the aegis of the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. "I got a phone call from the Jacobs Center," says chef Mel, "saying a space was becoming available. It was a fish and chips place before, and I said, 'Yeah, I'll do another restaurant — I'm from this neighborhood, I'd like to give this neighborhood some quality food.' I went online, looking at names of restaurants and fish places. I found an article about a fish cannery in Canada, and the title of the article was 'Batter Up!' After that, everything started coming together — I'm a big Padres fan, and I was going to be making fried fish, so I decided to make the place a celebration of old-school baseball. This neighborhood is mainly chain fast food, so it's great to be bringing in some good food. I can give you a burger with certified Angus beef, I know what's going into it, and we make all our sauces from scratch. What's the number-one thing in cooking? Good ingredients!

"…We're adding on a 30-foot patio, and I just wrote a dinner menu that we're going to start serving in a few weeks, whenever the patio is done. The restaurant is going into some heartier food, try to get some more business at night. After five o'clock, we're going to more of a sit-down restaurant, with sizzle skillets, roasted chicken, grilled salmon with pineapple-mango salsa, blackened flat-iron steaks with Certified Angus beef. I'll be doing the flat-iron topped off with caramelized onions, watercress, a drizzle of olive oil with salt and pepper, keep it nice and fresh, with yam grits on the side. And the roast chicken I'm going to serve with some cilantro pesto-swirled mashed potatoes I learned from Bobby Flay in New York. It just explodes in your mouth."

One reason for the consistency of the cooking at Batter Up! lies in the enthusiastic kitchen staff. "Two guys that started working with me got inspired to go to cooking school. Their applications are in now, so I have to get the whole dinner thing going by September, when classes start. I challenge them a lot to come up with different things. The grilled salmon is something they want to do."

Any chance he'll bring his great Juke Joint gumbo to Batter Up? "Well, I'm working at finding another place for the rebirth of Juke Joint Café," he says. "I still own the name, and sometime in the future I'll be doing that restaurant again. But for now, I'm right next door to Magnolias, a Southern restaurant, and I don't want to do the same food in the same neighborhood.

"Hey, I'm teaching a class on July 8 at Macy's. I'm going to do gumbo, and brown jambalaya, where it's all cooked together, and red jambalaya, where you make a Creole sauce and add it at the end. Come on down!" ■



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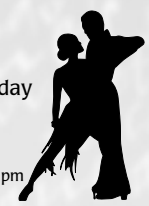

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"I love the smell of burgers in the morning," says Jim.

We stand here, just below the mesa, Jim's nose twitching in the breeze. The smell's wafting out of Grossmont College's cafeteria, somewhere up these steps we're climbing. Jim is heading for his usual breakfast, a two-patty hamburger with lettuce, red onion, tomato, pickles, and mayo, $2.99.

"Student rates," he says. "Can't beat 'em."

Jim heads off for his burger-breakfast. But me, I'm made of sterner stuff. I've come here to Grossmont College to see about — don't laugh — returning to finish what I dropped a while back: see if I could come back, study.

So I find my way to the administration office. Once I get inside, though, I panic. This is ridiculous. I had my chance, man, years ago — how could I even afford it now?

A woman comes up. Fallback! Plan B!

"Anybody know where the chow hall is?" I ask. A tall, good-lookin' gal from the employment office shows me to a small door. "Through there," she says, and disappears. I go along a passage and then through another that opens out onto — oh wow, a hall that could maybe handle a basketball court. Students spread out among two dozen tables, chowing down, talking, or staring into laptops. There are tables under green umbrellas outside as well. And at the far end, the actual cafeteria. "Is this the only eatery on campus?" I ask the girl cashier. "Pretty much," she says.

So we're not talking UCSD's huge dining center with all the concessions and smoky Persian and Somali food tents. This is just a part of the Student Center building. Its orange tile floor, cream tile walls, and strip lighting could make it your typical institution, except that the place buzzes with life.

I swing up to the counter. Hmm. They have burgers from $2.49 (single) to a double cheeseburger ($3.49). They have lots of breakfasts, too, officially done at 10 a.m., but still going strong at a quarter of two. And these are really good prices. A pasta bowl for $3.89, a crispy chicken sandwich for $2.29, a beef-and-bean burrito for $2.99. Plus pizzas starting at $1.99.

"An amazing number of folks get burgers in the morning," says the guy behind the counter. His name's Tracy.

I'm almost tempted, except the female student next to me orders a "chicken katsu." Turns out it's today's special, the most expensive thing on the menu at $4.99. Tracy loads the plate with red-skinned sautéed potatoes, sautéed veggies, like squash, zucchini, and carrots, and a big slab of crumb-coated chicken with a creamy sauce on top. There are special soups, too. Your choice: beef and mushroom, chicken noodle, or potato and bacon ($1.99 regular, $3.79 for the large).

"I'll have what she's having," I say, even though everybody else seems to be buying the breakfast burrito. This guy Liam, who's studying environmental engineering, gets one with sausage and Tater Tots for $3.15. "Every day I get this," he says. "This place has the best."

Pretty soon Betty brings out my plate. She looks familiar. Oh yeah! "Anybody ever tell you you look like J-Lo?" I ask her. "Not quite," she says. She pats her butt. "I'd need to put a lot more junk in my trunk."

I head off with the crowd to the coffee place for a large coffee ($1.60). I go through the glass doors to the patio and the green umbrellas and plunk down near a bunch of Japanese exchange students chomping and laughing. They're all eating the pasta bowl, penne plus a couple of vegetables. Meanwhile, I'm busy carving in to the chicken. The red potatoes and sautéed yellow squash and zucchini are great.

The kids rattle away in Japanese. "That's the problem," Mami tells me. She's one of the girls. "We intended to come to a school where there weren't many Japanese, so we would be forced to speak English. But here at Grossmont there are lots of us. We talk Japanese all the time."

And the food? "It's good," says Tatsu, the lone guy. "But at home we would have lots more vegetables, and we don't use so much oil in their cooking. It's healthier."

Well, this may not be as healthy, but it was a surprise fill-up for me. I get up, all energized. New resolve. Stride back to the admissions office. And, wow, they say, heck yes, half our students are adult returnees coming back after the wild years. Any time! Which sounds great. I take a catalog and head back outside. For a moment, I look across the valley. Oh boy, now I recognize it. It's where Carla lived as a kid, where she used to build forts in the trees with her brothers. I get all sentimental, duck back inside and buy a double burger to go, for her.

Back home, I produce it with a flourish.

"Straight from your alma mater," I say.

"Bedford!" Carla says. "You know I'm on a diet. Please get rid of it."

Diet? Man, I had forgotten. Oh well — heh heh. Guess I'll just have to get rid of it. ■

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"About the same time I started drinking wine is about the same time I stopped drinking whiskey," says James Castillo, proprietor of WineStyles in Encinitas. It started, not too surprisingly, in Europe, where he was living with his wife Mary while on assignment. "I was in manufacturing." But after 35 years, "I had to get out of that game. I just wanted to do something really different." He started looking around for a franchise, and he found WineStyles.

Right away, he was taken with the concept — "setting up wine in a non-intimidating fashion that increases the odds that people are going to like the bottle when they take it home. That's huge — huge. We organize our wines according to taste and style, rather than by region or varietal. The reason for that is because there is so much range within a varietal." Your California Syrah is not the same as your Australian Shiraz is not the same as your French Rhone. And even within California, your Santa Barbara Syrah will differ from your Paso Robles Syrah. And on and on it goes.

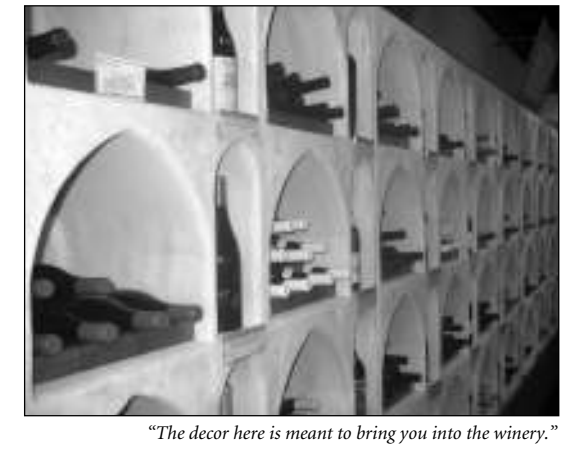
In order to make things easier on the consumer, WineStyles created its own set of categories. From the company brochure: "The different 'styles' identify the specific flavors, body, and essence of the wine." One side of the store gets reds (including dessert wines), the other whites (including bubbly). The reds are divided between Fruity, Mellow, and Bold. "Fruity," reads the sign over the section. "Fruit forward, jammy, grapey. Flavors of raspberry, strawberry, and blueberry. Salads, pizza, pasta, salmon, chicken." Mellow, meanwhile, gets "round, velvety, smooth. Flavors of cherry, berries, herbs, and earth. Pasta, veal, pork, beef, lamb." And Bold? "Intense, complex, heavy. Flavors of chocolate, coffee, pepper, and licorice. Hearty and spicy dishes, complex flavors, hard cheeses." Whites get Crisp, Smooth, and Rich.

"It works for the novice and the experienced drinker alike," says Castillo. "The experienced drinker knows what he's looking for. Very honestly, you go into a specialty wine shop, or even a big-box retailer, you can get a very nice bottle of wine. But there's some guesswork involved there. There's some luck involved." Here, both novice and connoisseur get an easily grasped helping hand in that initial narrowing of choices.

That helping hand becomes more invaluable when you consider that WineStyles concentrates on a pretty narrow niche of products. Like many bottle shops, they distance themselves from the larger chains by focusing on "boutique labels — probably 5000 cases or less, and in many cases, 1000 or less, though not all from small wineries. We have a wine director, and we have an approved wine list which is now 1200 wines strong." Individual shop owners can put in particular wines they discover, "and if it looks like there's enough volume and the winery is going to be around for a little while, then we have a process whereby we can get a wine added to the approved list. Other stores can then take advantage of it, and stores in the same region can get together and make volume purchases."

But the chain also seeks to deliver "world-class wines for under $25." The low cost helps with the "non-intimidating" approach, but it carries a different sort of price. Finding boutique wines under $25 often means carrying wines or varietals or even entire regions that have yet to achieve popular acclaim. "I've got a Leal Cabernet for $25, for instance, that I'd stand up against a Jordan Reserve at four times the price any day of the week." Fun stuff, but without those flavor profiles, the novice would be pretty much flying blind, and even experienced drinkers might be guessing more than they like. *With* the profiles, however… "I've had only a few people say, 'I don't recognize any of these labels,'" says Castillo. "When they do, I say, 'Well, that's a good thing.' I find that most wine drinkers today have a little sense of adventure. And since you aren't spending $50 or $60 a pop, it's not going to break your heart to experiment a little bit. And if there's a particular style category you really like, chances are you'll find other wines in that style that you like as well."

To help folks remember just what it is they liked or didn't like, each bottle is sold with a "necktie" — a cardboard tag around the bag indicating which style of wine is inside. "We have people who bring that tag back, saying, 'I can't remember what I got, but it was in here….' And for anybody who signs up, I'll keep a record of what it is you bought."



"The decor here is meant to bring you into the winery."

And just as in a standard bottle shop, you can always ask the staff. "The novice will spend thirty minutes in here, walk and talk, ask questions, and maybe walk out with one bottle of wine. But they're coming back. And the experienced wine drinker might ask, 'Have you had this?' And I say, 'Yes, I have.'" Castillo is quick to admit, however, that his palate is far from the final arbiter. "The one thing that's crucial in this business, especially with your customers, is not to pretend you're something you're not. At the end of the day, I know what I like and what I don't like. There are people with palates a lot more educated than mine. There are people — Alsatian wines knock them off their pins. That's not for me. But I understand a technically good wine. I've got a South African Pinotage that I just can't drink. You like it or you don't. But I know it's a technically good wine, and people come in and ask for it and buy two bottles at a time. We try to satisfy everybody."

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at ease; the decor follows suit. "When you think of wine," says Castillo's wife Mary, who also works in the shop and helps taste wines, "you think of having wine with your evening meal. You have this wonderful thought of the vineyards, of just wonderful living. So what do you do? You go into the store where the wine is on racks or stacked on the floor in cardboard boxes. It's very sterile, very cold. The decor here is meant to bring you into the winery — so you don't lose that wonderful thought. You carry it through with you. We'll have people outside the door, peering in. They don't want to cross that threshold. They're really intimidated. It's so nice to say, 'Well, come in!' We explain a little bit, they see the prices…and it's like this ease comes over them. 'Oh my gosh, we can afford to be a part of this. We can come into the store, we can relax, we can have fun, we can try different types. It's just wonderful to see the reaction." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Dring summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw…oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is $10, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations urged. Lunch weekdays, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for all three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the *"Es ist Wunderbar!"* sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

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Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 6 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short

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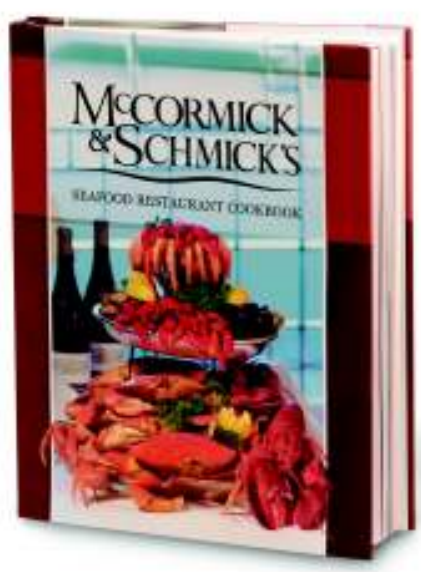

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Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners." Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open for breakfast daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, mansize-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that all their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef, chicken, lamb, and fresh sauces using chemical-free ingredients. All from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. Décor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just



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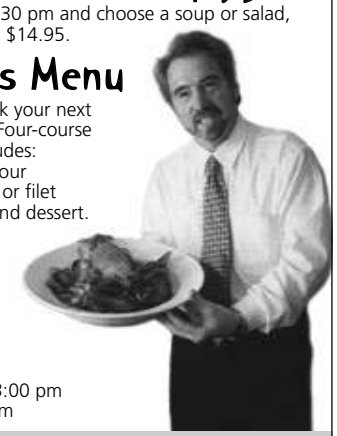
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China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Sea-Coast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach,* with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped, panang,* and *kang kari.* Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai.* But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla,* Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay,* a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try…anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí,* the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open daily until 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian *"Treno della Pace."* Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (1/05)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches,* a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. No lunch, but dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the


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cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bamboo Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — *N.W. (5/05)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/05)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Three meals daily. Open until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or turkey Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian décor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack

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Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

House Of Blues Restaurant 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was *not* tear down Woolworth's old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you'll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel's crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a "caramel halo" will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 72 hours to a week's notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club —









but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soulful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajas,* puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

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Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Canyon Club Cafe 421 Telegraph Canyon Road, Chula Vista, (no phone). You don't get deals like this every day — think 1940's roadhouses. Read the breakfast menu: "All items above include hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and (1) beer." Bikers (especially the U.M.F. of America, and yes, you've probably worked the letters out) appreciate this menu regularly. The food is strictly Americana, from the half plate of biscuits and gravy, to steak and eggs, to omelets with Ortega chili. Biggest threat isn't the bikers (they're "good people" according to the owners), it's gentrification. Good-tasting sandwiches: salmon burger or COBALT (Cheese, Onion, Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, and Tomato). Open seven days, lunch and dinner, until midnight; breakfast on weekends from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot,* but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sunday, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — *(10/05)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu.* For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero,* from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada,* and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden *("escondida")* mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole *(cacerola de mariscos),* the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat *("cabrito tatemado").* Desserts include the house *especial,* mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve,* crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the *"Rey del Pollo"* sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" (*"la vuelta"*) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro,* an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

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Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an *18*-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of $70 but reasonable markups and wines over $100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

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B to P

The oblique narrative snakes along like the trickle from a garden hose.

REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

In alphabetical order:

The Break-Up, self-explanatorily titled, is a battle-of-the-sexes romantic comedy that accurately hits numerous notes of stridency, nastiness, pain, and so on, and next to none of laughter. More of an unromantic uncomedy. (The screenwriters, Jeremy Garelick and Jay Lavender, and the director, Peyton Reed, are all male, so no equal representation.) Vince Vaughn, Mr. Glib, comes across as too insouciant to be truly involved, and in order to convey a scintilla of commitment he must resort to the devices of Burt Lancaster as pointed out by Vincent Canby: he "acts with his hair." Or in Vaughn's case, his hairpieces, sporting a mild approximation of a 1950s rock-and-roller's pompadour for special occasions but favoring otherwise something resembling a scoop of hot fudge, creating continuity problems when he huffs out of dinner parties looking like Fabian but, a bit later at his favorite watering hole, looking more like Tony Bennett. Jennifer Aniston, Miss Coppertone 2002-06, does better at acting engaged, but the chemistry of the couple, the basis for their relationship, is never established beyond a pre-credits meet-cute at Wrigley Field and a behind-the-credits photo montage in which they look as well matched as Scott and Laci Peterson. The least you can say about the resolution is that it does not totally betray what precedes it.

Cars, from the Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envisions a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do cars come from?), but of course anthropomorphized cars, such that the windshields are eyes and the hoods, grilles, and front bumpers form noses and mouths. It centers on a hotshot rookie race car called Lightning McQueen, who, en route to the Piston Cup championship on the West Coast, gets stalled in the sleepy little backwater of Radiator Springs (soon christened "Hillbilly Hell") off Route 66 ("the Mother Road"), which time and the interstate have passed by. Whether or not you can steer around the irony, or hypocrisy, or cynicism, or what-you-will, of a computer cartoon waxing nostalgic over the slower pace and simpler ways of the Good Old Days, this is one of the better specimens of this type of animation, the airless, vacuum-sealed, climate-controlled, machine-tooled type. The clean, sleek, toylike shapes of the vehicles (straight out of an old Chevron commercial) are easily handled, and their personalities inventively differentiated. The town itself is wittily detailed: the single flashing yellow light on Main Street, the caution-cone motel cabins, the geodesic-dome garage for the psychedelic hippie van, etc. And, outside of the herd of flatulent tractors, the sense of humor refrains from the off-color. And having to listen to Owen Wilson is much preferable to having to look at him at the same time. Paul Newman, a racing enthusiast in real life, could be said to be well cast as the voice of the legendary Hudson Hornet, Piston Cup champ from 1951 to '53, who chose to put himself out to pasture at the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity.



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question is "a junkie to the bone," the Chinese mop-top mate (a bristly mop, usable as a toilet-bowl brush) of an over-the-hill rock star who OD's on heroin and leaves his survivor with a mountain of debt and a six-month sentence for possession. Her reason for change — her reason for taking menial jobs in a Parisian Chinese restaurant and a downscale department store — her reason for trying to launch her own singing career, capitalizing on her fleeting celebrity as a one-time television VJ and a reviled rock widow — is her six-year-old son, currently in the care of her Canadian parents-in-law. The oblique narrative snakes along like the trickle from a garden hose. It might puddle up on matters of no significance (a stylish concert performance by Emily Haines and the rock group Metric), and it might go underground on matters of great significance (the prison term), and its course is never propulsive yet never predictable. Maggie Cheung, off-screen wife of the film's director, Olivier Assayas, received the Best Actress laurel at Cannes, and it is not hard to believe that among the handful of films in competition at last year's festival there were no better female performances. She gamely gets on board with the accepted French philosophy of acting, whereby her role, no matter how huge, is but another element in the film, not the centerpiece, not the *raison d'être*, no more important than the informally mingling camera, the unpicturesque settings, the hip musical selections (Brian Eno), or the smaller parts (Nick Nolte, as the father-in-law, rivalling David Janssen in constancy and depth of discomfort). Even her biggest emotional outbursts are just part of the flow. Or the trickle. They are not showstoppers. Her singing voice, a Nico-like monotone, more talking than singing, doesn't sound much like that of a siren. Maybe that's the point. Or maybe, in the music world today, it doesn't matter.

An Inconvenient Truth, a documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd, has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think *The Day after Tomorrow*, think *Waterworld*, or if you're a reader, think *The Drowned World* or *The Kraken Wakes)*, with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. Time will tell whether it must take its place with *Fahrenheit 9/11* and *Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry* as campaign propaganda. (It is padded out with humanizing biographical tidbits familiar from the Democratic National Convention of 2000.) If it should touch off a Gore groundswell, well, we could do a lot worse. We have done.

The Omen is obviously not, heaven forbid, a fourth sequel, an *Omen 5*, but rather a straight remake of the 1976 original, about the advent of the anti-Christ (presaged now by the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, 9/11, the Indian Ocean tsunamis of 2004) in the form of the adopted tyke of the U.S. ambassador to Great Britain. A completely uncalled-for remake, too, unless you've been calling for a "better" beheading. (Director John Moore, carving out an unnecessary niche for himself, last did a remake of the unimprovable *Flight of the Phoenix*.) For all its sheen, it loses some star power in the substitution of Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles for Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, and along with it some parental power. Is Liev Schreiber apt to succeed where Gregory Peck failed? (Mia Farrow, former mother of the Son of Satan in *Rosemary's Baby*, is gimmickily cast as his nanny, the anti-Mary Poppins.) At the finish, it isn't the influence of the Devil inside the White House that need worry us. It's the prospect of remakes of sequels.

A Prairie Home Companion takes its title and its emcee from Garrison (a/k/a Garrulous) Keillor's weekly public-radio show. There is no mention, though, of the imaginary world of Lake Woebegone, MN. The sole setting is the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, named after native son F. Scott, and ticketed for the wrecking ball, and the plot situation is closing night of a long-running old-fashioned live radio variety hour, mixing gospel music, cowboy songs, bluegrass, and blues: a fragile audio fantasy made heavily (and unconvincingly) concrete. Director Robert Altman brings, along with his drifting, disengaged cameras, a deep-seated condescension that makes the loss seem like no big loss. And it goes without saying that he also brings an ensemble cast: Kevin Kline as a Clouseau-esque private eye unfortunately named Guy Noir and unfortunately narrating in first person, Virginia Madsen as a heaven-sent angel in a white trenchcoat, Tommy Lee Jones as the heartless new landlord, and a host of nonsingers as singers, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly, Woody Harrelson, L.Q. Jones, and the regrettably irrepressible Keillor himself. Lindsay Lohan, purportedly a professional singer, sounds the worst of the lot. Streep, a passable warbler, always gives more than required or requested, and she alone thought to give a Minnesota accent. (I neglected to mention in *Cars* the vacationing minivan named Minnie who talks with a Minnesota accent: we owe it to the Coen brothers for putting this galumphing cadence permanently into the comic repertoire.) Inevitably there are nice touches, like the new landlord's sour glance at the bust of Fitzgerald during Reilly's and Harrelson's "Bad Jokes" number ("Why do they call it PMS? Because mad cow was already taken"), but Altman treats everything, good, bad, mostly indifferent, as a throwaway.

Take My Eyes, to remain alphabetical even when no longer critical, is this month's — this week's — offering in the "Cinema en Tu Idioma" series at Ultrastar Mission Valley 7 in Hazard Center, a made-in-Spain film, a marital film, an unseen film. ■



The Break-Up

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Akeelah and the Bee — An eleven-year-old black girl (the appealing Keke Palmer) in the South L.A. ghetto braves the taunts of "freak" and "brainiac" to enter the Scripps National Spelling Bee and, on her first try, go clear through to the televised finals in Washington, D.C., where it all comes down to "logorrhea" and "pulchritude," two words to make even an average speller feel like a champ. In short, it's the documentary *Spellbound* with a fictional stacked deck, a palatable if not exactly swallowable family film, the sort of thing Oprah could get behind a hundred percent. Laurence Fishburne is the moody private tutor and Angela Bassett the distracted single mom: Ike and Tina Turner together again! Written and directed by Doug Atchison. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 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 — Reviewed this issue. With Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston, Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Favreau, and Judy Davis; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Cars — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Owen Wilson, Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt, and Larry the Cable Guy; directed by John Lasseter.
★★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/9)



Cars

Clean — Reviewed this issue. With Maggie Cheung, Nick Nolte, Béatrice Dalle, and Don McKellar; written and directed by Olivier Assayas.
★★★ (KEN, 6/9 THROUGH 15)

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The Da Vinci Code — Nonsensical retelling of the Dan Brown best-seller, premised on "the greatest cover-up in human history," namely the murderously guarded secret that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene married and multiplied. (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 dubious in the extreme.) 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 to the traumatic childhoods of the two principals — a symbologist and a cryptologist — 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 long-hair. 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. Still, the movie ought to be cut 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, although even the code-breaking proceeds at a breakneck pace. 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. Paul Bettany, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

District B13 — Paris in the near future. Berlin-style walls have been put up around the ghettos to contain the spread of crime, and a WMD has fallen into the hands of a ganglord. The Hong Kong-style action and MTV-style camerawork fail to communicate the seriousness of the situation. With Cyril Raffaelli and David Belle; directed by Pierre Morel. 2005.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

The Fallen Idol — 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 Witch, and the boy's nocturnal flight in his pj'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



District B13

Hitchcock. With Bobby Henrey, Sonia Dresdel, Jack Hawkins, Bernard Lee, Dora Bryan. 1948.
★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 6/8)

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 British-accented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual ("Just because you care about what you wear doesn't mean to say you're gay"). The third, Joan Cusack, has a passel of kids, plenty of hired help with them, no job and no need of one, enough money to donate a spare couple of million to her children's school. Assuming the role of matchmaker, she introduces the moneyless and mateless friend, Jennifer Aniston, to her personal trainer, who begins to tag along with her on her housecleaning jobs and to demand a cut for haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of *Walking and Talking* and *Lovely and Amazing,* is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won't be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can't tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant). Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from Cusack and Aniston, but the faciliness 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, THROUGH 6/8; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 6/9)

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)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — More straightforwardly, *Ice Age: The Sequel.* Our three inseparable prehistoric mammals — woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger — face global warming (as they are already calling it) and the impending inundation of their frozen valley. Even if they can escape the flood, outrun the rapacious sea beasts, and catch the prototype of Noah's Ark, the end is still near. And at the end of a sequel, even with a final retreat into Major Denial, the end can only be nearer. The consciousness of imminent doomsday is compounded — is complemented — by the personal identity crisis, the extinction anxiety, of the sore-thumb mammoth: "What if I *am* the last mammoth?" On the trek, he will get an answer to his question when he runs into an opposite-sex mammoth who, raised among possums, acts and thinks like a possum herself, another sort of identity crisis. All this existential *angst* gives the film more resonance than some other computer cartoons, an ominous low hum drowned out nonetheless by the *au courant* smart-ass brassiness. The nonverbal squirrel, wrestling with his own existential *angst*, chasing the unattainable acorn, continues to put in intermittent appearances but ceases to steal the show. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; directed by Carlos Saldanha. 2006.
★ (VOGUE)

An Inconvenient Truth — Reviewed this issue. With Al Gore; directed by Davis Guggenheim.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/9)

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 Nor-

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man. The third-generation shoe man, Joel Edgerton, looks a bit Michael Anderson, Jr., just past his prime. Directed by Julian Jarrold. 2006.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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)

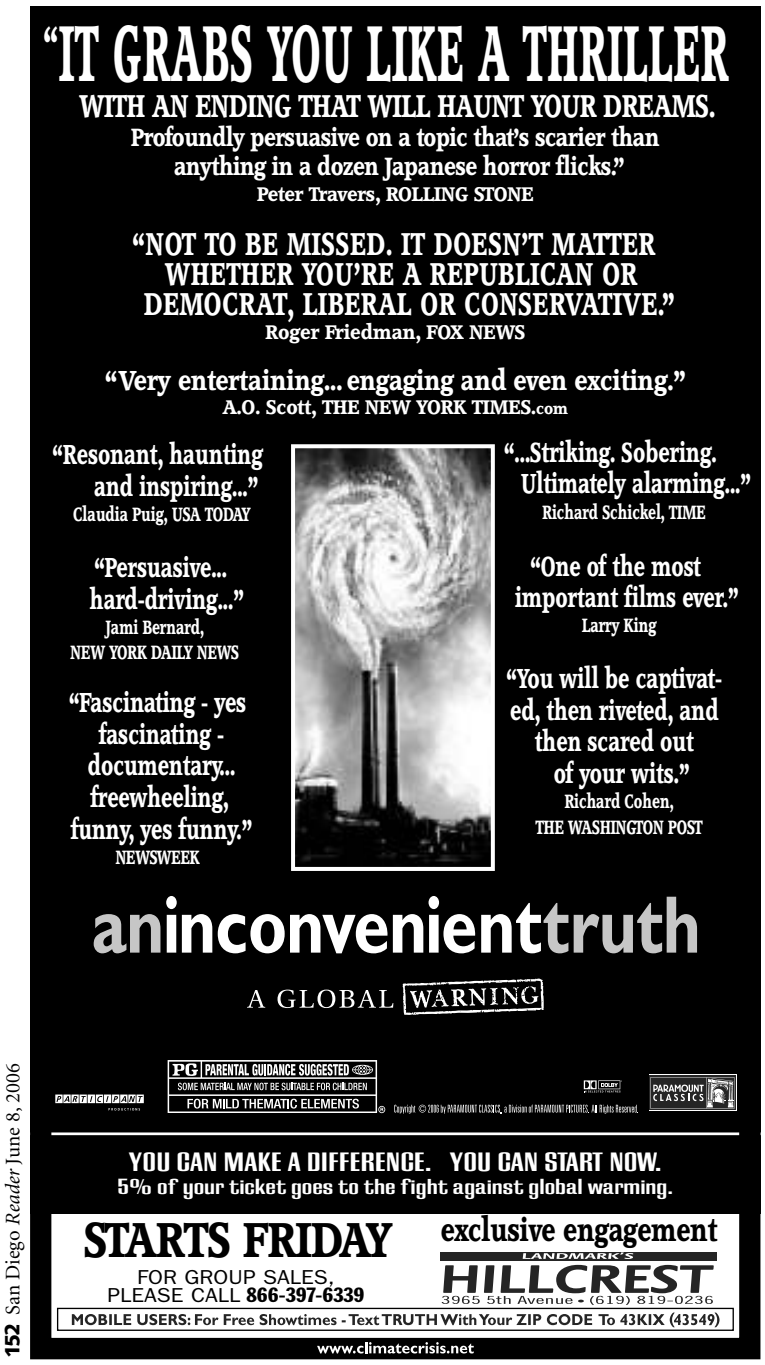
Mission: Impossible III — The throbbing Lalo Schifrin theme music from the original late-Sixties TV show is still the best thing about this third mission, as it was about the first two. It's hard to decide what's the worst thing. Tom Cruise would be a too-easy fall guy. Granted, he seems to be getting 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; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



An Inconvenient Truth

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)

The Omen — Reviewed this issue. With Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles, David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, and Mia Farrow; directed by John Moore.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA 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 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)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slo-mo 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 true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 all-stars. 2006.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Prairie Home Companion — Reviewed this issue. With Garrison Keillor, Kevin Kline, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Lindsay Lohan, and Tommy Lee Jones; directed by Robert Altman.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 6/9)

The Princess Bride — Rob Reiner, who's said to have been wanting to make a movie of the William Goldman novel for many more years than he'd actually been a moviemaker, is not at this point a good enough director to cover up for a not good enough idea: he's still tied too tightly to the TV sitcom sensibility (acquired no doubt in his years as an actor on *All in the Family*), all the way down to the clunking closeup of whoever happens to be talking at the moment. In fairness he does seem to keep on trying to do something a little different, only he is doing something less different here than he seems to think. The possibilities of the tongue-in-cheek swashbuckling adventure have been pretty thoroughly mapped out in such things as, coming forwards in time, *The Great Race,* Richard Lester's *The Three* (and *Four*) *Musketeers,* Richard Quine's *The Prisoner of Zenda*, *Flash Gordon,* and the Indiana Jones films. And the Errol Flynn-Douglas Fairbanks prototypes never had their tongues far from their cheeks in the first place. But forget all that now, if you possibly can, as you are guided again to The Shrieking Eels and The Cliffs of Insanity and The Fire Swamp, with its St. Bernard-sized rats, and The Pit of Despair and so on (only the names are different), to be regaled not so much by the actual spectacle of any of these sights as by the choking facetiousness of your tour-guide. This attitude of indulgent superiority is evidently supposed to coat the thing with a layer of "adultness." And for a second coat into the bargain, there is a present-day framing device whereby a horribly made-up and costumed granddad (Peter Falk) "reads" the story we are seeing to a precocious sitcom kid in his sickbed: a soft-sell pitch for literature (the television of yore) that had been done before, and better, in *The Neverending Story*. Winks and eye-rolls notwithstanding, however, *The Princess Bride* remains obstinately a movie for children. There is no harm in that. But there is not a lot else in it either. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon. 1987.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/10 AND 11, 8:30 P.M.)

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. 2006.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Sentinel — Someone in the Secret Service, so says a scumbag informer, aims to assassinate the President. Framed for it is the very agent who blows the whistle, a wily old veteran (Michael Douglas) who once took a bullet for Reagan and is now assigned to the First Lady and having a hot and heavy affair with her on the side. A political potboiler of passable suspense, flunk-

SEEN ON DVD

BRENNAN HUBBELL
Associate "lackey," Media Arts Center San Diego

The film I am most looking forward to getting on DVD is one called *Chain* by Jem Cohen. Apparently he wanted to apply wilderness filmmaking techniques to urban situations and got frustrated when he kept getting advertising billboards in his shots. So he decided to make a film about that.

Luc Besson's *Subway* is a film I really liked when I was in high school and was looking for something with a new vision. Seeing it now, it still holds up, but it's funny to see all the '80s stuff that once seemed so modern.

I read *Woman in the Dunes* and seldom do I like a film as much as the book, but in this case I did. The film is visually so interesting, and despite bizarre circumstances it seems so real.

CHAIN (USA/Germany) 2004, *www.jemcohenfilms.com*
List price: [to be released later this year]

SUBWAY (France) 1985, UAV Entertainment
List price: $19.99

WOMAN IN THE DUNES (Japan) 1964, Milestone
List price: $29.99

GLOW ANDREADE
Movie lover

Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* is a classic everyone should watch, especially people who don't know about Japan. I love how each character is so well developed so you know where they are coming from and why they are behaving as they do.

Another one from Japan is *Nine Souls*, by Toshiaki Toyoda. Again, this is a film about well-developed characters. It goes into the lives of each of nine escapees from a prison — what each remembers — who are all trying to get home.

I also love the Japanese movies of the '40s. Ozu's *Late Spring* is especially good. It has Setsuko Hara as a young woman who has everyone making decisions for her but she finally makes a decision of her own. After her movies with Ozu, she disappeared and went into isolation like Garbo. I'd love to find out what happened to her.

SEVEN SAMURAI (Japan) 1954, Criterion
List price: $39.95

NINE SOULS (Japan) 2003, Arts Magic
List price: $24.95

LATE SPRING (Japan) 1949, Criterion
List price: $39.95

REBECCA ROMANI
ESL teacher/documentary filmmaker

One that I love is the Spanish film *Belle Époque*. It's fun because it shows the different developments of each of the daughters and the mother. It captures something of Spain and Italy in the '40s, and my family comes from that area.

The Tunisian film *Halfaouine* offers a really interesting look at a young man coming of age in Africa. It's beautifully shot with a clear sense of the interior of Africa. U.S. films shot in Africa have this odd edge and sense of exotica, so it's nice to see something from the inside.

I just showed *Race Is the Place* to my class of foreign students. It's fantastic. Fast paced, well done, and with very smart commentary. Really good stuff on what the dialogue is between races. It captures just the right pitch and gets people to participate in a dialogue. That's really good.

BELLE EPOQUE (Spain/France) 1992, Columbia/Tristar
List price: $29.95

HALFAOUINE (Tunisia/France) 1990, Kino
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RACE IS THE PLACE (USA) 2005, Paradigm, *www.paradigmproductions.org*
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able logic, with a singed image as if fried under a sunlamp. Kiefer Sutherland, Eva Longoria, Kim Basinger, David Rasche, Martin Donovan; directed by Clark Johnson. 2006.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Take My Eyes — Spanish domestic drama starring Laia Marull and Luis Tosar, directed by Icíar Bollaín.
(MISSION VALLEY 7, 6/9 THROUGH 15)

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 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.



The Omen

(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. 2006.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/8; KEN, FROM 6/9; LA JOLLA 12)

Typhoon — Cheap Korean knockoff of James Bond (complete with John Barry-esque 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 bridge-building. With Jung-jae Lee, Dong-kun Jang, Mi-yeon Lee, and David McInnis; written and directed by Kyung-taek Kwak. 2005.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

United 93 — British filmmaker Paul Greengrass, in the vein of his docudrama *Bloody Sunday*, has done a thoroughgoing job of imagining how the events of 9/11 might have unfolded, a much more thorough job of it than most mere newspaper readers and TV news watchers will have done for themselves; and he has maintained a respectable level of integrity in his placement of stress on the "docu" in preference to the "drama," his reliance on the *vérité* conventions of scrappy camerawork, jittery cutting, and grainy film stock, his avoidance of cheap theatrics, his employment of a no-name cast in what are inevitably one-note characterizations, including several actual participants in the events, re-enacting unhistrionically their own roles in them. (It

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The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (1:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Take My Eyes** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Tom & Jerry: The Fast and the Furry** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:00, 9:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 7:00, 10:00; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:35, 8:15, 10:40; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Clean (R) Fri. 7:00 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 7:00; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (4:45) 9:40

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Love in the Afternoon (Not Rated); **The Princess Bride** (Not Rated)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35) 12:05, 12:35, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:25; **The Lost City** (R) Fri. (2:05, 5:15) 8:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 2:05, 5:15, 8:25; **Peaceful Warrior** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Chronos (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; **The Dream Is Alive** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **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)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05) 4:35, 5:40, 7:20, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50 Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05) 4:35, 5:40, 7:20, 8:15, 9:50; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 12:50, 1:55, 3:55) 4:50, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35 Sun. (11:00, 12:50, 1:55, 3:55) 4:50, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20 Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:15; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00, 10:25; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:25, 9:30; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Cars (G); **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (2:00) 5:15, 8:30 Sat. (2:00) 5:15, 8:30 Sun. 10:30 (2:00) 5:15, 8:30; **The**

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.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Wah-Wah — Actor Richard E. Grant's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age film, set in Swaziland on the verge of its independence, but centering on his messy domestic situation, his cheating mother, his boozing father, and his unceremonious American stepmother, "a common little ex-air 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, THROUGH 6/8)



Peaceful Warrior

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 — The third installment (to be less melodramatic about it), 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 returns here as an upgraded Class Five mutant: "The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a cocoon that protected her.") 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. New to the series, Brett Ratner directed, or at any rate sat in the director's chair. With Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Kelsey Grammer. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS CINEMAS; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Omen (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:30, 7:45; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. 10:15 (1:30) 5:30, 10:00 Sat. (1:30) 5:30, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (1:30) 5:30, 10:00; **Tom & Jerry: The Fast and the Furry** (G) 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)
The Break-Up (PG-13); **Cars** (G); **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13); **District B13** (R); **Goal** (PG); **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13); **The Omen** (R); **Over the Hedge** (PG); **Poseidon** (PG-13); **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13); **The Proposition** (Not Rated); **RV** (PG); **See No Evil** (R); **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 6:00, 9:45; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 4:00, 7:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:50; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:20; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:40; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri. 12:40, 1:45, 3:10, 4:15, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:30 Sat. 11:20, 12:40, 1:45, 3:10, 4:15, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:30 Sun. 11:20, 12:40, 1:45, 3:10, 4:15, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05; **Cars** (G) Fri. (12:50, 1:50, 3:40) 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20 Sat. (11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40) 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20 Sun. (11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40) 4:40, 6:30, 7:30; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 1:30, 3:50) 4:45, 7:00, 8:05, 10:10 Sun. (12:30, 1:30, 3:50) 4:45, 7:00, 8:05; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 7:45, 10:35 Sun. 7:45; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 2:30) 4:35, 6:45, 9:25 Sun. (12:25, 2:30) 4:35, 6:45; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:30 Sat. (11:10, 1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:20, 7:05; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 1:55, 3:00) 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25 Sat. (11:30, 12:35, 1:55, 3:00) 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 12:35, 1:55, 3:00) 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:45) 5:15, 8:30; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15; **Tom & Jerry: The Fast and the Furry** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (11:45, 1:30, 2:15, 4:15) 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (11:45, 1:30, 2:15, 4:15) 5:00, 7:00, 7:45; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:45) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 10:30 (1:45) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45) 5:30, 7:15, 9:30 Sun

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Autoridades locales y agencias federales desmantelaron a una banda de narcotraficantes donde participaban ex militares mexicanos y asociados del cártel de los Arellano-Félix.

Entre los arrestados se encontraba Dayan Tassinari, mexicano ex oficial de inteligencia de las fuerzas militares de su país, y José Luis Hernández, narcotraficante mexicano asociado con el cartel de los Arellano-Félix.

Durante el operativo se decomisó mariguana, cocaína, metanfetaminas, dinero en efectivo, armas automáticas de alto calibre, autos lujosos y joyas.

Las diez sujetos capturados son sospechosos de traficar y comerciar drogas que eran transportadas de México a Estados Unidos a través de las garitas de San Diego y de Arizona.

La banda criminal también robaba vehículos que eran llevados a México.

región


Especial.

Habla con su hija

CRONOLOGÍA CASO BENAZIR

Claman justicia

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

Todos los días Sara Helena Ruiz Meza platica con su hija Sara Benazir, aun cuando la joven murió trágicamente hace seis meses.

"Le digo a mi hija que vamos a ganar, que su muerte no será en vano", dijo.

Ruiz Meza emprendió el último recurso como madre de la víctima el pasado martes: una huelga de hambre afuera del Centro de Gobierno de Tijuana.

El 7 de diciembre de 2005 Sara Benazir Chavolla Ruiz, de 15 años, fue encontrada en estado de coma y murió 24 horas después.El gobernador de Baja California, Eugenio Elorduy, visitó a la señora Sara Helana para asegurarle que las autoridades resolverán el caso de su hija.

Aún así, la madre de Sara Benzair decidió continuar su huelga de hambre.

reportaje


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Suben a perros

Perra vigilancia

Perros adiestrados para detectar explosivos comenzaron a trabajar inspeccionado los vagones del trolley y autobuses urbanos del Condado de San Diego.

Tres pastores alemanes forman parte del nuevo proyecto de vigilancia implementado por el Sistema de Transporte Metropolitano (MTS) como parte del Programa Nacional de Detección Canina de Explosivos.

El MTS fue uno de los diez sistemas de transporte seleccionados por la Agencia de Seguridad en el Transporte (TSA) para poner en marcha el programa de seguridad y prevención.

Los tres perros apoyarán varias actividades y esfuerzos para brindar seguridad a los usuarios de los sistemas de transporte en toda la región de San Diego.

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A todo galope

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Con una exposición de gran calidad y de primer nivel, se inauguró la galería Víctor Díaz, quien fue pionero de la radio hispana en San Diego y quien anheló a través de los años un espacio para mostrar el arte fotográfico, sueño que ahora concretiza su viuda Marta Barba de Díaz y su hija Jessica.

Ante una gran asistencia a la exposición de uno de los mejores fotógrafos del mundo, Robert Vavra, 'Vavra's vision', equine images, se observa la belleza del caballo en libertad capturado bajo la lente de este gran fotógrafo en más de ochenta imágenes.

Robert Vrava es considerado como uno de los mejores fotógrafos de caballos en el mundo.

Con una técnica que ha depurado a través de los años, Vavra planea y organiza cada toma mucho antes de realizarla, por lo que ninguna fotografía es fortuita o a la suerte, todo está plenamente pensado para hacer la toma como él la ve en su mente.

Con fotografías que ha tomado desde hace 25 años, hasta las más recientes en octubre pasado, Visiones de Vavra es una digna muestra para este nuevo espacio que se convertirá en escaparate de grandes artistas en la región.



Sube la presión

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Llegó la hora
Se muere de miedo.
Se le nota en su rostro desencajado.
En sus absurdas declaraciones.
En su gesto adusto
En su mirada perdida.
Ricardo La Volpe no aguanta más la presión.

El entrenador de la selección mexicana de futbol se encuentra en el momento de su vida que lo puede consagrar en la gloria o lo puede condenar por el resto de sus días.

Las derrotas previas al Mundial que inicia este viernes, ante Francia y Holanda, y la forma miedosa con la que afrontó los encuentros son reflejo de lo que está pasando por la mente de técnico argentino.

El primer encuentro de México será contra Irán el 11 de junio a las nueve horas tiempo local.

Esperamos que para ese día La Volpe haya aclarado su mente y los jugadores mexicanos demuestren en la cancha los cuatro años de trabajo que tuvieron para preparar su debut en la Copa del Mundo.

No pasar a la segunda ronda, sería el desastre más grande en la historia del balompié azteca y eso es precisamente lo que tiene fuera de si al técnico Ricardo La Volpe. Las esperanzas del Tri en el Mundial dependerán en gran medida de sacar un buen resultado ente Irán para después enfrentar a Angola y a Portugal.



Otorgan becas

La Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Condado de San Diego (CHCCSD) otorgó más de 25 mil dólares en becas a 34 estudiantes latinos destacados por sus logros académicos y servicio comunitario. La Cámara inició su programa de becas en 1989 con el propósito de promover y apoyar el mejoramiento de la educación en la comunidad hispana.

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Este año 34 preparatorianos hispanos de San Diego recibieron beca que les ayudarán para pagar cursos en la universidad y en colegios comunitarios.

La ceremonia de entrega de certificados de becas económicas se llevó a cabo en la Escuela High Tech High, de Point Loma.

Asimismo durante la ceremonia de entrega de certificados y beca Linda Caballero- Merrit, presidenta de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de San Diego, anunció la nueva relación de trabajo entre la Cámara y la Feria del Condado de San Diego para la realización del evento anual "Festival Viva el Mariachi".







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Patrick Hardyman
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Jonathan Rafael
Internet Entrepreneur
Mira Mesa

I would retire from working, travel the world, and hopefully put some money down on a nice house in San Diego. Actually, I think I might buy a big yacht; [living on the yacht] I'd visit land with my private helicopter. My family would be blinged-out. I'd pay for my girlfriend to go to college, so she can do whatever she wants to do. I'd help my parents out, of course. I'd buy my girlfriend a ring, but I don't know if I'd marry her yet. I'd tell her, "We want a prenup." If I won $20,000 to $50,000, I'd go to the world series of poker; I'd put that money down and try to make it. If I won the big money, I could lose it all in one night.



Luke Taylor
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Things like boats would be nice, but they wouldn't be the first things on my mind. The first thing I'd do is give half of that money to Nourish the Children; they sell these bags for 50 bucks, and it feeds the kids for a month. Nine million kids starve in Africa a year. To a certain degree, I wouldn't be living too extraneously; I'd try to live like I live now, which is in moderation. My family is pretty well off, so they wouldn't need my help. I would definitely try to help people who are less fortunate; that'd pretty much be my driving force.



Ave Bernell
Office Assistant
Hillcrest

I would concentrate on my music. With, like, $50 million, I could do whatever I wanted. I would probably start a foundation like Save the Music; with a smaller amount of money, I'd still focus on my music. It's something you balance: your work life with your passion. I'm a late bloomer; I took the violin as a kid, but now I'm studying the piano. I think that if you know who you are with integrity, you just have to be astute and figure out how to spend it.



Natalie King
Student
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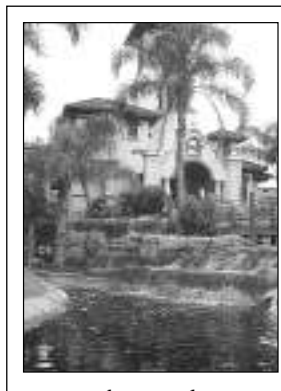

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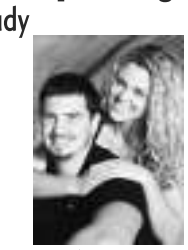

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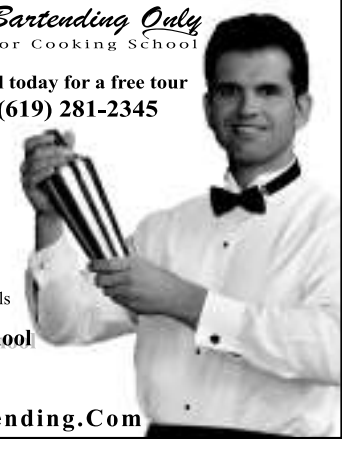
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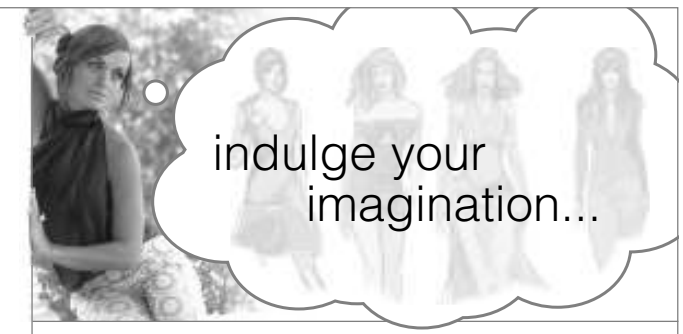

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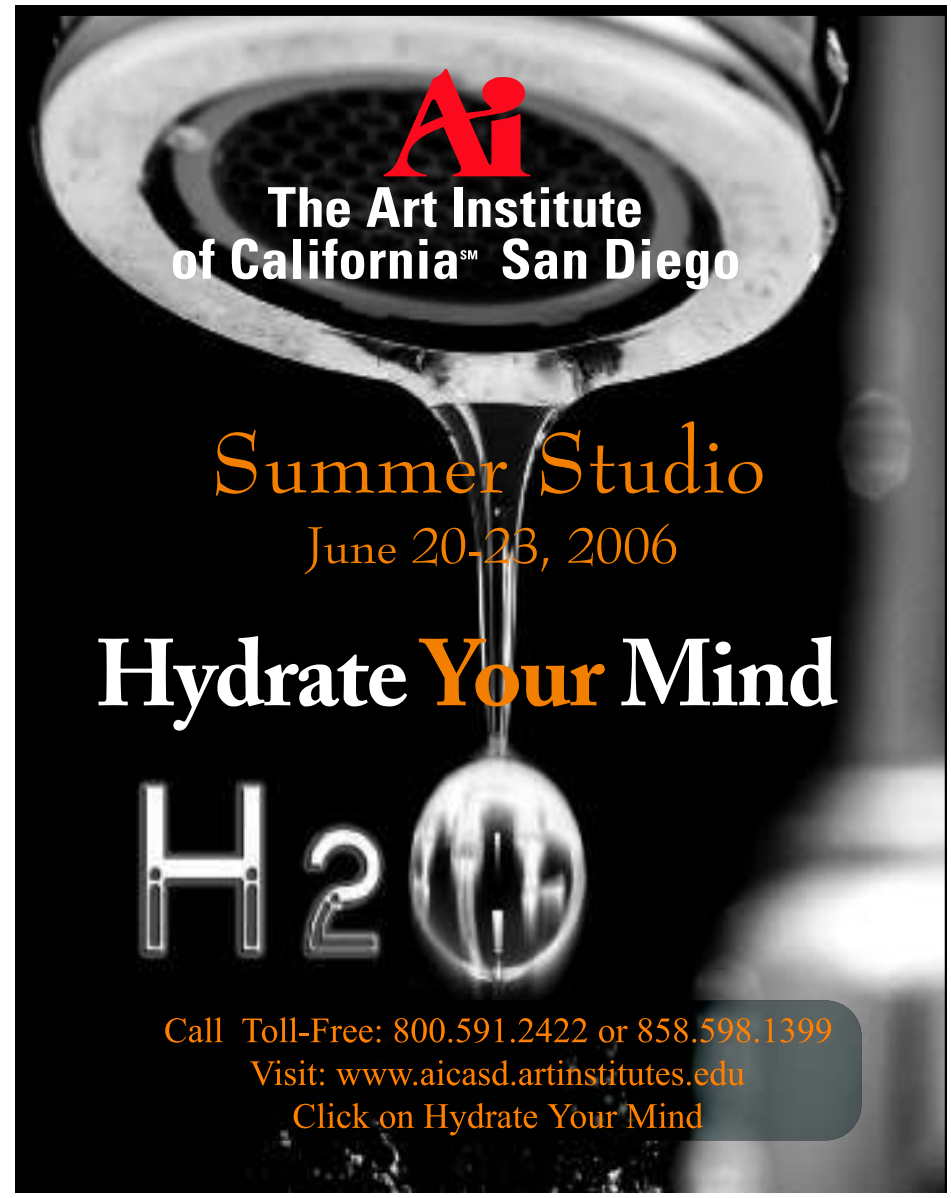



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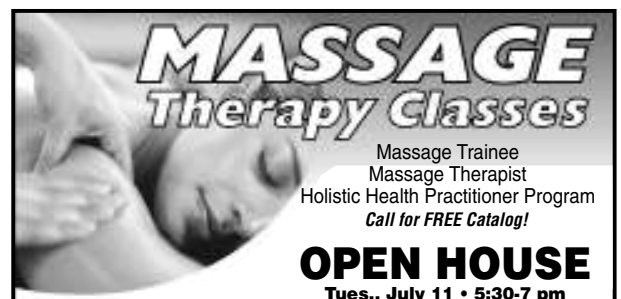

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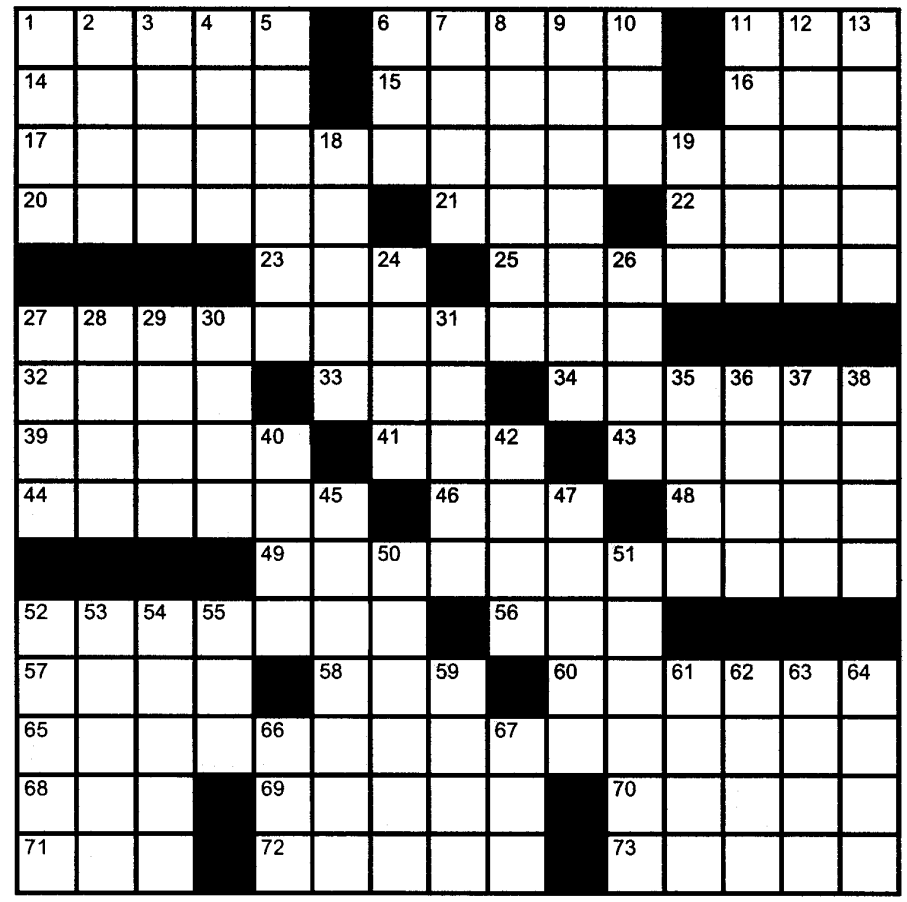
Across

1. The second Mrs. Trump
6. Ditties
11. Get-up-and-go
14. "Are you calling me ____?"
15. Like World Series crowds
16. Shapiro of NPR
17. Donation to the homeless?
20. "Igby Goes Down" actor Culkin
21. "Atlas Shrugged" writer Rand
22. The fourth Mrs. Chaplin
23. Chest protector?
25. Bodies of work
27. What the Marquis de Sade got on sentencing day?
32. Word with fee or ID
33. Born as
34. Speed-chess accessories
39. Designer Mizrahi
41. Tongues do it
43. "ER" took over its time slot
44. Pilot's mission
46. In shape
48. Some Muslims
49. Every third Monday in January?
52. Last two words in a 1964 Stanley Kubrick film title
56. One-fifth of quindici
57. "Must've been something ____"
58. "The Raven" monogram
60. It may be on the tip of your tongue
65. What visitors to Arthur Ashe Stadium provide at the end of each summer?
68. Summer in Somme
69. "Take ____" (usher's request)
70. "The Beverly Hillbillies" star Buddy
71. Mandatory: Abbr.
72. Kid brothers, stereotypically
73. Some are sliding

Down

1. Kind of truck
2. Jai ____
3. Shine's partner
4. Theater critic John of "The New Yorker"
5. Pound notes?
6. It paves the way
7. Constellation bear
8. "The other person"
9. Heartfelt
10. Certain dama: Abbr.
11. Humidifier output
12. Singer Cara
13. One with a special touch
18. Source of some tears
19. Motion picture angle: Abbr.
24. Use a coffeemaker
26. Certain Monopoly sq.
27. Baseball Hall of Famer Aparicio
28. "That ____ last year!"
29. Cold feet, so to speak
30. The "E" in QED
31. Like spinach
35. Snorkeling wear
36. K-12 grades, collectively
37. Parade spoiler
38. Plunder
40. Firenze farewell
42. Natural talent
45. "With Reagan: The Inside Story" memoirist
47. Unarmed figure?
50. Humiliates
51. Brought up
52. Rome's river
53. Terre ____, Ind.
54. Reference abbr.
55. "____ Mir Bist Du Schoen" (Andrews Sisters hit)
59. High sch. hurdle, for some
61. Gray wolf
62. ____ facto
63. Zig or zag
64. Authors Patchett and Beattie
66. Midday snooze
67. McHenry and Sumter: Abbr.



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
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7. One entry per person.

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ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS. Get group support at San Diego Area meetings. Adults who grew up in alcoholic, other types of dysfunctional households. Feel better about yourself. 619-276-6232, www.adultchildren.org.

ADULT SOFTBALL, 2006 team-registration. Mira Mesa, Canyonside, hourglass parks. www.softballsd.com. Registrations, http://www.softballsd.com/tmreg.html. Players looking for teams-teams looking for players, http://mail-web.k-online.com/softballsd/forum/

AFRICAN sisterhood celebration. June 11 at 3pm. 401 Mile of Cars Way, National City. Culture, food, prizes. RSVP 619-262-1817 or 619-264-0542.

AL-ANON, Grupo paz mental. Sufre por el alcoholismo en su familia? Juntas sesionan Martes, 5:30pm-7pm, y Sabados, 1-2:30pm, 3450 Bonita Road, #207, Bonita, CA 91902.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS. Tiene problemas con la bebida? Llamenos 24 horas. Oficina Central Hispana, 3628 University Avenue, San Diego, 92105. 619-280-7224.

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ANXIOUS, depressed? Recovery Inc. has been holding self help mental health meetings since 1937. Many suffer from nervous symptoms, and fears. Free will offering. 619-275-0364.

BISEXUAL FORUM. Friendly group meets monthly second Tuesday 7:30pm for discussion, support at The Center, 3909 Center Street, Hillcrest. Families/friends welcome. Confidential/understanding. 858-259-8019. www.Biforumsd.org.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT. (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit. Seeking, patients in need of free assistance with personal cannabis garden. In accordance with Proposition 215. Local guidelines 619-528-0907. edzepp@yahoo.com.

CHURCH SERVICE, Downtown Gaslamp area 3rd at J, Sundays at 11am, outdoor garden San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. A ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD is coming to San Diego. The CwG Foundation is presenting a workshop (June 23-25). Call Phil at 714-381-0632 or go to www.cwg.org.

DID YOU, enjoy any of Mama Gena's books? Wanna join a group of like-minded women for free weekly get togethers? If so, call 858-350-9776.

DIGESTION/ABSORPTION, by Dan Harper, M.D. Free. Thursday June 15, 7pm-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

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FIBROMYALGIA/CHRONIC FATIGUE Syndrome Support Group meets fourth Saturday of month 1:30-3:30pm. Grossmont Healthcare Auditorium, 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa. Free, www.sandiego.cd.org, 619-463-5299.

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FREE NUTRITION WORKSHOP, "How to Help Kids Eat Well and Keep Moving" by Kalusugan Health Center, 6/16/06. 4pm-6pm, International Preschool. Reserve 619-278-4746. 5940 Winchester Street.

HEALTHY PET CARE, by Tamara Hebbler DMV free. Thursday, August 17, 7pm-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

HERPES/HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. (HSV/HPV) Support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. 619-491-1194. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org.

HORMONE BALANCING, for Women by Jeanne Stryker, MD Free. Thursday, July 20, 7pm-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308. or www.dharmacenter.com.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Claiming your Capacity for Greatness," June 26, 7-9pm, 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Crisis to Change or Not to Change," June 15, 7-9pm, 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee, materials available. 858-259-1880.

PRAYER WORKS, there is someone here to pray with you. Call Monday through Friday. 7am-9pm. 619-282-7609.

SEARCHING for clues about another person's sexual behavior? There's help. Call S-Anon, a 12 step program for relatives of sexual compulsives. 619-595-3888 or www.sanon.org.

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VICTIMS ELECTRONIC Harassment or Group Stalking. Free support group meeting: Sunday, April 23, 1pm, Mission Valley Branch Library. For more info call 619-822-9194 or 858-213-6383.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused and neglected children need you to serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate! All training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 5/3 and 6/7. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

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CIVILIZATIONS UNDERGO Infinite cycles. Earth, temple of learning (hell/joy). Many rebirths, tested, retested. Cycle's end: final exams. Graduation: Good students ascend to Heaven's many dimensions. Incorrigible ones are "extinguished."

DAVIEBABE is in Boston. You found me! I left you and your wonderful kids. What a jerk I was! Still crazy after all these years.

DEAR ZOE, I'll never forget meeting you, feeling, I've finally met the lady I would love the rest of my life. Your Full Moon Man.

HEY MATTHEW, why do people giggle? Not laughter, but giggle. Young girls giggle spontaneously. Is there knowledge base as to the functionality of phenomenon? Mystified.

HGS, 6/16/06, 21 months and 1 day ago, I never realized the past 21 months would happen. Tys Michale Irdly 24/7/365

MAYBE what's good, gets a little bit better, and maybe what's sad or bad gets forever gone. My eyes are open and I pray for Peace!

MISS ZOE MCFARLAND. Dear Zoe. It was great to see your smile Saturday. I'll do anything to see that smile again. Your Victoria Falls Man.

THANK YOU holy spirit for prayers answered.

MATCHES

Shared Interests

VIVACIOUS CONVERSATIONALIST, Available for sparkling conversation over dinner. (6/21) ☎50546

MATCHES

Women Seeking Men

LOOKING FOR NICE GUY, 35-55, for fun and friendship, I'm 38, 5'8", short blond hair, blue eyes, average build. Looking forward to your replies! (6/21) ☎69116

GOOD LOOKING REDHEAD (Photo online). Seeking 60+, caring, sweet and smart gentleman who enjoys the better things in life with an adventurous flare. (6/14) ☎69105

WANTED:, Offroading, motorcycling, target-shooting man, must be honest, funny, successful, genuine. 45 years young, pretty, blonde, smart, silly, honest, sometimes wild, previous hotrod model. (6/21) ☎69126

SUNSETS ON THE BEACH? Concerts, cookouts? Latina, 50, in search of fun, attractive, generous black/latino/biracial gentleman for long-term-relationship. Longing for love, hugs, kisses. (6/21) ☎69132

63 YEAR YOUNG, Educated and funloving African American woman. Seeks warm and friendly gentleman for exploring the wonders of life. 57-75, long-term jovial relationship wanted. (6/14) ☎69092

61 YEARS YOUNG, Warm, outgoing seeking companionship and romance. From Georgia and San Francisco. Photography, museums, music, computers, outdoors, adventure, travel, family, pets, humor. (6/21) ☎69136

LOVELY, SINCERE, Energetic Asian, 37, nonsmoker. Looking for long-term relationship, love, responsibility, nonsmoker, non-alcohol. Serious only. (6/21) ☎69118

CUTE CHRISTIAN GIRL, Seeking friendship or possibly more with 28-38 honest, sincere, fun Christian guy. Enjoys concerts, movies, dinner and traveling. Must love laughter. (6/14) ☎69112

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, Black female, 54, enjoys movies, dining, plays, concerts, jazz. Seeks sincere, caring, affectionate, romantic single black male 40-60 for dating, friendship possible long-term-relationship. (6/14) ☎69113

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, love outdoor, financially secure home-owner. Seeking professional nonsmoker, 40-45, male. (6/14) ☎69102

IS THERE AN ATTRACTIVE, Trim, loving unpretentious man, 47-60, who's burned out with the nightlife, who would like to meet fun lady, I'm nice looking. (6/14) ☎69094

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SMILE, It will make people wonder what you've been up to! Let's smile. Me: Fifty, fun, full-bodied, lots'o character. You: personal integrity. Us: chemistry. (6/21) ☎69138

SMART, FUNNY, SEXY, Sentimental 5'6", 130lbs, 40s, hot woman of color. Seeking romantic, tall athletic white male, nonsmoker, clean cut, nonencumbered, no animals, clean fun. (6/21) ☎69129

MOTHER OF 3, Seeks doctor, lawyer, other financially very secure to remake me and our life. Love beautiful things and desire a housekeeper full-time. (6/21) ☎69137

ATTRACTIVE REAL ESTATE Agent, 59, slim, blonde, enjoys travel, arts (was a docent), outdoors. Seeks reasonably fit companion for conversation and glass of wine. (6/21) ☎69133

MATURE GENTLEMAN SOUGHT, By mature lady for sociable friendship, companionship, travel, dinners, show, enjoying each other's company, doing whatever pleases us, without "excess" baggage. (6/14) ☎69111

ASIAN EXOTIC SULTRY, Healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs, great legs, curvaceous figure, childless, homeowner. Desires nonsmoker fun, fit, upscale, generous, compatible 35+ stable Caucasian gentleman. (6/14) ☎69104

SASSY, HEAD TURNER, 106lbs, barbecues, beaches, traveling, quiet times, nonsmoker. Seeking healthy, slim, nonsmoker, reader, confident professional man. Live near Little Italy. Coffee? Call! (6/21) ☎69131

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) ☎69101

WARM, SINCERE, Latina 48. Seeking Caucasian male, 43-52, intelligent, sincere, romantic for a possible long term relationship, get ready to enjoy life and romance. (6/21) ☎69117

CAUCASIAN EUROPEAN, Lady, 58, loves life 5'7", 130lbs. Seeks sincere gentleman for concerts, beach walks. (6/21) ☎69120

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SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 53-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (6/21) ☎69125

APPEALING, SHAPELY, Blonde hair, green eyed, 40 something, confident professional woman. Seeks secure educated, honest, good hearted professional man 39-63, for possible relationship. (6/14) ☎69107

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (6/21) ☎69127

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 46. Seeks single black male for fun and friendship. You must have a sense of humor, outgoing, romantic and good conversation. (6/14) ☎69097

SOUTHERN BELLE, Are you ready for some fun! Seeking good-looking positive 30-40 year old man who's ready for summer love. (6/14) ☎69095

VIVACIOUS, ATTRACTIVE, Red head, 60, spontaneous, social, fun loving. Loves Jazz, theater, and dancing. Looking to meet someone compatible with my likes. (6/21) ☎69124

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) ☎69099

WIDOW, PRETTY, SLIM Blonde 5'5", 60, educated, secure, outgoing, active. Travel, movies, theater, concerts, dancing, boating, dining. Seeks tall, fit, attractive, nonsmoking gentleman, compatible companion. (6/21) ☎69130

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (6/21) ☎69115

CLASSY JAPANESE, Feminine, trim, young looking, late 50s. Seeking nice gentleman to share life together. (6/21) ☎69128

DARING DARLING BLONDE, Seeks 54 blond, blue eyed Swedish gentleman for fun in the country. (6/21) ☎69134

Pie and Ice Cream

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) ☎69100

LOOKING FOR MY 58 to 68 year old soul mate. I am genuine, affectionate, warm, educated, fun, fit, cute and I am waiting for you. (6/14) ☎69109

ACTIVE, IN SHAPE, Fun, sensual woman, 43. Seeks non-smoking, successful, healthy, great sense of humor, romantic, great kisser, 50-65. (6/14) ☎69098

SINCERE, HONEST, Romantic brown/brown Caucasian, educated, over 35, no minor children, waiting for phone conversation, movies, dinner, walks, theater, shopping, massages, travel, sports, coffee. (6/14) ☎69093

LOVE TO BBQ, 35, cute, sweet and sassy green-eyed brunette. Seeks confident, funny guy with integrity for friendship, laughter, romance, 36-41. Life is good! (6/21) ☎69135

SPICY IRISH LASS, 5'10 slender animal lover, actively enjoying life. Seeks adventuresome, educated, kind-hearted man 35-50 for friendship and/or love. Call for more. (6/14) ☎69096

WARM CREATIVE SPIRITUAL, Traditional values, attractive, blonde blue, retired, navy widow. Seeks Christian gentleman, enjoys healthy lifestyle, theater, cruises, swimming, art, British background. (6/21) ☎69121

38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman, 36-48, for relationship. Must be established and presentable. (6/14) ☎69114

WORLD TRAVELER, Slim, pretty, quality lady, 60s, North County. Seeking quality gentleman, successful, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent, healthy life style. Let's explore/enjoy life together. (6/21) ☎69122

THIS INTELLIGENT, VIBRANT, Humorous, 57, lady, wants the company of a gent from 50-62, for fun, adventure and companionship. Have a sense of humor, please! (6/21) ☎69139

BABY BLACK GIRL, With lots. Looking for sweet man for lot's of good things, single man. Daughter 5 years old, hope to have a relationship. (6/14) ☎69106

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, 49, East County 5'7". Seeking healthy white male 42-52 for having fun and hanging out, nonsmoker, no drugs. (6/21) ☎69140

EBONY AND IVORY, Younger man, older woman, me 40, 5'4", 120lbs. You under 40, social, active, spiritual, fun, open minded, fit, independent, ready for love. (6/14) ☎69110

ATTRACTIVE VENEZUELAN, Sexy, 47. Love to please, cook for you, sweety. Seeking honest man to love me forever. You 48-60, work, car, time, single. (6/14) ☎69103

CAVIAR TO PEANUT BUTTER, Jeans to ballgowns, vivacious, warm, intelligent, adventurous, successful blonde entrepreneur. Seeks man for all seasons as friend, companion, lover, 55+. (6/14) ☎69108

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

UNIQUE, QUALITY BUILT, Kind guy with mid-range miles. Seeks a down-to-earth, gentle woman for fun, adventure and the preservation of happiness that we should know. (6/21) ☎50555

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

SILVER STRAND, Nonsmoking widower, retired, tall, slim, sensual, affluent. Loves cruises, travel, music, theater, concerts. Seeking compatible lady counterpart 70+ for beautiful friendship companionship together. (6/14) ☎50528

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CALLING ALL BIG, Beautiful girls, 27-45, hot, single, white male. Seeks voluptuous play-toy, fun, sexy, loves to dress up for your man, let's have fun. (6/21) ☎50569

54, TALL, HANDSOME, fit, Caucasian, responsible, outgoing, nonsmoker, Mission Valley, luv-Baja. Seeks 45-55, San Diego lady, tallish, fit, +looks, emotionally secure, wants to retire/travel. (6/21) ☎50559

CASUAL, NICE LOOKING, Fun, sweet, attentive, mature, Oceanside male. In search of attractive, outgoing, smart, sweet, adventurous, compassionate women. Call to find out more. (6/21) ☎50563

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

SINCERELY SEEKING, A quality relationship I'm 58, 5'3", 145, good looking, good shape. I love music, nature, and fun at home! (6/14) ☎50531

LIVING ALONE IS LOUSY! Lifetime caring and sharing offered by active, secure, 78 year outdoorsman liking homelife, RV travel. Seeking lady with similar interests. (6/14) ☎50536

TALL, BOYISHLY HANDSOME, White male, young 60ish, sexy, romantic, divorced father. Seeks marriage-minded, classy, generous woman for romantic, passionate, intimate relationship. Good kisser loves loving. (6/14) ☎50538

TIRED OF WAKING UP ALONE? Me too. I'm 6', blue/brown, honest, good-looking. You, sexy, available, great kisser, friendly, honest, for indoor and outdoor fun. (6/14) ☎50532

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for nice sweet woman nonsmoker North County, who likes herself and her life, who wants the same type person. (6/14) ☎50549

LATINO MALE, Huggable, loveable, 5'8", 135lbs, 50, educated. Seeking friendship, conversation and good times with heavenly woman. (6/14) ☎50537

MR. METAPHYSICAL Seeks gifted goddess for friendship/relationship of fun, growth, purpose, romance, walks, meditations, deep safe communication, spirituality. Brown, blue, 5'6", trim, youthful 53. (6/21) ☎50566

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) ☎50540

SLIM SENIOR, 65, would like to meet slim white female 60+ to talk and explore possible relationship. (6/14) ☎50522

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (6/21) ☎50571

SEEKING BLACK FEMALE, 35-45, pretty, great body. Me, white, 60, contractor, I have no hang ups. Good looking, very nice and outgoing. (6/21) ☎50560

PERSONABLE SENIOR, Gentleman, 80, likes dancing, dining out, theatre, music, bridge. Looking for cheerful, sincere lady who is tall, full figured, has similar interests. (6/21) ☎50561

SOUTH BAY Hispanic businessman, 52, fit, enjoys hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports, clean, neat homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with doggies. (6/14) ☎50529

CONSTRUCTION WORKER, 5'6" 50 kind hearted, easy going, loves outdoors, traveling. Seeking possible life long relationship with honest, sincere lady age/race open. (6/14) ☎50524

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

WIFE WANTED, 62 seeks latin or Caucasian woman, slim, nonsmoker, simple needs, to create long term bond based on mutual caring, friendship, respect and interests. (6/21) ☎50567

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man 40s, 6', 175. Seeks romantic, affectionate sensual female 5'-5'6" with long dark hair for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (6/14) ☎50534

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. (6/21) ☎50558

WHITE MALE, Early 50s, East County. Seeks woman for warm, caring relationship. I'm romantic, fun-loving, caring, down to earth, adventurous, like quiet times, more. (6/21) ☎50553

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, Healthy, active. Hey senior lady, let me be your senior moment to change your life to fun and excitement, don't be shy, call. (6/14) ☎50526

RED NECK GIRL Wanted: Tall male, 40s, dance/hike. Music Gretchen Wilson, southern rock, country. Fun, travel, share, live music, passion, communication, happiness. (6/21) ☎50565

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-45, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. (6/21) ☎50554

DIVORCED WHITE MALE, 60+ honest, sincere, intelligent, easygoing, outdoors, good hearted, stable, monogamous. In search of female, 55-68, attractive, fit who wants to enjoy life. (6/21) ☎50551

EAST COUNTY DAD, 48, brown hair, 6'2", 10-year-old daughter, easy going. Want 45-55 year old woman to do things with, open mind. Love, live sober. (6/21) ☎50557

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) ☎50523

ANIMAL LOVER! Educated gentleman enjoys camping, hiking, dancing, and more. Looking for happy, energetic, cute, cuddly friend and lover. I'm handsome, honest and ready! Peace! (6/14) ☎50521

HAPPY, TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Single, kind, sensitive, good communicator, smart, sense of humor, 51, employed, is looking for an attractive woman for a relationship. (6/21) ☎50572

FUNNY, SMART, ITALIAN. Seeking cute white woman with a little meat on her bones, education a plus. Please send message if interested. Please, 30-45 only. (6/14) ☎50547

LET'S MEET, Walk, talk at beach. Sharp, good looking independent professional working Italian/English speaking man desires same qualities in a friendship with a woman. (6/14) ☎50544

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (6/14) ☎50542

WHITE, PROFESSIONAL, Athletic, 6', blue eyes, young looking, 52. Seeking Latin, Asian or Indian soulful female 40-50, affectionate, at peace, still growing. (6/21) ☎50556

LIKE HARLEYs, I'm looking for you. Good hearted biker, nonsmoker, fit, no games, call me. (6/14) ☎50525

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 43-51, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (6/21) ☎50548

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, EDUCATED, Romantic, blue eyed, tall viking, loves kisses, cuddling. Seeks friendly, warm, sincere, shapely, attractive, affectionate woman with sparkling eyes and great smile. (6/21) ☎50564

ITALIAN MAN, Looking for a diamond in the rough. Simple man with simple needs. Long term romance possible. How many carats are you? (6/14) ☎50543

I COULD BE CLEVER, And charm you with words, but it would only be words. Realistic, basic, simple caucasian male, 59. No games here. Call? (6/21) ☎50562

ATTENTION FEMALES, ATTENTION, Single white male, mid 40s. Seeking female, 35-48, for indoor sports, romantic dinners, sunsets, moonlight sunrises. Extra, extra read all about it! (6/21) ☎50552

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, Trim 70, retired. Love to travel, cruises movies, walks, dining out. East County like to share life with like minded lady. (6/14) ☎50533

GOOD LOOKING, Widower, tall, fit, healthy, virile, well-groomed, educated. Retired successful businessowner, homeowner. Seeks, attractive, curvaceous, slim, lady, 49-65. Dates, fun, romance, dining, trips. (6/14) ☎50530

AFRICAN AMERICAN, Tall, educated with common sense, bright, handsome. Want to meet pilot, fun happiness. Military, commercial, private. Attractive athletism +. (6/21) ☎50550

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, Older woman sought by attractive, tall, white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring, affectionate. Enjoy dining, travel, quiet times, closeness, togetherness, intimacy. (6/21) ☎50568

44, HANDSOME, Romantic, funny guy. Seeking female who wants never-ending fun, passionate, never-ending kisses and romance that only movies are made about. (6/14) ☎50541

NAME **This Place**



Last week's place: (clue: Avast Surprise from the far side of the world?) HMS *Surprise*, docked abaft the *Star of India* at the maritime museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive. Shawn Fettel, dressed as infamous woman pirate Anne Bonney, shows visitors the ship that was used in the film *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*. The 18th-century replica (built in Nova Scotia in 1970) has been acquired by the museum and will be restored to seaworthiness. (Last week's winners: Dennis Butterworth, James D. Perry, Lauren Barefoot, Shelley Rannikko, Dale G. Jones)

Q: Fish out of luck?

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Roommates

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BAY PARK, $600, canyon view. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo, near 5 freeway. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, clean, quiet. 619-275-2082.

BAY PARK/MISSION BAY. Quiet home. $600. Washer/dryer. 62" TV. Near bay, transportation, UCSD, big garden, stores. Really nice. Seeking male nonsmoker. $200 security deposit. lyricstudents@hotmail.com, 619-276-1966.

CARDIFF. $625/month. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Large sun deck with ocean view. Close to beach. Quiet neighborhood. Female preferred. Available 7/1. Keith, 619-235-2415, x23313.

CARDIFF. Room with private entrance, $650 plus utilities and deposits. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry. Nonsmokers, no pets. 760-753-0321.

CARLSBAD, Share 3 bedroom house. Spa, barbecue, quiet cul-de-sac. $650/month includes utilities. Near La Costa Resort, major shopping centers. Male preferred, nonsmoker, no drugs. 760-390-2991.

CARLSBAD. Female roommate wanted for room for rent in lush home close to beach, downtown Carlsbad, stores, mall, freeway. Use of entire home. Veronica, 760-720-7451.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. $575 plus 1/2 utilities and deposit. Share 2 bedroom 2 bath duplex, washer/dryer, garage, cable. Private phone line. No pets/smoking. Quiet neighborhood. 760-929-0788.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA, $550 16x11 room, living room, home theatre, parlor, fireplace, yard, view, trampoline, sauna, internet, utilities, washer/dryer, garage, no smoking, pets. 877-593-6275.

CHULA VISTA, East, new spacious peaceful private home, nice neighborhood. Washer/dryer utilities included. Near Southwestern. Female preferred, no drugs/pets. $550/month, deposit. Hablo espanol, 619-347-2115.

CHULA VISTA, Room for rent, utilities included. Close to 805 and Southwestern College, quiet neighborhood. Nonsmoker, no drugs. $425/month. 619-733-5707.

CHULA VISTA, SOUTH. $535, $250 deposit. Furnished room. Includes utilities, cable. Share bath/kitchen. Located between I-5, bus, trolley. Nice area. Off-street parking. 619-739-2865; 619-235-2415, x13333.

CHULA VISTA. Bedroom for rent. Near I-805 and Telegraph Canyon Road, gym, Vons, bus stop. All utilities paid; water, trash, sewer, gas, cable. 619-421-1129; 619-235-2415, x29414.

CLAIREMONT. $670/month, utilities included. Room in private bathroom in clean and quiet house. Washer/dryer. No drugs/pets. Male or female. Available 6/1. 619-235-2415, x16692.

CLAIREMONT, $600 includes utilities, big house, huge yard, hi-speed internet in-room washer/dryer 24/7. Great location. Pets considered. Call Russ 858-336-7494, or Dave 858-292-6153.

CLAIREMONT, MOUNT AREA. $500 plus deposit. 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom 2 bath house. Maid and gardener included. Quiet location. No pets. Patty, after 5pm, 858-576-6924.

CLAIREMONT. $475. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Laundry, cable, Internet. Near buses 25 and 44. Great location. No smoking or pets. $400 security. 858-279-5053; 619-235-2415, x19188.

CLAIREMONT. Room, kitchen privileges/laundry in quiet, clean, renovated house. Walk to Balboa/Genesee. Direct bus to UCSD/Mesa. No smoking, pets, drugs. $550, share utilities. Available 6/15/06. 858-277-2044; 858-525-1993.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. Male for large room with fireplace. House near Clairemont Square. Kitchen/laundry privileges, shared utilities, $550/month. Need first/last/month's-rent, plus $100/deposit, 858-274-5234.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. $500. Room in remodeled home, new kitchen. Great location, close to I-5, bay, shops, bus line. Female only. No pets. 619-929-4314.

CLAIREMONT. 2 bedroom, 1 shared bath with male in condo. Female preferred. $450 plus $350 deposit. Includes utilities. Nice, clean, quiet. Pool/Jacuzzi. Mac, 858-405-2565.

COLLEGE AREA. $600. Female seeks female roommate. Large master bedroom, share clean, cozy bath with female. Full house privileges. Share chores. 1/4 utilities. Christine, 619-813-3113.

COLLEGE AREA. $450. Room in 4 bedroom house. Female only. Large walk-in closet. Share bathroom with female. Hardwood floors, laundry, patio. Available 7/1. Pete, 619-286-7258.

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PICTURE STORY

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Swift and Co. kelp cutter, c. 1918. In 1889, a New York company expressed interest in harvesting kelp off of Point Loma. The potash they'd derive from the kelp would sell for between $17 and $23 per ton. The year earlier, in 1888, San Diegans used "the accumulation of dry kelp on the beach [for] filling in the space between [Coronado's] museum and boathouse."

— by Robert Mizrachi

COLLEGE AREA. Room for rent. Female preferred. College area house. 2 bedroom 1 bath, washer/dryer. $550, 1/2 utilities. No smoking. Please call 619-583-2608.

COLLEGE AREA/SAN CARLOS. Share 4 bedroom house. $1100 for 2 bedrooms. All appliances. Quiet, immaculate. No smoking, pets or drugs. Furnished/unfurnished. 619-286-7133.

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COLLEGE/DEL CERRO. Clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large semi-furnished room with bath. Have cat. Nonsmoker. $600, plus utilities. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x23452.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. $475. House. Mountain views, hardwood, fireplace, yard. Great, quiet neighborhood. Storage, barbecue patio, high-speed Internet and, cable TV. Tavis, 619-583-5330; 619-337-0503; 619-235-2415, x31393.

DEL CERRO, $550 including utilities. Shared bath, kitchen, and pool. Near trolley, interstate 8, and SDSU. Month-to-month. Available now. Call Ray 619-436-7421.

DEL MAR, share beautiful house, near UCSD, beaches. $650, $325/deposit, 1/3 utilities. Male preferred. 2 indoor cats. Quiet/clean. Shared bathroom. Available. 858-245-7188.

EASTLAKE. 11'x11' room, cable TV, lamps, large closet, private parking, tennis courts, swimming pool, jacuzzi. Near Southwestern College. $420/month. Call evenings, 619-482-8230.

EL CAJON, Bedroom/private bathroom. $480/month, half utilities. Clean/quiet complex. Near freeways/busline/trolley. 10 minutes Grossmont College! Parking/laundry. Available 7/01. Brigette 619-334-1836.

EL CAJON. $450. Room for rent in my home. All utilities included. Shared kitchen and laundry. Female only. No smoking, no pets. Available now. 619-449-4916.

EL CAJON. $475. Room in 5 bedroom house. Washer/dryer. High-speed Internet. Parking. Close to freeway and shopping. 619-390-7668 or 619-654-0146.

ENCINITAS, Room for rent in 3 bedroom home, share bath. No pets no smoking. Female preferred. $480/month, utilities included. 760-436-7136.

ENCINITAS. $550/month, 1/4 utilities. Room in clean, quiet modern house. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long. 760-753-1686, 619-235-2415, x11736.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. $675 plus utilities, deposit. 2000-square-foot home. In-ground pool, fireplace, gazebo, fountains, wireless Internet, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $750. Furnished room, new, clean, ceiling fan, pool, workout, bus line, washer/dryer, assigned parking, cable, utilities. Female. Available 7/15. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-525-3968.

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MISSION VALLEY. 2 rooms available. Room available $700/month, split utilities for 1 month (6/15 until 7/14). Other room available 7/15, 1-year lease, $715/month. 831-917-2053; phale@rohan.sdsu.edu.

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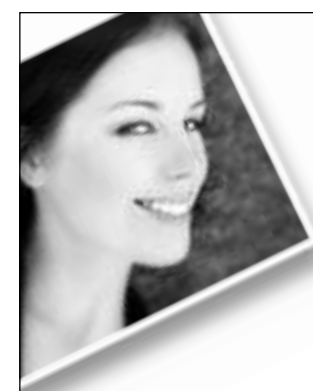

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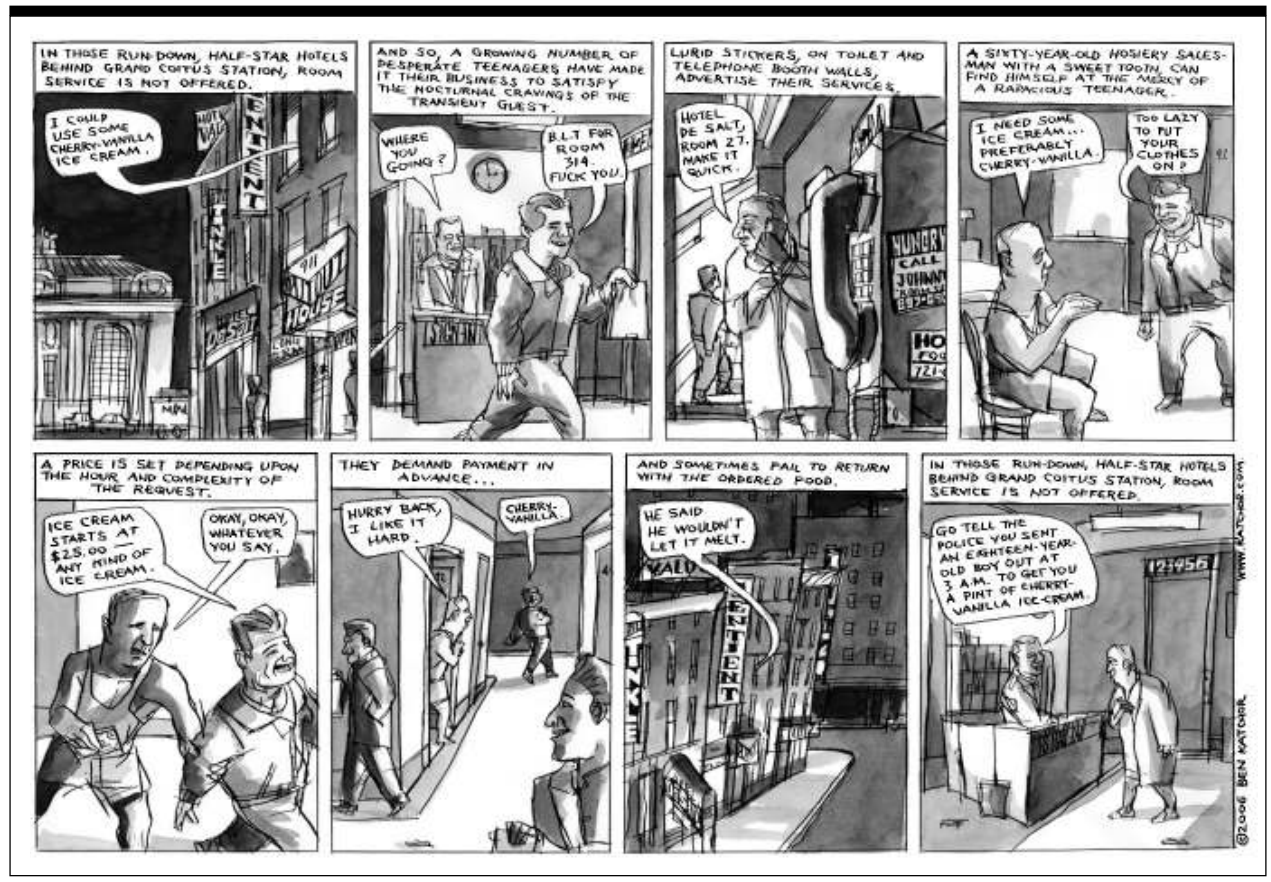

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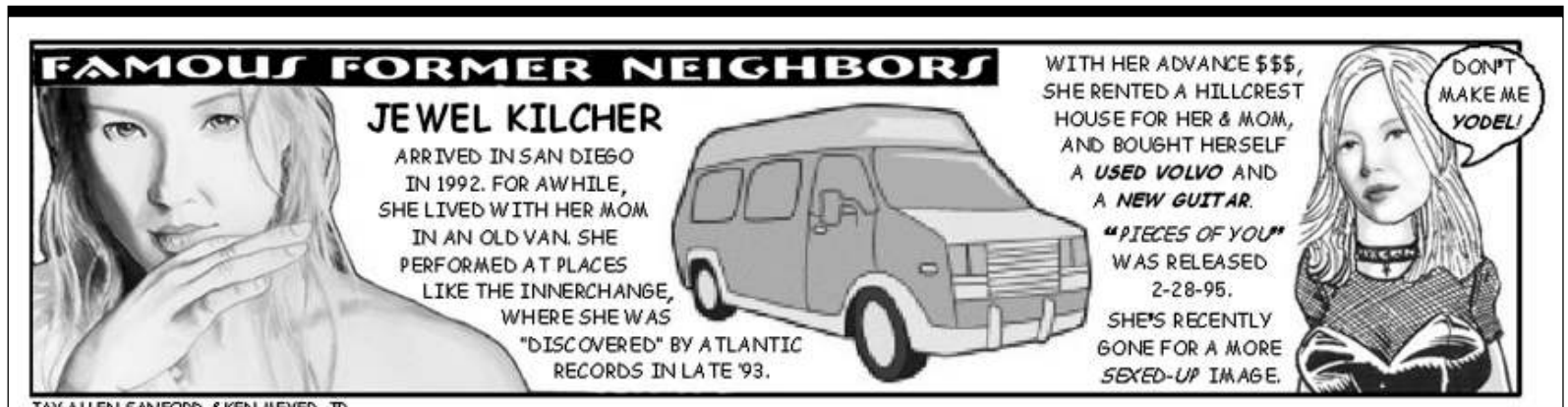

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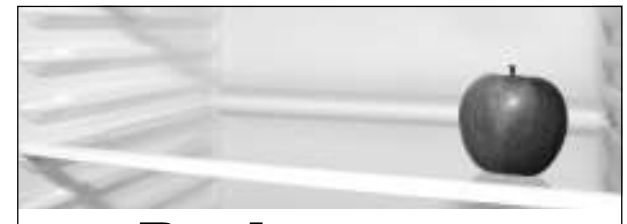
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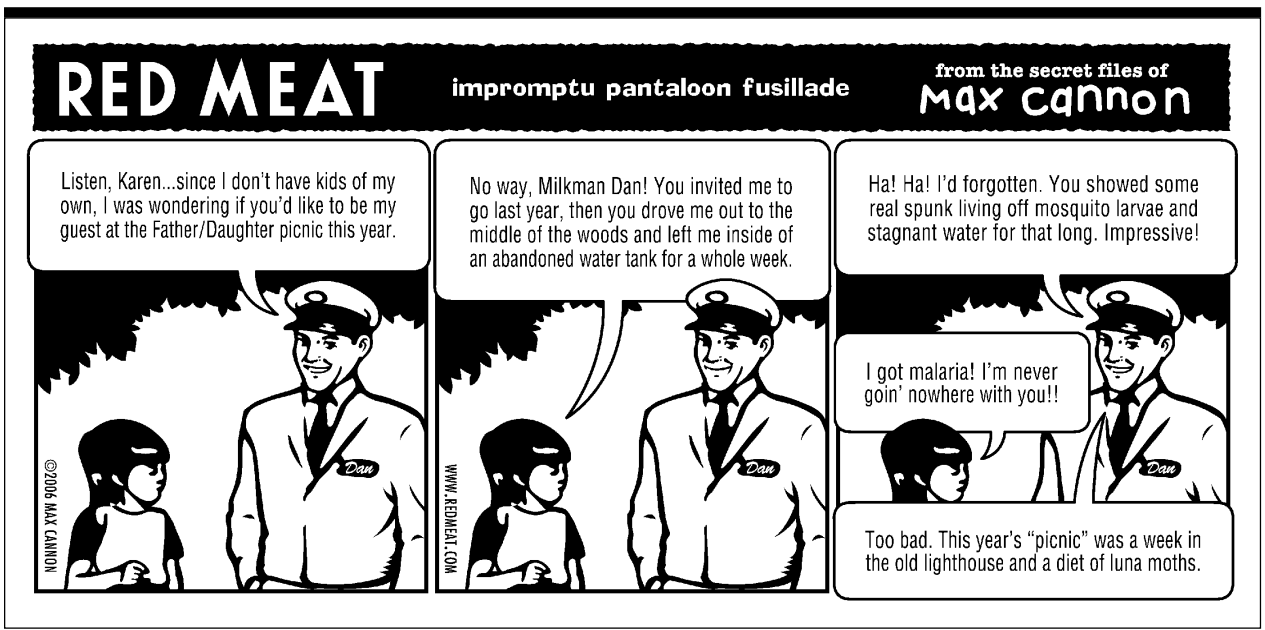

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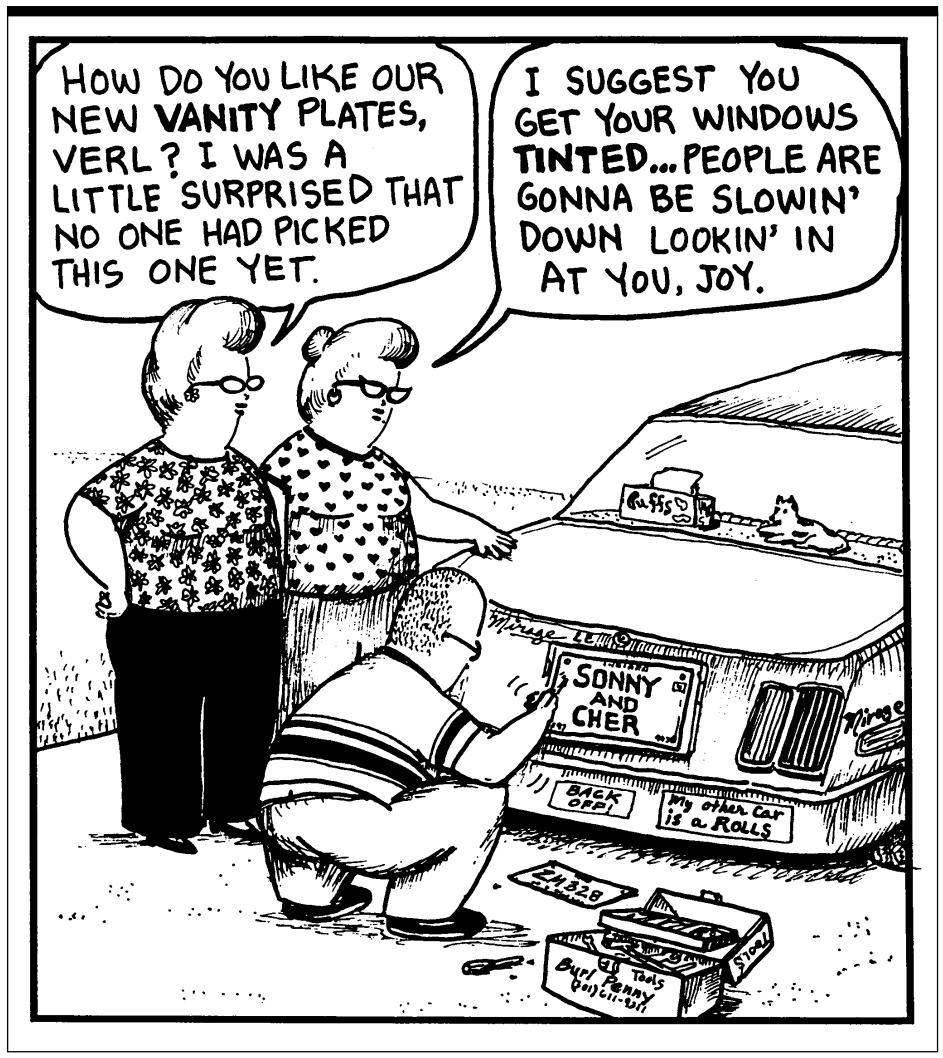

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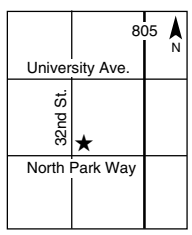

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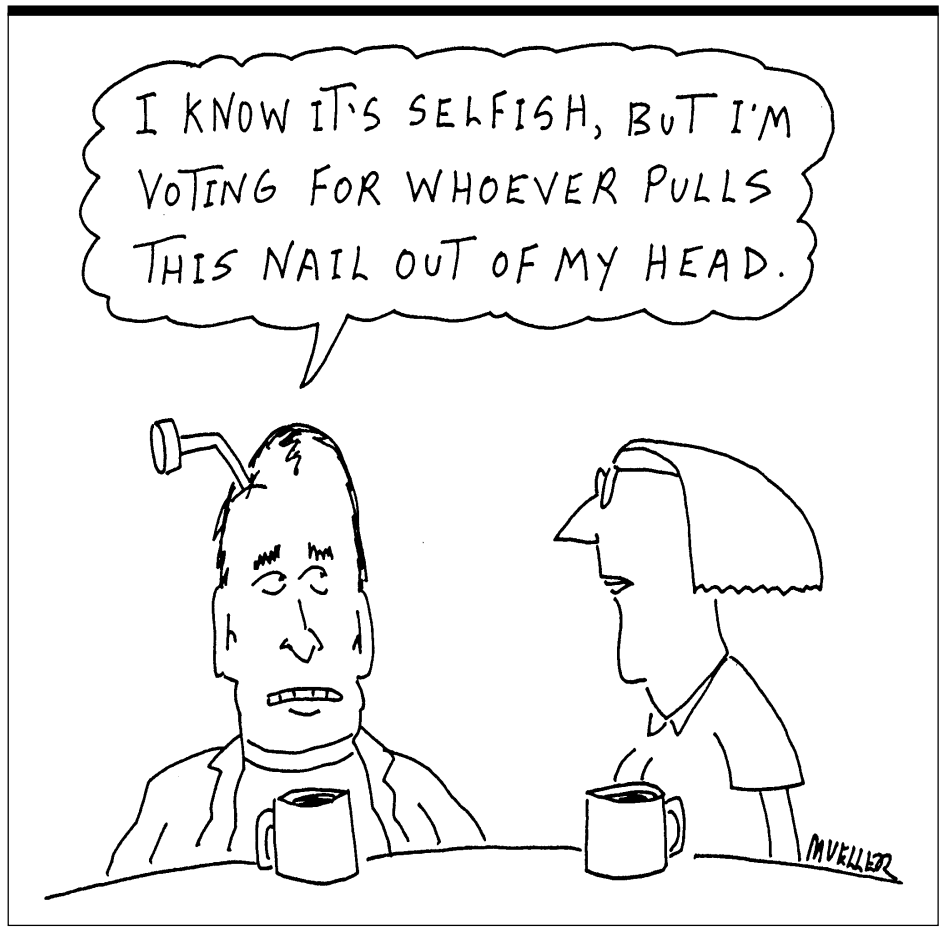

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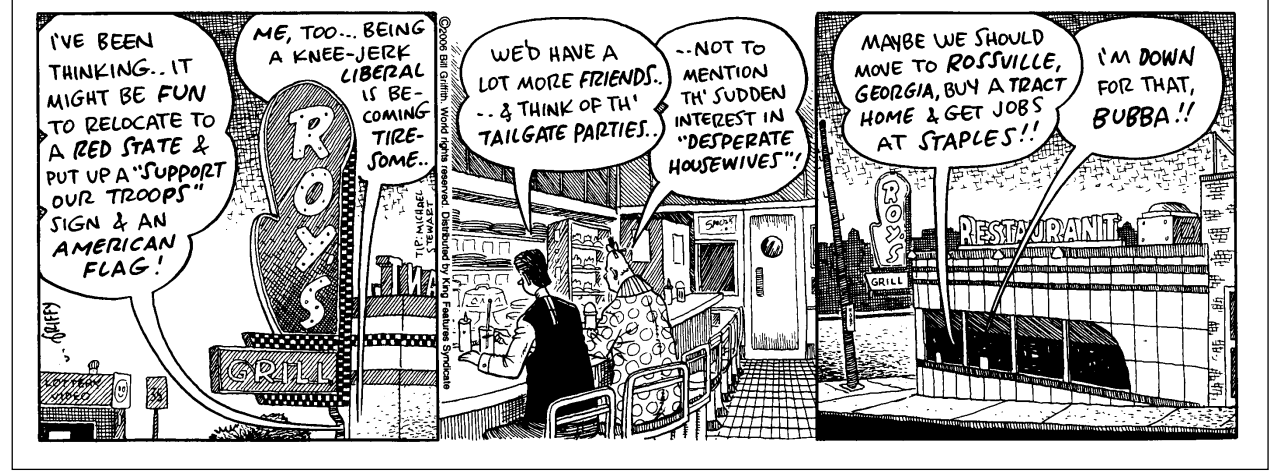

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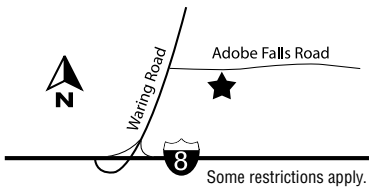

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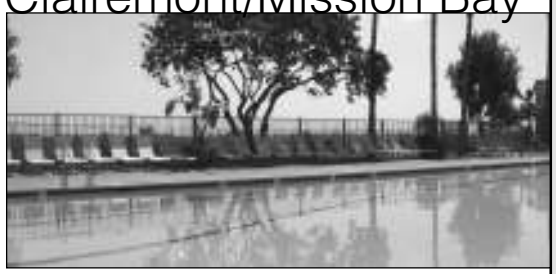

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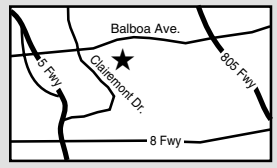

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $825. $700 deposit. 1/2 off 1st month's rent. 1 bedroom 1 bath. New carpet and paint. Upper unit with stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Gated community. 4452 Louisiana Street. 619-804-3325.

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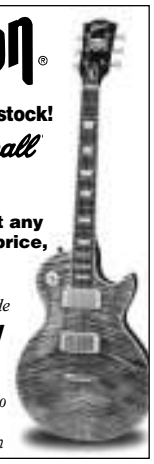

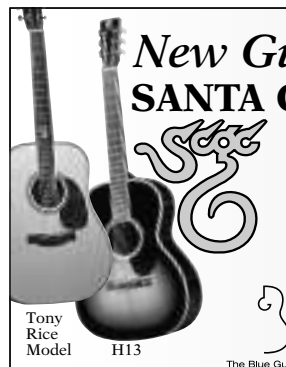

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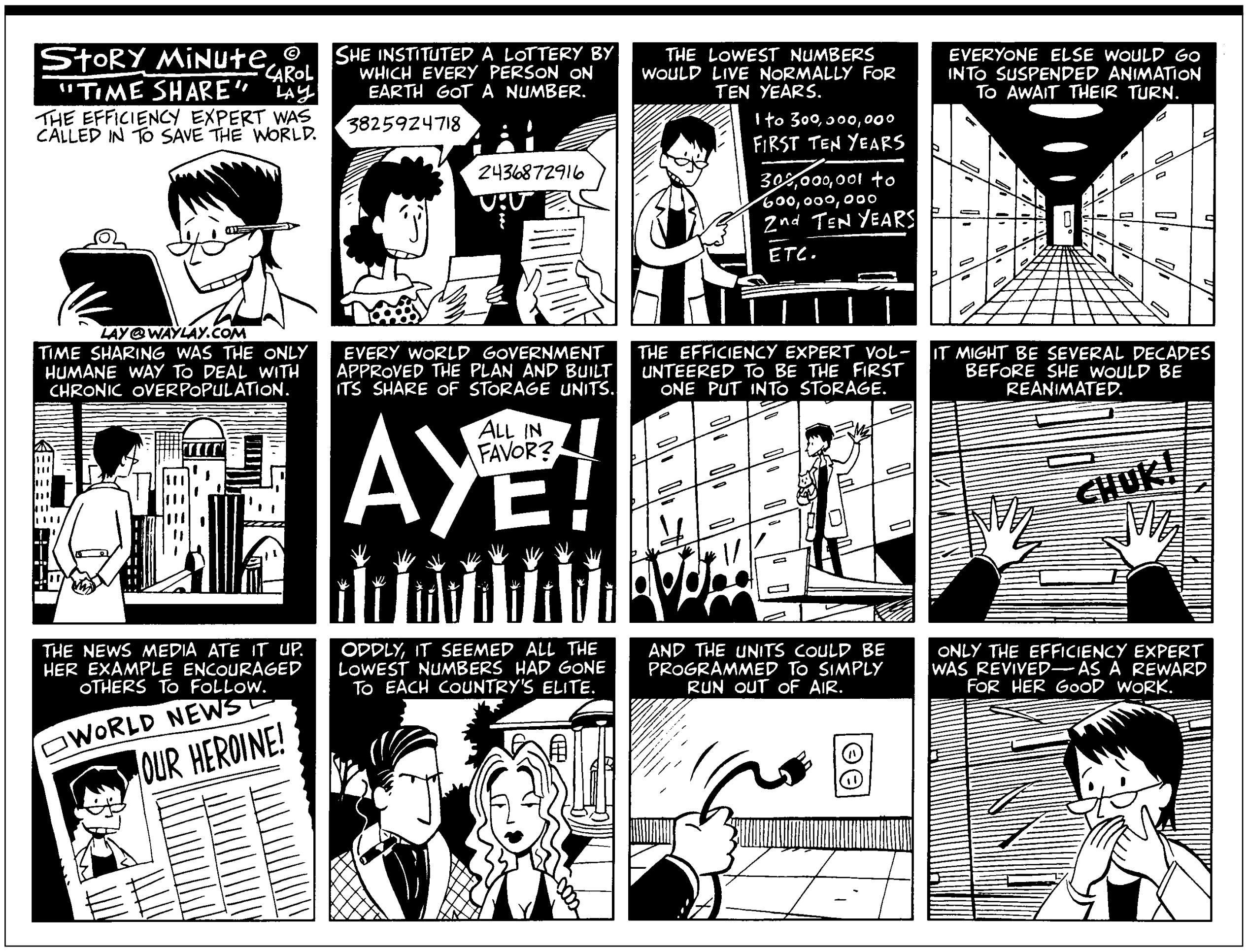

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My brothers had provided grandchildren, but I was bringing home the grand Lab. Daisy would love me. She would make me laugh at creepy ex-bosses and my trashed trashiness of slutting around.

My innocence was about to end.

Daisy was 42 days old, sweet and dopey from shots the day before, when we brought her home. She was 43 days old when she discovered that biting — especially my paper-skinned mother — was more fun than anything we had to offer. If we told her not to chew the carpet or climb in the dishwasher, she sat back and barked a detailed argument in her defense. She hated to be held, hated the leash, had meltdowns for which my father gave me leather gloves he'd used to chop wood. House-breaking? Ha!

I was concerned by how much she enjoyed making plush toys *squeal*.

I was in prison. She was too wild to leave with my parents, and she hated her crate. "You gotta teach that dog to stay," my father pronounced as she pounced off to eat his slippers or drink weed spray. I looked at him in exasperation. "I'd like her to learn her name first."

With a determined lack of recognition of whom she and I were, there were no afternoons on the beach. She would have bitten through her leash or run away. Our life was reduced to tossing apples for her in the orchard or walking in the woods, where she could explore bear scat and my patience.

Another lock was added to my prison when my father fell down a flight of stairs. He had a hell of a backache for weeks after, confined to his lounge chair, unable to lie down or walk to the bathroom. My brother did the heavy lifting, and my mother took care of daily intimate needs. I took charge of his fractious appetite.

How about warm peanut butter cookies and milk? Custard? A milkshake? Jell-O made with Cool Whip and marshmallows? Casseroles of potatoes and cheese?

Just one? Just a forkful?

There was a stomach waiting in reserve. Nothing went to waste.

"You don't want to eat those, do you, Francie?" my mother asked as I took a plate of cookies to the dining room. "Remember, you're going to be in Oprah's magazine."

I shrugged, stony-faced, wanting to say, "Would I be eating them if I didn't want them, you silly nit?"

Besides, I had a new weapon. Laxatives. *Welcome to Club Bulimia!*

It was a science experiment. How much could I hurt myself? I stopped taking Zoloft, not gently but abruptly, so that I went through days of woo-woo withdrawal, my brain folding and unfolding itself like amateur origami. I changed my return trip twice, changing my original 5-week stay into an 11-week orgy.

As I packed in late September, I crammed Heathway molasses cookies into my mouth. I left the suitcase and stood over the kitchen sink so that the crumbs wouldn't litter my clothes. My jaw ached from the give of the cookies — no crunch, no proper mastication, molasses cookies have to be swallowed with an effort. Each bite had a soundtrack. *You'...no...longer...an...asset...to...this...*my hand reached for the next: *company.*

I stopped, spit the brown wad into the garbage, and dumped the few remaining cookies in after. Goddamn. Humiliation, seven months after being fired, was a Preakness jockey.

I was feeling the sugar crash the next day when my brother helped force my vicious 11-week-old, 22-pound dog into a crate at the airport. "You know," he said, "you don't have to keep this dog. Not every dog is the right dog."

I'd seen so little through to lasting completion in my life — my doctorate, most of my friendships, clients I'd abandoned in being fired, boyfriends, writing projects — my own body, for fuck's sake. I was bloodied from forehead to toes, but by God, I would turn this piranha into a Labrador, tame her fury, find her heart.

Or maybe she could do the same for me.

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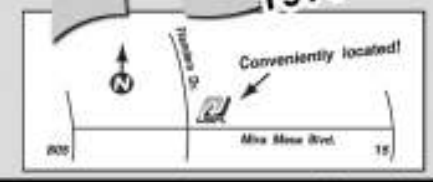

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LEAD STORY

— The National Health Service office in Dundee, Scotland, has recommended toilet techniques for the estimated one-third of the population that suffers from bowel and bladder dysfunction, according to an April report in *The Times* of London. The pamphlet, "Good Defecation Dynamics," lists preferred breathing habits and describes the proper, upright, seated posture for effective elimination ("Keep your mouth open as you bulge and widen"), and encourages support for the feet, perhaps "a small footstool."

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Earlier this year in separate incidents, two physical education teachers at Ernest Ward Middle School in Pensacola, Fla., were arrested and charged with bribery for allowing students to avoid gym classes by paying the teachers money. Tamara B. Tootle, 39, charged in April, allegedly gave students credits at $1 per student per class, and Terence Braxton, 28, arrested in February, pleaded guilty in May to a similar scheme, admitting to making at least $230.

— More Side Businesses: (1) A highly publicized attraction of the Isdaan restaurant in Gerona, Philippines (according to a March Reuters dispatch) is its "wall of fury," against which diners can vent frustrations by smashing things (with fees ranging from the equivalent of 30 U.S. cents for a plate and up to $25 for an old TV set). (2) In July, according to BBC News, British farmer David Lucas will be forced by European Commission rules to give up his lucrative sideline of building gallows for Zimbabwe and other governments that still employ hangings. Lucas's single gallows sells for the equivalent of $22,000, and the Multi-Hanging Execution System, mounted on a trailer, goes for about $185,000.

Science on the Cutting Edge

— In April, noted surgeon Sir Magdi Yacoub and a team at Ormond Hospital in London restarted and reinserted the original heart of a 12-year-old girl after it had been in storage for ten years while she lived with a donated heart. Because the donated heart was showing signs of rejection, Dr. Yacoub decided that the original, which was removed because of acute inflammation, might have repaired itself enough to work again.

Workplace Traumas

— (1) In Miami, actress-dancer Alice Alyce, 29, sued the owners and managers of the musical *Movin' Out* for $100 million in March after they fired her, allegedly because they believed her breasts are too large for her role. (2) Schoolteacher Sue Storer, 48, filed a lawsuit against the government in Bristol, England, in March, asking the equivalent of $1.9 million for having fired her when she complained of, among other things, never getting a replacement for her classroom chair, which she said emitted a "farting" noise every time she sat down.

Politicians: Only the Best and the Brightest

— Unclear on the Concept: (1) Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate (and football hall-of-famer) Lynn Swann, who says state taxes are too high, was revealed by the Allentown *Morning Call* in March to have been neglecting to collect legally required state sales tax from the Pennsylvania customers of his football memorabilia website. (2) Arizona gubernatorial candidate Mike Harris donated $100,000 of his own money to his campaign in April, six months after successfully begging a judge to cut his $2000-per-month child-support payments in half (and conceding that he had not disclosed that he owed his ex-wife $44,000 more from a property sale). Harris said even paying $1000 a month was "pretty darn generous" of him.

— (1) Pasco County, Fla., candidate John Ubele, 28, a proud member of the white separatist National Alliance, said he's more concerned with runaway government expenses than with race as he campaigns for a seat on the county's Mosquito Control Board. (2) New York state senator David Paterson, running for lieutenant governor, said in March that he now regrets introducing unsuccessful legislation for 14 straight years (until 2001) to make it legal for suspects to physically resist police.

People With Too Much Money

— Women's handbag designers, uncertain about the effect of Hurricane Katrina on Louisiana's alligator habitats, spent the winter searching for new supplies of hides, according to a March *Wall Street Journal* report. The fall gator harvest saw prices rise 50 percent from two years earlier, forcing Ralph Lauren, for example, to raise the price of its most prestigious alligator purse to $14,000, and hide prices were expected to rise another 50 percent this summer. (Alligator shoes, shirts, and coats have also soared in price, and the alligator-paneled piano sold by Giorgio's of Palm Beach now costs $950,000.)

People With Issues

— In April, Michael Theleman, 45, finding true love hard to come by in the isolated town of Bray, Okla. (pop. 1035), posted a yard sign offering to pay $1000 for help in finding a "virgin" bride between the ages of 12 and 24. Offended neighbors convinced him to take it down, but he replaced it with another, stating that his future wife must not be "pig-worshipping, heathen (or) white supremacist." Theleman said he couldn't understand the neighbors' furor, recalling that his grandmother was married at 14 to "a much older man."

Least Competent People

— (1) Salt Lake City high school student Travis Williams was bitten by a baby rattlesnake in May, even though a companion had warned him to avoid it. Said Williams, "Even though she told me not to…I picked it up anyway. I'm not too bright that way." (2) Chesterton, Ind., high school student Michael Morris was hospitalized in May with a broken leg and broken arm after being run into by a friend driving an Acura at about 25 mph, but it was consensual. The friend described Morris as an adrenaline junkie who had had the friend run over him before, but Morris told the *Times of Northwest Indiana,* "I won't do this no more."

Recurring Themes

— "News of the Weird" reported in 2001 that a bulimic woman in Toyoda, Japan, had been caught illegally dumping about 60 pounds a week of her own vomit in remote locations and, in 2003, that another bulimic woman had been caught discarding similar quantities near Madison, Wis. (perhaps, say health professionals, to assist their denial process by keeping their own homes untainted). In April 2006, sheriff's deputies reported a similar spree, ironically near an Iowa town called Mount Pleasant, that has now totaled about 50 bags' worth over a three-year period, but at press time, the vomiter was still at large.

The Classic Middle Name (all new)

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God's Will

— More than 90 people were killed while observing their religion in three incidents in April. A stampede by thousands of women at a religious gathering in downtown Karachi, Pakistan, resulted in 29 deaths; a packed bus speeding home from a religious festival went out of control and plunged into a ravine near Orizaba, Mexico, killing 57; and a few days later in Santa Maria del Rio, Mexico, 5 were killed by lightning, which struck the large metal cross before which they were praying.

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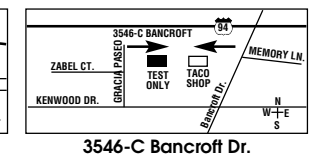

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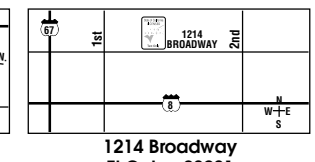

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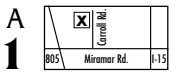

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The recent swell of Letters to the Editor on the subject of my sourness, or sore-headedness, or however it's diagnosed, has reached a point where it seems advisable for me to step forward and say something conciliatory.

Negativism in a movie reviewer is to a large extent a matter of proportion, and consequently a matter of circumstance. And a cold statistical calculation of negativism is misleading. (A man may come up to me and deliver a deft soccer-style kick to the shins. "How do you like that?" he tests me. Not very much, I shrug. He drills his fingertips sharply into my solar plexus. "Take that." I'd rather not, I decline. Offended, he spits in my face. "And that?" My face goes ashen. "What's the matter with you?" he cries, echoing the sentiment I hear approximately every week of my sorry existence. "Don't you like anything?")

—**"NAY-SAYING,"** *Duncan Shepherd, June 10, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Four years ago, I spent the week before Christmas in a flophouse on the upstairs floor of the old Backesto Building, downtown at Fifth and Market. My room cost eighteen dollars for seven days. The dresser and the end tables on either side of the white, iron-frame bed were covered with fresh sheets of newspaper — a touch of cleanliness — and the room was lighted by a bulb that hung from the tent-shaped skylight that bisected the lofty ceiling.

—**"AROUND DOWNTOWN,"** *Robert Paul, June 11, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

As Alvin Ducheny and I roll through Barrio Logan in his dirty, white Mercury Lynx, I ask him, "Why do so many people hate your guts, Al? You'd think you were a Communist or something." When you're talking to a guy who is probably the most hated person between Golden Hill and National City, a guy who does things to make sure he maintains his reputation, you can get away with questions like that.… In 1981, when Ducheny and his wife Denise, an attorney, were just becoming involved in community politics, somebody airmailed a Molotov cocktail through the window of their office.

—**"BAD BLOOD IN BARRIO LOGAN,"** *Stephen Meyer, June 12, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

Tuesday: 'Twas a Tuesday evening, before *Matlock* and after all the news programs — time and boredom. Tuesday is the day of the week most difficult to bear. Mondays have the anxiety associated with dread, with beginning another week of work. On Tuesdays, the anxiety is absent and only the tedium remains. I think of Tuesday as a day when I long for the feeling of stone, the texture and substantialness of a Henry Moore sculpture. Something to rub my hands along and try and reconnect with something that feels bigger than me.

—**"SO CONCENTRATED THAT IT CRYSTALIZES,"** *M. Corinne Mackey, June 13, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

Wherever you stand on the abortion debate, the issue will be impossible to ignore during the Republican National Convention in August. Every major local civic landmark is booked with either a pro-life or pro-choice rally or demonstration. If you plan to visit SeaWorld, Balboa Park, Seaport Village, or even the beach, you may become part of the debate, which promises to divide GOP delegates as it did in Houston four years ago.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"ABORTION AUGUST,"** *Jamie Reno, June 6, 1996*



San Diego *Reader,* June 12, 1986

Five Years Ago

"He turned a little rat hole into one of the most popular clubs in San Diego," says sound engineer Brad Engstrom about Bill Winston, his former boss.

In the early hours of April 4 — just after Winston was released from a two-week stint in jail — he headed directly to the nearest fix he could find. Despite all his hard work and good fortune, Bill Winston died of a heroin overdose at the age of 45.

—SCENE: **"WILD BILL,"** *Ed Decker, June 7, 2001*

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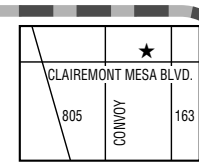

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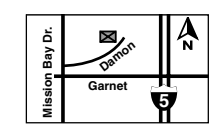

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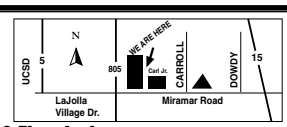

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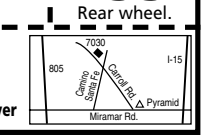



Dear Saffron,

Last week I went out to dinner with my son and his family. I have two grandsons, ages eight and ten. The eight-year-old has been having a difficult time the past few years. He's smart but has not been doing well in school and got caught a couple of times having trashed his poor report cards without showing them to his parents. He is strange about eating: there are only about six foods he'll tolerate, and this has been the case since he was little. He is moody and sulks for long periods of time. He seemed to be doing a little better lately, acting less sullen and actually trying a few new foods, which is a big step forward for him. So I was surprised at this dinner when he refused to eat anything at all. I asked what was up and he pulled this device out of his mouth. It looks like a super-duper retainer and is completely removable. Apparently it's a newfangled substitute for braces. This thing covers the entire roof of his mouth and slightly affects his speech. He said, glumly, "I can't eat with this thing in my mouth." I agreed it would be very awkward and uncomfortable to try to eat with that in place. I asked my daughter-in-law why he couldn't take the thing out just to eat a meal. She glared at me and replied, "Absolutely not. The orthodontist said he must wear it 24 hours a day and is only permitted to remove it to brush his teeth. Otherwise his teeth won't get straightened properly." So the kid ate nothing. He is very skinny and doesn't look too healthy to me. He also looked miserable watching everyone else eat. I don't understand why he can't take this stupid piece of hardware out of his mouth for a total of maybe an hour a day to get some nourishment. I understand that he should wear the thing consistently, but this level of strictness is ridiculous. I want to say something to my son but don't want to be an interfering grandmother. What should I do?

MILITANT GRANNY IN DEL CERRO

Dear Militant,

My view is that the orthodontist's instructions have to be leavened with a dose of common sense. The child has to eat. I can't imagine that the device is going to be rendered ineffective if he removes it only briefly for meals and mouth cleaning. Perhaps your son can talk this problem over with the orthodontist and get his or her blessing for the kid to wear his tooth straightener 23 hours a day so that the young man doesn't waste away to a toothpick and so this doesn't become a bloody battleground with a kid who is already struggling in other areas. If the orthodontist says it's okay to be a little lenient here, that might help your daughter-in-law lighten up. Any orthodontists reading this column want to comment?

Dear Saffron,

I am 45 years old and single. After worrying myself to death about whether it is the right thing to do, I tried computer dating. I used one of the larger online dating services. I'm not too good a typist and was kind of nervous when I was filling out all the forms, so I made a mistake when punching some of the information in. The only way I could figure out to correct the error was to start all over again, which would have erased everything I'd typed in, and I didn't want to do that. So I let the error stand. Now I've gone on several dates and have met a couple of men I like. The thing is that they think I'm 40, not 45, because of my keyboard error. Do I have to tell them my true age? I try never to lie about anything, but now I'm embarrassed to admit my mistake. Does it make that big a difference? Or can I just assume that since we seem to like each other it's not important?

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The wedding is nearing. As the bachelor and groom to be, let me testify that people believe its novel to joke about me getting married. Those who consider themselves funny spread crude remarks and insensitive innuendos throughout each of my days. "Hey Jeremy, the clock's ticking. Tick tock tick tock."

A message for those people, "Your jokes are not funny. In fact, they are old and worn out...like a race car's tires the day after the Indianapolis 500."

People must believe that this is some right of passage — those that are married or have been married feel an obligation to tease and torment (albeit in a lighthearted manner). Those that aren't married look at me wide-eyed and slack-jawed: "Oh, man, are you sure you want to do this thing?" This is the basic comment that is often followed by high fives among the bachelors and accompanied by snickering that reminds me of third-grade immaturity. It's a relentless attack of good-natured tomfoolery that jeers at my sanity.

It is a rampant assault of lollygagging coworkers, friends, and neighbors that serves no purpose other than to probe me for a reaction. I was belted with this about a week ago. "You know, it's just about time for you to change your mind. You can still get out now, but there isn't much time left." Yes, someone actually said that to me with a smile on her face and expected me to laugh.

So, this is my reaction. This is my way of saying, "Take your jokes, roll them up, put them into your proverbial pipe, and for crying out loud, light the goddamned thing up and smoke it."

Don't try to explain that it's "just a harmless joke" or you "don't mean anything by it." This is my rant, and your intention doesn't matter. When you joke about my wedding, your joke only matters to the person who plays the butt of it. That would be me, and this is me saying, "F.U."

And, don't worry, I won't take it personally. I'll just ask you to think about what you've said and suggest that maybe instead of offering a comedic anecdote about someone and something you only have your own experiences to speak of, maybe you should keep your jokes to yourself.

What's that? Did I hurt your feelings? The golden rule, my friend, teaches us "to treat others how you yourself wish to be treated." Do you think that rule falls null and void because you choose to hassle me a few months, weeks, days, hours, and minutes before my wedding? So you want to make jokes, but when someone fires back a resentment of that joke you get all touchy.

I know where the conversation is going from here. "Oh, Jeremy, just calm down. You're being too sensitive." OH, REALLY? I'm being too sensitive? Maybe some people just aren't being sensitive enough. I've got to say this...no, maybe I should stand up on my chair and shout so the message is crystal clear. Maybe — and this is going out on a limb — but just maybe these people aren't considering what they are saying before they speak it. Maybe the comedians should lay down the matrimonial shtick and consider giving, in their infinite wisdom, some marital advice.

Yes, that is my suggestion. Reel in those words that hold no value other than to barb my delicate state of premarital



sanity and give me something I can use. Give advice that could be sound and thoughtful and applicable to the events waiting at eve's edge. Share a graceful and well-placed story of old that might soothe the inner soul of a newlywed to be. Ask a question about my state of being and that of my bride. Ask about the weather, for crying out loud. Give me something...anything but another unbecoming joke about my upcoming wedding vows and me.

It's not that I can't stand the jokes. It's not that I don't need to laugh. It's that this isn't a good time for lame and uncouth tastelessness. It really isn't. If people insist on making these jokes, please know that they are on notice — I'm busy. Busy planning a wedding, attending to my bride, my family, my dogs, my house, and each and every one of the other 10,000 priorities I have set just ahead of your senseless joke.

So, that is it. My rant over the rain of wedding jokes made in poor taste and with ill timing.

Chances are with this rant that I may have offended someone in a not-so-oblique manner. I never claimed to not be a direct person. I am sincere and prefer to be to the point. If you are offended by what I have to say here, I make no apologies.

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ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 3305 Palm Avenue, San Ysidro
Time/Date: 4:33 a.m. on 5/7/06

Officer's Report: An employee [of Jilberto's Taco Shop] had called police stating the business had been robbed by a white male in his twenties, armed with a gun. Officers on the scene learned that the same suspect had also robbed five customers. Two customers were robbed while inside the business and three had been robbed while outside the business. I responded to assist with the multiple victim statements.



Upon arrival I saw that Paramedic Unit #30 and Fire Engine #6 were on the scene and were evaluating the victims. I spoke with Raymond M. who was outside the business.

Statement of Raymond M.: I came to the taco shop with my brother, Alex, and my friend Isaac. Alex was driving and had parked the car in front of the taco shop. Alex and Isaac went inside to get food. While sitting in the car, I saw two guys run up from around the corner. The guys were wearing bandanas that covered the lower half of their faces. One of the guys stayed outside of the taco shop and the other one went inside.

The guy that stayed outside was a white male about 20-22 years old. He was tall, about 6'-6'2" and weighed about 130 pounds. He was very skinny, he had no meat on him.

The guy that went inside the taco shop was short and stocky, kind of muscular. He was about 5'4" and weighed about 180 pounds. I think his name is "Brandon" because I heard his friend call him that.

The guy that stayed outside told me to get out of the car. He had his hand under his shirt and tucked in his waistband like he was holding a gun. He told me to hurry up and get on the [ground]. My brother and Isaac were walking out of the taco shop. He told them to get on the ground. The guy told us to empty our pockets and throw everything under the car. The guy told us not to worry and everything would be okay. He said no one would get hurt and that they would be out of there soon.

I was on my knees and tried not to look up. I could hear the second guy in the taco shop yelling. He was saying, "Hurry up, give me all your money. Where is it at? Hurry up or I'll shoot you." The guy outside yelled: "That's it, Brandon, your thirty seconds are up!"

Brandon came out and started yelling at us. He wanted to know where our money was. I heard the sound of my brother getting hit. Isaac got up and started yelling at Brandon. He said, '"What the fuck, dog, I thought you guys said everything would be okay." Brandon walked over to Isaac and hit him over the head with a gun. Brandon was holding a grey-colored gun, with the barrel about seven inches long. He walked over to me and told me to get on my stomach. He hit me on the top of my head with the gun. He grabbed our stuff and started to walk away. He came back and asked me where my wallet was. He raised his hand with the gun like he was going to hit me. I told him he had my wallet. Brandon kept his gun pointed at us as they ran back towards the corner where they had come from.

I am missing my wallet. It is a black leather Louis Vuitton wallet. It had $20, my social security card, and pictures of my girlfriend, sister and cousins.

SHOOTING

Location: 800 Grand Avenue, San Marcos
Time/Date: 2:30 a.m. on 5/21/06



Incident: Deputies responded to a shooting outside the Long Shot Bar. The victim, an employee of the bar, was shot three times in the back, below the waist. The suspect, a Hispanic male adult, was on foot while he did the shooting. The suspect ran to a white Buick Regal and fled the scene. A collateral victim was run over by a witness who was trying to get out of the way of the shooting. Driver and victim of the car accident were not involved in the shooting. Both victims were transported to Palomar Hospital where the shooting victim underwent surgery and is recovering at this time. The victim struck by the vehicle is in stable condition and is being treated for serious injuries to the face.

PURSE SNATCHING

Location: 500 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 4:33 p.m. on 5/31/06



Résumé of Incident: One man and two boys were arrested after snatching a woman's purse as she was walking. A bystander saw the suspects get out of a black Chevrolet Camaro and grab the woman's purse. The bystander slashed the front tire of the Camaro with his pocketknife.

Corporal Joel Stranger arrived on scene, contacted witnesses, and broadcast a description of the suspects and the getaway car to other deputies.

Deputy Christi Licudine saw the Camaro with the suspects inside, driving very slowly due to their punctured front tire. Deputy Licudine ordered the suspect/driver to stop at Highway 125 North and Jamacha Road.

The suspects and the car were positively identified by the victim and several witnesses and the victim's straw purse, Louis Vuitton wallet, day planner, and $20.00 were found inside the vehicle.

— *Michael Hemmingson*

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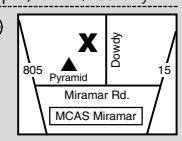

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Maybe you don't believe in Santa. Rather, you believe that sugar from a passing comet landed in the ocean and after a million years it grew a tail and eventually that tail grew a fish. Soon those fish became things like aardvarks and cavemen, and the cavemen tinkered with nature and *voila!* out popped puppies and lollipops and cordless drills and palm trees and *Matlock* on TBS.

Either way, what the hell does it matter? You've got about 75 years here. You can sit around and argue about which came first, Nietzsche or smug self-satisfaction. In the end we all wind up in the dirt with little Xs over our eyes and a halo around our head.

Some people say, "It's all what you do with that 75 years that counts," but that's a crock pot full of mayonnaise, too. Because, given a couple hundred years, nobody remembers what you did even if you were a big shot, like president or the inventor of rubber tires or the first caveman to squish up berries and let it rot in a jar and drink it on a Saturday night.

You could do something big, like take that jar of squeezed berry juice and put two different types of metal in it and hook wires up to it and call it a "battery." Your "battery" could be condensed and put into digital watches that remind you to walk your dog or into machines that ball up sugar and put it at the end of a paper stick. Your battery could revolutionize tools so that they no longer need a cord. And nobody will remember your name.

Or you could be a total turd, born rich and beautiful — by society's standards — frittering away your 75 years taking ecstasy in glittery clubs, wearing jewels on the straps of your shoes, and drinking rotten berry juice, and then they'll fold your arms up like you're sleeping, shave your legs one last time so you don't look like you crawled out of a cave, put you in a box, and lower you into the ground.

Most of you will work 50 years, and when you can't enjoy the time off anymore, they'll let you retire and you'll be happy to sit around and watch bad television that's been made so old farts can sit around and watch bad television until you croak and they plant you in the dirt.

That's my philosophy.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

ANIMAL PLANET REPORT

ANIMAL 2:00 P.M.

I've synthesized the compound that will allow me to take over the baboon community. I thought injecting the serum into my leg would be hard, but that was the easy part. Feeling my bones crack and watching my big toe migrate to my heel was about the toughest thing so far. But, I can open a door with my feet. So, I've got that.

GAME SHOW MARATHON

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Here's a good example of "would you rather." Would you rather (a) watch this putrid display of stinking non-entertainment (hosted by Rikki Lake!) or (b) cover your head in melted marshmallow gunk and stick it through a hole in the wall of the polar bear exhibit while handlers shoot the animals in their asses with bb guns? Also, you'd have to yell, "Bleah! Bleah! Bleah!" so the bears could find you when they were good and pissed off. I know which one I'd choose, and it wouldn't have anything to do with Rikki Lake's pillowy cheeks or — Hi-ho, Silver! — jaw line.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

MTV HITS

MTVHIT 7:00 P.M.

Even though I don't play any instruments or sing, my new theoretical band name — if I were in a band — would be Maybe a Ringo Ate Your Baby.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

THE BATMAN

WB 8:30 A.M.

It's recently been revealed that Batwoman is lesbian. I think it's only a clever plan to conceal her identity from those who would seek to stop her crime-fighting ways. The only way to find her will be to go through all the PT Cruisers in the parking lot at Home Depot and find the one with red and black tights in the back.



Animal Planet Report

THE OUTER LIMITS

KUSI 7:00 P.M.

I'm not making this up; I read this in *Popular Science*. There's been a recent phenomenon of red rain over India. The red particles that were mixed with rain have been studied in a lab. The microscopic bits reproduce but do not have cellular linings or DNA. Some have speculated that it is fungal spores from the Arabian Peninsula. Others believe the microorganisms came from a passing meteorite and are, in fact, alien life. Either way, I want to drink the red goop and get quickly to the mutating. If someone in India is reading this, get me a jar of that crap! This breaking news could make my whole transformation into the Baboon King the stuff of a child's playpen. Oh, I want it. I want the power of the red alien elixir!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

TAKE MY ADVICE: THE ANN AND ABBY STORY

KUSI 11:00 A.M.

Her folks called her Abby. Her real name was Abigail. We called her Boots. One night the heel came free from her standard military issue combats and she was so raging pissed that she cut the high tops off with an electric turkey carver and drank tequila out of the remaining vessel. I don't remember her sister Ann too much. Ann was always a little too wild for our taste. I hear they had rival advice columns or some such things. I can't imagine what advice those two could give outside of prepping a hypodermic needle. I miss those ol' girls. I still have an old doily Abby gave me.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

TRANSFORMERS CYBERTRON

TOON 6:00 A.M.

I fully expect, through reincarnation or brute technology, that someday I will regain consciousness on a distant planet in the body of a Transformer. I'd prefer to come back as a Rolls Royce or Bentley, something regal and, when transformed become a tall egalitarian robot. Although, with karma what it is, I will probably be a bulldozer set to work in a quarry and, when transformed, I will probably sport something dumb like a hardhat.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

MLB BASEBALL: LOS ANGELES DODGERS VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES

CA4SD 7:00 P.M.

Baseball has ruined steroids. What happened to the carefree fun of shooting testosterone into your own ass that we enjoyed as kids? Thanks a lot, Bonds, Canseco, and Maguire.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

HSN 4:00 P.M.

I don't know what the hell the Home Shopping Network is doing selling "Dragon Boats" or, for that matter, I can't rightly say what a Dragon Boat is. But, I know who their first customer is going to be. Damn, I want a Dragon Boat so bad I could pee!

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FNC 8:00 P.M.

Before rising to power as chancellor of the United States, I will have a reputation among the revolutionaries as a man who rose through the ranks, from the lowest freed man boot soldier to commander of a renegade battalion bent on releasing as many slaves as possible. During one battle, a load of dynamite will be shot from my shoulder where I'm carrying it, and I'll be blown clear with only slight damage to my hearing. This legend will precede me, even as I'm inducted into the Black Rebel Corps of Supreme Court Justices.

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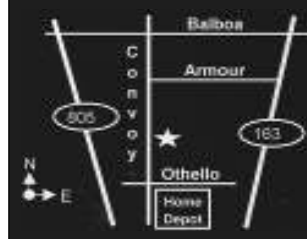

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T.G.I.F.

"Write everything as if it were the last thing you'll ever get a chance to write."

By John Brizzolara

Memorial Day weekend is over as I write here and so this will not exactly be timely, but Judith Moore, a friend and longtime editor of this paper, died very recently. I see she is remembered in lead Arts features in *The New York Times* and the *L.A. Times,* and I can only guess at how many literary journals and small-press periodicals. Judith always urged me to think in terms of "timelessness," even while executing what could easily be treated as Kleenex journalism — what is, after all, ephemera. Her point, though never stated flat out as far as I recall, was that it's all ephemera, even the opening lines of scripture, and that good writers are simultaneously the manufacturers of fish-wrap and are priests — of a sort. I got that sense from her, anyway, and it always made me feel something more than an ink-stained wretch while hanging around with her.

She said to me once, "Write everything as if it were the last thing you'll ever get a chance to write." This became a source of great, sometimes self-deprecating fun when we were telephonically editing something like an article concerning camping out in an all-night Laundromat or a 24-hour donut joint just to see what happens. Both projects were a source, between us anyway, of great satisfaction and laughs. The laughs, however, were not private jokes. They were available to those who could read well and were equipped with a sense of irony and/or pathos. If you were lacking either, you might well have found these lengths of prose absurd and or incomprehensible. I never heard any criticism of the kind about either piece, personally.

But some, apparently, did. A friend of mine defended the Laundromat piece by answering a critic's "I liked it, but what the hell was that about?" by responding, "For one thing, about $300. I believe." Beside the point, but no better an answer than was deserved.

A visiting college recruiter for the London School of Drama sent a note addressed to me calling "All Night Donuts" "a Tour-de-Force of Nothing. This," he went on to say, "is meant in the best possible way. The writer seemed reluctant to take on what he clearly saw as a waste of time and quickly made something of it. I have never seen outside of certain Eastern European existential comedy that would certainly fall flat in the U.S., maybe Britain as well. Even enough arch intellectual Slavic readers might find 'Donuts' to be a dull American thrust at baggy pants intellectualism but being born American and with a history of small literary press (editing at Yale for example), I sensed the presence of an editor who knew his [her, actually] man, a later-aged student I'm guessing (a former publishing employee at a small house? I may be way off the mark, forgive me I'm hardly psychic) the writer really does have a disparate sense of commercial fiction marked with a sense of humor reminiscent of certain genre humorists..." The typewritten letter went on to mourn the dearth (or death) of humor in its less baggy-panted forms in American writing. I keep the letter in plastic as he goes on to compare my writing with better writers and I do not come off, as I would have expected, at least in terms of Mr. Daryn Cox, M.F.A., badly. I recite it to myself slowly in the shower on occasion. I mention this letter from Cox because it takes a keen sensibility (and a flailing, newish writer) to detect the hand of an editor at all.

Yes, Memorial Day weekend was a memorial for me. Not, I am reluctant to admit, in terms of missing casual friends and acquaintances because of war. And that is the patriotic purpose of the holiday during which we are to draw our attention to those who gave their lives to keep the world safe from Communism, Terrorism, Islam, Chaos, Asian Imperialism, Teutonic Nationalism, etc., etc — what Michael Kerr, author of *Dispatches,* summarized as "keeping the Doo-Dah safe from the Ding-Dong." No, it was a memorial for me because of a coincidence of timing. My friend (and boss, really) just died; it is close to the third anniversary of my closest brother's death and a few other relatives and friends. I am at the age where the attrition rate begins to stack up around you until you and it become one.

Yes, someone said, sarcastically and not long ago in print, "As cheery as TGIF." But I am no Glum Bob. I am known in certain circles for my sense of humor and irrepressible life affirmation. I am not unaware of summer's warm, full embrace and promise even as I type. If I am a little down around the keyboard edges, it's because I have lost sight of my rudimentary Buddhist adages, echoes, and tools. Or the new regimen of Lexapro has not kicked in yet.

Memorial Day weekend was an occasion for me to remember much, not the least of which being people who once affected me who are now dead. One of them,



a kind of Bukowskyesque barfly, Larry B., who philosophically (aloud anyway) drank himself to death and is memorialized by a plaque on his favorite barstool among a row of mostly unmarked grave-post/barstools at a saloon that is itself a San Diego Historical Society landmark in Old Town. Larry was literate, one of those barroom lions who could deliver accurate thumbnail author biographies on Walter Van Tilburg Clark (*The Ox-Bow Incident)* and tell you about Jack London's self-mythologizing in ways that kept even the most literarily apathetic drinkers spellbound. I thought about Mr.B. this weekend, remembered that there were people who loved him too and miss him for reasons other than his proletariat American literacy. But, Lord, there was a sense of play in that sad fellow's love of the language and storytelling that I'll wager is missed by more than a handful of drunks.

I wonder if, with age, certain holidays such as Memorial Day take on a resonance unavailable to youth, as this one did with me. Or is it just coincidence and timing? I can almost see Groundhog Day becoming a poignant and bittersweet occasion for me in years to come as it was a favorite movie of a longtime love and myself, now pretty much just friends because of the tyranny of alcoholism and the kind of damage it can do; too much, too late, and irretrievable. The thought gives me an insight into the nature of mercy as it relates to, say, senility and memory: irretrievable as a cosmic kindness. Hey! Thank God it's Friday! (rim shot on snare)

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by Josh Board



Top: Randy diving to catch a football, sans wallet; *Bottom left*: A woman with tattoos up and down her arms; *Bottom right*: Leslie cooking chicken on the grill

At the Belly Up Tavern I overheard some girls talking about a Memorial Day party. I asked them if I could go. Two of them looked at me as if I was crazy, but one smiled and said, "Sure. It's at my place...near the stadium." She asked for my e-mail address so she could send me an e-vite. I thought I might be blown off, so I told her I would write about her party for the *Reader*. Turned out Meryl worked at the Belly Up, and they had a stack of *Reader*s by the door. A party match made in heaven.

Meryl's e-vite requested that I bring what I wanted to drink and whatever I wanted to cook on the grill. I was reminded of a comedian who does a routine about invitations such as this: "...next, they'll tell you to bring your own booze, meat, two side dishes, a dessert, and some wood and tools, so you can help build a deck on which the party will take place."

My friend Bonnie was driving when she called Meryl to get more detailed directions. Meryl had given us directions as if we were coming from the 163, though we told her we were taking I-15. At least she met us at the gate to let us into her complex.

The pool area was the perfect setup for a party. There was a spa on one side and two grills on the other side. One guy was serving hamburgers, and a woman was complaining she couldn't find any condiments. Bonnie had insisted on us bringing two cases of beer. Her husband showed up later, but he only drank a few. I'm not a beer lover, so I brought Mike's Hard Crisp Apple drinks. One friend said, "You got more of your girlie drinks, huh?" A woman grabbed one from me and said, "It smells like Jolly Ranchers." I told her it tasted like 25 of those candies put in a blender with vodka. A guy named Gary said, "Those caps are so convenient to twist off. They're like the greatest thing since sliced bread." I asked him what he thought people said before bread came sliced. He smiled and said, "That's the best thing since ripped bread."

> "That's the best thing since ripped bread."

I commented on how cool it would be to live in these apartments and be able to walk to a Padres game. Someone said, "The Padres don't play at the stadium anymore. They could walk to Charger games, though, or those used-car tent sales."

Beth came over and was apologizing for having the wrong date written on the e-vite. She said, "If people couldn't figure it out, since it said 'Memorial Day,' then they're idiots we don't want here." Later, while swimming in the pool, someone commented on all the drinking and partying on Memorial Day, and how maybe it's not the best way to pay tribute to fallen soldiers. As I went to grab a burger off the grill, everyone in the pool started singing "God Bless the USA." When they finished that tune, they continued with old patriot songs.

The woman who had been looking for condiments was now looking for utensils. She said, "Well, this will be the first time I eat chicken with a spoon."

Everyone was going over to the spa, so I joined them. I learned two things: check your pockets first, so your wallet doesn't get soaked as you get in, and if little kids are standing by, they will jump in and splash, so keep your camera and cell phone covered or away from that area.

There were teenagers in the spa. One looked amusing in her big Jackie O sunglasses.

Bonnie told me later, "I don't like going into Jacuzzis when there are little kids. You know they're peeing in there."

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