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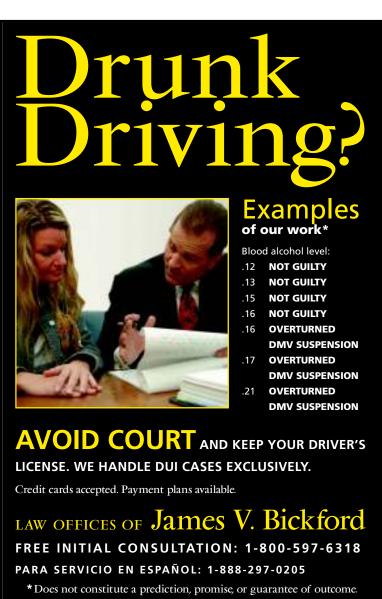
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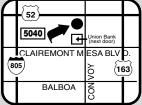




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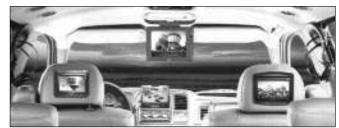
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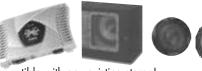
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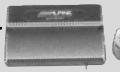


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San Diego County Fair

dream of being appointed to the board of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, otherwise known as the Del Mar Fair board? The nine members, though unpaid, are compensated

in other ways, with preferential parking, special access to the fair and Del Mar track, free admission to events, plenty of booze at parties, pampering from fair board staff, and many other perks too numerous to mention. But there is a price to be paid, check made payable to the various campaign funds controlled by the governor of California, who awards the coveted fair board appointments.

Take the case of Poway's Kelly Burt, chairman and chief executive officer of Price Self Storage, one of the many enterprises associated with La Jolla's **Sol Price**. This February 15, Republican Burt contributed \$22,300 to Arnold Schwarzenegger's reelection fund. On June 2, the governor announced that Burt would be reappointed to the fair board. Schwarzenegger first appointed Burt to the board on May 25, 2005, after Burt contributed \$50,000 to the pro-Schwarzenegger "Citizens to Save California Coalition" on April 7 of that year.

The same day Burt was originally named to the board, Schwarzenegger also appointed Rancho Santa Fe's Vivian Hardage. In October 2003, her husband Sam, a hotel magnate and longtime local GOP kingmaker, had given Schwarzenegger, then a candidate in the Gray Davis recall election, \$21,200.

And then there was **Brent Wilkes**, the defense contractor under investigation for bribery in the Randy"Duke"Cunningham case. Appointed to the fair board by Schwarzenegger on April 7, 2004, Wilkes had given the then-gubernatorial candidate \$21,200 on September 9, 2003. In all, Wilkes gave the governor \$70,000 before becoming enveloped in the Cunningham scandal.

Ferreting out lobbyists Ex-Democratic state senator **Dede Alpert**, once mentioned as a possible San Diego mayoral candidate, is making waves in the state's capital by promoting the



interests of the cable TV industry without bothering to register as a lobbyist. Though not a lawyer, Alpert works for the Sacramento law firm of Nielsen, Merksamer as "special advisor for public policy and strategic planning." Firm principal Vigo "Chip" Nielsen bills himself

as a "political law advisor" and has worked for many locals, including ex-San

Diego mayor Maureen O'Connor. Partner Steven Merksamer, former chief of staff to Republican governor George Deukmejian, is a major player

Among the firm's clients have been Californi-

ans for Ferret Legalization. When she was a senator, Alpert carried a bill, later vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, to lift the state's ban on the controversial little animals. Alpert spoke out in favor of ex-San Diego School superintendent Alan Bersin during recent senate confirmation hearings on his appointment to the state board of education. Her latest assignment, for cable giant Comcast, first reported by Capitol Weekly, involves the battle phone companies are waging to offer services, including video, that are now the sole province

State law defines a lobbyist as someone making \$2000 or more "in a calendar month... or whose principal duties as an employee are to communicate directly or through his or her agents with any elective state official, agency official, or legislative official for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action." A loophole allows unregistered agents to discuss bills with legislators for two hours a month, Alpert says. They can also offer their clients advice on lobbying strategy. Besides avoiding the financial-reporting requirements for lobbyists, former legislators such as Alpert can avail themselves of "floor privileges," the ability to walk around on the senate floor and buttonhole their former colleagues before votes. Alpert says she has never done that. She declined to disclose how much she is paid.

Woolley-headed One of the biggest local donors to a single cause so far this political season has been R.B. "Buzz" Woolley, the La Jolla investor, who gave \$94,700 to the EdVoice Independent Expenditure Committee on April 3. Other big contributors include L.A. billionaire Eli Broad and Netflix's Reed Hastings, who gave the same

The group, which favors various education-reform efforts, spent \$125,000 to back ill-fated Democratic assembly candidate William McCammon,



Paul Krekorian



Anthony Portantino

city councilman Anthony Portantino, on whom it spent Heavily backed by conservative Wal-Mart heir John Walton before his death last year in an ultralight aircraft crash, EdVoice has been accused of conducting a stealth campaign

for private school vouchers.

the fire chief of Alameda County.

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the assembly campaign of La

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But supporters say it is all-inclusive, pointing to its director, West Sacramento mayor Christopher Cabaldon, who announced during his March state of the city speech that he is gay.

– Matt Potter

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Got the Shaft? Live with It

By Don Bauder

ost companies live by the old axiom: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's the rationale for diversification —

entering disparate businesses in an effort to spread risk. But diversification carries risk too. Does a company know how to manage different kinds of enterprises? Will the company take on too much debt

know best, and don't be tempted to jump into whatever Wall Street thinks is sexy at the time.

There are risks of this nondiversification approach too. A company might watch as



in making acquisitions?

A few companies follow Mark Twain's advice: "Put all your eggs in the one basket and - WATCH THAT BAS-KET." Stick with what you

the eggs in the basket rot and become a victim of obsolescence, crushed by a competitor that, say, comes up with a noncholesterol egg. Or people's appetite for eggs may fall

In the sports-equipment industry, three San Diego County companies have sharply different ideas about toting eggs. Aldila, a maker of graphite (carbon-fiberbased composite) golf shafts, is essentially nondiversified a follower of Twain's philosophy. Callaway Golf, which makes golf clubs, balls, and clothing, is diversified within the golf industry. Acquisitioncrazed K2, Inc., is diversified within the entire sports industry, making skis, snowboards, mountain bikes, sportswear, paintball products, baseballs and gloves, and fishing equipment, among many things.

Aldila's conservative strategy is paying off, while Callaway and K2 have tummy aches trying to digest past unwise acquisitions. Aldila stock has soared from \$1.24 in 2003 into the \$30s. "Good stocks still hold their ground in bad markets," says San Diego's Bud Leedom, publisher of the California Stock Report. The overall market has been creamed in May and June, but Aldila kept its ground. Its earnings are surging, so it's still reasonably priced, says Leedom. He ranks it the second-most-appealing stock in the state.

> The company lost \$56 milcontinued on page 8

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Free Speech and Fair Parking

By Ernie Grimm

a Mesa mayoral candidate Craig Maxwell is the kind of guy people used to describe as strapping. He's over six feet tall, trim

through the middle, broad and muscular in the chest and shoulders. The sleeves of his T-shirt stretch to contain his buff biceps. Though he's 43, his neatly cut sandy blond hair shows no gray. Looking at him, you'd guess he was a physical trainer. But looks deceive. He owns Maxwell's House of Books, a three-aisle store within the four-block



Art Madrid

stretch of La Mesa Boulevard known as the Village. "It is a general store," Maxwell explains, "but with a special emphasis on scholarly and academic titles. I have a really strong selection of philosophy, political science, physics, sociology, biology, literary criticism. That's the emphasis, but I still consider myself a general shop. I have over 50 categories in the store, and there is probably something for everybody who spends enough time looking around."

Nobody would mistake 71-year-old incumbent mayor Art Madrid for a physical trainer. Still, the tanned, white-haired mayor exhibits youthful vigor as he chats with the proprietors and customers of Jitters Coffee Shop. Dressed in jeans and a yellow polo shirt, he assures the shop's owners that the rumor of a Starbucks going in across the street are unfounded. "Did you hear the latest rumor?" he asks. "Apparently, I'm gay."

And judging by the pace at which he sets off walking east through the Village, the mayor hasn't slowed down. Asked about the gay-mayor rumor, Madrid chuckles, "Rumors like that always pop up around election time."



Craig Maxwell

By way of clarification, he adds, "I was married for 45 years. My wife passed away 4 years ago."

Art Madrid has served on La Mesa's city council for 26 years, the past 16 as mayor. In La Mesa, the mayor is just another vote on the five-member council. Despite that fact, Madrid's name is practically synonymous with La Mesa politics. And walking through La Mesa with him is akin to being part of a rock star's entourage. People come running out of antique stores, jewelry stores, and restaurants to shake hands and talk with their mayor. On their mind this

warm Wednesday morning in late May is the April parking-meter rate hike, from 25 to 75 cents an hour.

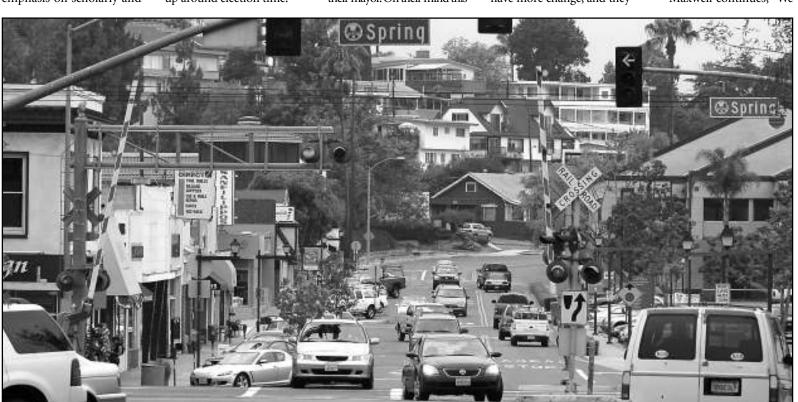
Though Maxwell says the parking was "only one of the straws that broke the camel's back" when it came to deciding whether he'd run for mayor, he has very decided views on the parking increase. "The parking changes were enormous, and they hurt the businesses here," he says. "It greatly increases the likelihood that you will get a ticket, as before you could shell out 50 cents and know you were safe for two hours. Now you have to have more change, and they are a lot more aggressive about handing out tickets. And they don't issue any warning citations, which they used to do. All of those things were such nice features; they made La Mesa seem so homey. And they made La Mesa seem so appealing, and almost everybody who came into the shops said, 'How nice to come here and be able to park two hours for 50 cents.' And, 'Oh, I got this warning citation on my car. This is such a wonderful little place.' Now people are walking down the street cursing, saying they are never going to come back."

Maxwell continues, "We

[merchants] have a hard time making a living here, especially with the [Grossmont Center] mall nearby, where you can park all day. We have a tough time with it. La Mesa is a little out of the way anyway - we are not exactly Mission Valley or downtown. To get people to come out here is something of an accomplishment by itself. So making the place hospitable, making it friendly, is really important to us. We went to [the mayor] looking for some kind of reasonable compromise. If you must raise it, just raise it 100 percent, go to 50 cents. Nothing. There was absolutely no willingness to compromise."

Asked if he believes the parking-fee increase has hampered business, Madrid says, "No, not at all. We don't have paupers and people exclusively on welfare buying and stopping at the Village. They are pretty wealthy people. This is the price of doing business."

Terry White, a goldsmith and owner of Golden Artistry, near the east end of the Village, comes out of his shop to greet Madrid. One of the first things he tells the mayor is, "I think the parking thing backfired on the downtown gmerchants. Isn't this the only area in La Mesa that has § meters? So what's happened 5 is, people aren't just saying, 'Oh well, it costs more in San 🚊 Diego.'They're saying, 'Screw this place, I am going to shop elsewhere.'



La Mesa Boulevard

Live with it

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lion between 2001 and 2003 but then made a combined \$21 million in 2004 and 2005. The momentum is building. Last year, sales zoomed 46 percent and profits 44 percent. Its first quarter of this year was the best in the company's history: sales shot up 17 percent from a year earlier and earnings soared by 28 percent.

Through the grim years, "Aldila stayed true to what it is good at," says Leedom, who specializes in analyzing companies in the golf business. "When things aren't going well, a lot of companies go out and make acquisitions."

Aldila not only kept concentrating on golf shafts during the bad years but also set up a plant in Wyoming for making carbon fiber for golf shafts. Now there is a shortage of materials for graphite shafts, and Aldila has a leg up on the industry.

In the late 1990s and the early 2000s, golf-club makers were producing club heads made of exotic space-age metals such as titanium. The club makers just wanted pedes-

trian shafts as cheaply as they could get them. From 1990 to mid-2002, the average selling prices Aldila got from club makers plunged by 64 percent. Sales and profits sank.

CITY LIGHTS

Then a funny thing happened. In the late 1990s and into the early 2000s, the major golf-club makers — including San Diego County's Callaway Golf, TaylorMade, and Cobra — made clubs that did their jobs too well. Using these clubs, golfers hit the balls too far. Golf-course managers complained that their courses were getting obsolete and there was no room to lengthen them.

So the United States Golf Association ruled that some of these modern clubs had too much spring: the ball jumped off them too fast. Later, the association ruled that manufacturers "can't make club heads too large," says Leedom.

All of a sudden, "the golfclub makers found they could get a higher average selling price if they talked about the virtue of the shaft," says Leedom. In the bad years, there had been a shakeout in the shaft industry, and Aldila now

had an excellent position. It also had an excellent brand, NV, that has been joined by TC Pro and others.

Analyst Eric Barden was recently quoted in Forbes.com saying that Aldila is one of his favorites because the company depends on "strong, sustained income growth of highend consumers." And that's what the U.S. economy is producing as the rich get richer and the poor — well, they don't play golf that much.

Aldila sells 18 percent of its shafts to Carlsbad's Callaway Golf. Callaway has not kept all its eggs in one basket and has suffered as a result. All along, it has brought out new models of golf clubs at a prodigious rate. "These products generally sell significantly better in their first year after introduction than in the second year," says Standard & Poor's. "New products can render prior successful designs obsolete, putting pressure on selling prices and profit margins of older products." And the availability of older clubs at a low price reduces the demand for new clubs.

In the early part of this

century, Callaway brought out a club with a carbon-fiber head. "Golfers were so accustomed to the sound of ping from a metal wood; this sounded like a thud, like a bad shot," says Leedom. "There was no rhyme or reason for this introduction. It was an absolute disaster that showed for the first time that Callaway had internal issues."

In the late 1990s, as its golf clubs were doing very well, Callaway decided to take advantage of its strong brand and go into golf balls with its own name on them. Those balls have been reasonably successful, but in 2003, Callaway bought the Top-Flite brand, along with ragtag manufacturing facilities, out of bankruptcy. Callaway has been losing money on golf balls at a rapid rate, although Standard & Poor's thinks the losses may end this year. "Callaway thought it was buying a great brand but had to make all this investment because the Top-Flite infrastructure was falling apart," says Leedom. "It wouldn't have been worth it if Callaway had gotten Top-Flite for free. It was a horrible acquisition."

Because of such moves, Callaway has been up and down. The stock peaked at almost \$40 in 1997, is now selling below \$15, and has been below \$10. Earnings have been spotty. Last year's were one-fifth of 2002's, although Leedom is high on current management.

There is one good thing: Callaway has diversified only within the golf industry. K2, Inc., has rapidly bought up leisure companies in a wide variety of fields. It is loaded with debt: the financial-analysis firm Morningstar gives K2 a grade of D-minus for its financial position. Last year, paintball and other adventures got it into trouble, and it took a \$212 million loss. Morningstar gives the company a D-minus for profitability too.

K2's stock almost hit \$33 in 1997 and now sells below \$12. The company made "a series of desultory acquisitions," says Jon D. Markman of TheStreet.com. Other analysts question executive compensation policies. Despite last year's big loss, chief exec-

utive Richard Heckmann got a salary increase from \$550,000 to \$690,385. His bonus went up from \$550,000 to \$595,000. He also got \$913,000 because other people in the company were using his private jet. These are "ludicrous compensation policies," says Tim Bevers of Motley Fool.

But at least neither Callaway nor K2 is a conglomerate the kind of company that will buy anything that is for sale: bank, railroad, whorehouse, cigarette maker, airline, liquor store. Almost all such companies eventually get egg on their faces. Some, like Tyco and Enron, wind up with some of their executives in the slammer.

Fair parking

Madrid starts to argue this point. White gently interrupts him. "You know what, I am here every day," he says pointing to the seven empty parking stalls in front of his store. "There are many, many spots like this, and there never used

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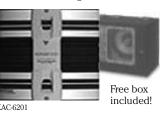
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to be."

Madrid counters, "I respect you, Terry, but I am going to use this as an example. What would happen if I went into your store and said, 'I love that piece of jewelry or that artwork, I want it for free'? You'd go out of business. Well, La Mesa is a business, and that's what we were doing during the courtesy citations. We lost over \$200,000 over 12 years that we could have collected. Instead of giving somebody a ticket, we gave them a parking citation. It got to the point where people weren't paying meters at all because they knew they'd only get a warning citation."

"But," White replies, "it singled out the Village unfairly because none of the other shopping areas in La Mesa are metered. I supported the increase, but it is hurting the Village. It is not going to hurt me as much, but I am worried about people who have merchandise for \$2 or \$3."

As White and Madrid argue the point, Arlene Moore, owner of Park Estate consignment shop and a building owner in the Village, walks across the street calling, "You hold him down, Terry, and I'll pummel him."

After some laughs and Village gossip, Moore brings up the parking issue again. "I supported the increase, but it's turned into a nightmare. Look at it," she points to the empty parking stalls. "It's been like this every day since we did it. And I hate to even say it, but yesterday we had our lowest sale day in ten years of my life. And I hate to even say it, but it is true."

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Later, back in her shop, Moore says, "I think the raise was warranted because a lot of employees were parking out there and pumping their meters all day. Because at 25 cents an hour, it wasn't that expensive. But the raise was too much too soon, especially combined with gas prices recently."

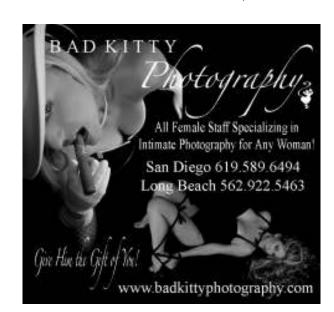
As Madrid continues his walk through the Village, he points out the state of the sidewalk — which he describes as "crap" — and comments on certain businesses he passes. Outside Pete's Place, a bar that's been in La Mesa even longer than Madrid has been in La Mesa politics, he comments, "Scott inherited that place when his parents passed away. He doesn't do an effing thing to improve it. But it has its own bunch of loyalists who go there."

Outside of parking, the issue garnering the most attention in the La Mesa mayoral race is what's come to be known as the Chris Tanner incident. Earlier this year, a La Mesan named Chris Tanner, frustrated with the blasting going on at a large development site near his home, spoke at a meeting of the city council and hinted that councilmembers were weakening regulations to help the developer. In response, Madrid, with the blessing of three of the other four councilmembers, requested the city attorney to draft a letter to Tanner. The letter threatened litigation unless Tanner publicly retracted his remarks. The issue blew up in their faces when Tanner went public with the letter, claiming that the council was trying to deprive him of his right to free speech. The story was reported across the country. First Amendment attorneys contacted by media outlets agreed that Tanner had the right to say just about anything in council meetings.

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At a subsequent council meeting, the three councilmembers apologized. Madrid refused to apologize. Instead he said, "I'd do it again." Asked how he feels about it now, he answers, "I am not going to vacillate. The allegations were so serious that some kind of action had to be taken. I had two colleagues of mine say, 'Just apologize and get it over with. It will go away.' But Mr. Tanner made very serious allegations. And even though somebody may think his First Amendment right was being abridged, by the same token, my integrity was being thrashed. So where do you draw the line?"

Maxwell describes Madrid's unapologetic attitude as "shocking," adding, "Beginning at perhaps the most fundamental level, we have a mayor who disrespects the Constitution of the United States. The Chris Tanner affair brought to light Art's contempt for the First Amendment. He was given a chance to apologize for what was clearly a violation of the First Amendment, and he decided not to do it. He said not only will I not apologize, but I would do it again. And this after the councilmembers who had followed him down this road apologized profusely. It gives you an indication of the man's chutzpah, his confidence that he will be reelected. And Art is a very good politician, and he hasn't been wrong about everything. But an extended tenure in office does things to people. And now I believe La Mesa has the burden of Art Madrid. People need a choice, especially after something as egregious as the Chris Tanner affair. That is why I stepped forward." ■





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Between A Strawberry And A Watermelon

Enjoyed the article on cactus ("The World Is a Cactus," Cover Story, June 15).

I was a transplant from Indianapolis some years ago. My father-in-law, a Danny Seranno, deceased, introduced me to the desert and desert mountains.

Danny was a native of Old Town. He took me hunting, and I saw my first cactus. At that time of the year, prickly pears turned red, and he said you could eat them. First brush off the spines and cut them open.

It was September and hot; anything with moisture in it would taste good. After the spines were off, I cut one open. It tasted between a strawberry and a watermelon.

I belonged to the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society. An article in their newsletter said if you're in cactus country, carry a bottle of Elmer's glue. If you get any of the spines on your

hands or body, put the glue on the spines, let it dry, and peel the spines off. It works.

He also told about a cactus farm in Lakeside where a certain cactus was raised and the pads were shipped east for the Italian market.

I remember in Old Town an old adobe house with a cactus fence. Some of the homes in the desert mountains had fences of ocotillo. I don't know if they are a form of cactus. They were tall and had fair-size thorns on them. I guess to keep the desert tortoises out. Pun intended.

Ed Maisen Bay Park

An Invitation

Thank you very much for the informative article on cactus ("The World Is a Cactus," Cover Story, June 15). Geoff did a marvelous job of combining interviews and research into why we are fascinated by these plants.

For those wishing more information on the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, may I invite anyone interested to visit our website, www.sdcss.com. For a much better informative experience, please visit us at our upcoming regular monthly meeting on Saturday, July 8, officially beginning at 1:00 p.m., in room 101 of the Casa del Prado building in Balboa Park.

May I make a suggestion, one that's linguistically incorrect, to the ways one can pronounce the plural of "cactus"? Cactuseseseses is much more fun to say!

Thanks again, Geoff.

We'd love to have you as a member.

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Art Needs Defining

Regarding the well-written and unbiased "City Lights" article pertaining to the controversy of Eider de Mello's ArtWalk contributions ("Barbie in Bondage," June 15), both views are well taken. Personally, I believe anything controversial, whether it be art, music, or literature, should be permanently banned from the masses of our (sometimes) fairest city. Let's just turn our heads and act like nothing ever happened and get back to our best businessas-usual: corruption. While we're at it, maybe stoke the fire with a few more art books while asking ourselves if art is really necessary in the first place — and exactly where are the censors when you need them? Don't we pay them well enough? It appears that a definition of art needs defining here, so I looked up the word "art" in my handy Oxford dictionary, and there is absolutely no mention of Barbie in the description. Case closed. Ban the deviant and hang 'em high. Maybe that'll show the Ray at Night and Kettner St. art crews that they can't get away with that stuff around here no more, no siree. Let that be a message and a warning: we're not gonna take it. Peace.

> Michael Page via e-mail

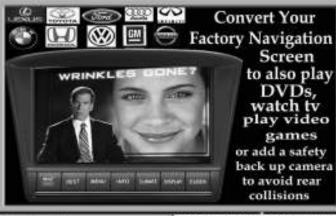
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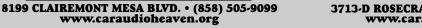


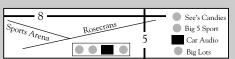












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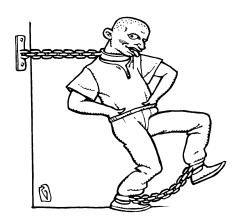
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew:

I've noticed something weird on our local TV news stories on courtroom appearances by alleged criminals. When the arrestee is standing up in front of the judge at arraignment, they often have their hands tucked into the waistband of their pants. Is this because they are embarrassed to be seen in handcuffs? How can it be less embarrassing to be seen with your hands stuffed down your pants? Is this something they are told to do or just some thug fashion thing?

— Ienny, UCSD

Yeah, Jenny, it's a bitch when your 15 minutes of fame means everybody sees you on TV with your head fuzzed out in those little squares, as if you're standing in a cloud of mosquitoes, and worse yet, you're groping your own crotch. Must make you wonder if the crime was worth the humiliation. On the other hand, we groped around real thoroughly to answer your question, and I think we can clear up the mystery.

Regular visitors to Aliceland know that Ma Alice's family tree is full of felonious twigs so we can always get the insider's take on this kind of puzzlement. We checked around to see which uncle was out on the street and presented your inquiry. Then we double-checked with the sheriff's department. Here's the skinny:

So, say you're locked up at, oh, Chula Vista, and you have a date with the judge in San Diego at 9 a.m. They'll roust you from your rack about 4 and move you, unshackled, to the holding area where they're gonna put you on the bus with the window bars. They eventually line you up and start laying out the cuffs-on-waist-chains. You and the random perp next to you are linked together (a slow and cumbersome process), and the two of you share a seat on the ride downtown. Once the bus has pulled in through those big hulkin' gates on the Front Street side of the Hall of Justice, they escort you to the court holding area, where everybody's slowly and cumbersomely unhooked. Unless you are some kind of notorious thug, you will remain unhooked through the rest of the ordeal, until they put you back on the bus to return to Chula.

If you're typical, you're a pretty low-risk type, and security in the courthouse and courtroom is tight. When your case is called, you're escorted by deputies down a short hall to the courtroom; you're in front of the judge for two, maybe three minutes; then you're escorted back to the holding area. On arraignment days, deputies might do this 30, 40 times. Since there's little security risk to the officers, judge, or public when the perp is out and about, deputies tell them to stick their hands into their pants and keep them there until they're back in the holding room. That saves deputies from all the hooking and unhooking to move each inmate and makes that inmate's day-long stint in the courthouse a little more comfortable. The hands-in-the-pants maneuver allows a deputy to keep an eye on where your hands are, or are supposed to be, should you decide you've had enough of the justice system and just

One side note: There are occasions when an inmate with a little too much attitude or a heavier than usual rap will be cuffed for the trip to see the judge. In that case, deputies have been known to advise inmates to keep their hands deep in their pants in order to hide the cuffs and not prejudice their case.

Like I Said...Just a Little More Obsessed

Hi Matt, I saw your comments [last week] about tribute bands. I noticed the words "creepy" and "obsessed," which indicate a negative perspective about tribute bands, or that there is a patheticness with tribute bands. Original bands usually include "obsessed" members — even world dominator/successful ones.... Hey, it's just entertainment. It's like a combination of the ethic of *Saturday Night Live* and Kiss, when done the way I like it. Or done like a documentary, or play. Yes, movies, documentaries, and plays are creepy and obsessive endeavors, in order to do them well. You've got to have the right kind of image and energy to do your part well if you're onstage also....

Be a doer. Tribute band people are doers and positive contributors with their tribute band efforts. However, the ones that appear not to be putting in what I consider to be the proper full effort, I disdain and avoid seeing those bands again. Nor would I want to play in a tribute band with somebody who doesn't reasonably put on the image/appearance, presence, passion, and energy, even behind the scenes. I "hate" cover bands, because they don't present the image/energy/presence.

Yes, I'm relaxed. Yes, I'm staying home tonight, Saturday night. Be the best you can be, Matt. — Scott

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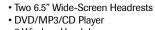
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Summer Movie Review

ast summer I reviewed a sports documentary, Murderball, about a team of quadriplegics who play kick-ass rugby on custom-built wheelchairs. The movie is so good (later nominated for an Oscar), that the fact its main characters are paralyzed recedes into the background and one's attention is captured by the athletes and their stories. *Murderball* grossed \$1,726,000 worldwide, ran for 13 weeks, and, at its peak, played on 97 screens. When you consider that such dreck as Are We There Yet? played on 2810 screens, grossed \$97 million worldwide, well, mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be filmmakers.

This year the Box is reviewing The Heart of the Game, a movie about a girls' basketball team; specifically, about the Roosevelt High School Roughriders girls' basketball team. Roosevelt High is the largest high school in Seattle, its student body is a little more than 50 percent white, a little less than 50 percent African-American/ Hispanic/Native American. The movie was written and directed by Ward Serrill, a certified public accountant. Serrill filmed his movie over seven years. In an interview, he was asked why he kept on with it, and he said people kept giving him money. This is a situation many of us aspire to.

When I first started writing, I'd sit with story subject until a story unfolded. Might take an afternoon, more likely took many afternoons, more than a few have taken months. I'd hang with the person ("Let's get some breakfast." "Feel like a beer?") until the story became clear to me. Everybody has at least one good story. The trick is finding it. So, taking seven years to film a movie doesn't seem crazy to me...seems like a long

Happily, Serrill got his seven years' worth on the screen. The Roughriders coach is Bill Resler, a middle-aged, balding, grayhaired man with a face that shows every one of his days on earth. He is a lecturer in accounting at the University of Washington. Resler applied for and got the job as parttime girls' basketball coach at Roosevelt High. He has three daughters; one wanted to play basketball. Resler is a natural, great coach. One year, he tells his team they are a pack of wolves, another year they are a pride of lions, then a tropical storm. He tells the girls to, "Sink their teeth in" and "Draw

Serrill said he knew he had a movie when Darnellia Russell, who transferred to Roosevelt in her freshman year, joined the team. Russell was determined to make it to the WNBA. She's the guts of the film. Her game, her problems with the coach, her problems with the team, her pregnancy, the fact that authorities would not allow her to play after the birth of her daughter, the court fights, and the Roughriders' march to a Class 4A state championship must have had Serrill shaking his head, muttering, "I've hit the mother lode."

So, I write a review and now comes the part where I find out where the movie is playing, in case you're interested in seeing it. The movie has been reviewed by everybody. Reviewed on the Ebert & Roeper TV show (enthusiastic two thumbs up), in the Village Voice, New York Daily News, Rolling Stone, New York Post, USA Today, Philadelphia Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Variety, Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Chicago Sun-Times, New York Times, Boston Globe, and many more. Reviews ranged from "good" to "exhilarating triumph." Most were on the "exhilarating triumph" side. I couldn't find a bad review.

My Internet homepage has a tab that says, "My Movies." You click on the tab and the movie page loads and shows you what's playing around town, where it's playing, and when. As of Tuesday, The Heart of the Game is not playing in San Diego. It's not playing in El Cajon, Chula Vista, Poway, Santee, La Jolla, or San Marcos. It's not playing in Oceanside, Vista, Temecula, or Escondido, either. I checked San Juan Capistrano, Irvine, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, and Anaheim. Nothing. I know it's playing out of town because that's where I saw it. Turns out, it's playing in one theater in Los Angeles and one theater in San Francisco and two theaters in Seattle, where it was filmed.

The Heart of the Game was released on June 9. The opening-weekend gross was \$66,000. Nationwide release was set for June 14. As far as I can tell, as of Monday, June 19, the film was showing in four theaters in the United States. That's depressing. It's depressing to click through all those abovenamed cities, read the playbill of at least 100 theaters, and see the same dozen films over and over and over again.

Maybe this is premeditated. Maybe Miramax, the distributor, is doing a wordof-mouth campaign, betting the film will find its audience over time. Maybe it will blanket the nation next week. I hope so. It's

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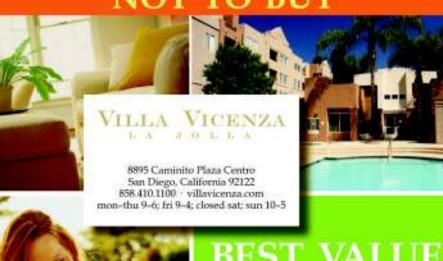
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opened the service. The congregation recited, "Blessed are you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, wellspring of all generations. As did our fathers in ages past, so we, too, praise You for this day, O God." Pastor Hallerberg read the litany: "With Adam, father of humanity, and with Noah, who heeded the Lord's command and trusted his promise and saw the sign of hope."

"Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard," responded the congregation throughout. The litany continued, from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, down through Joseph, Moses, David, Isaiah, Job ("who lost his children and turned to the Lord"), and Joseph. It ran through Washington, Lincoln, M.L. King, and Bill Cosby ("who teaches us to keep a sense of humor as we raise our children..."). And it concluded with the names

of "men of faith who came to this church to worship" and an invitation to name men for whom we were thankful. The congregation responded with a gentle murmuring of names.

After the reading from Scripture, Hallerberg moved on to the Sermon in a Sack, "a time when someone brings up something important to them in a sack, and it's my job...to connect it to God's love for us, our love for God and one another." About a dozen children came forward and sat on the Sanctuary stairs as he opened the envelope his wife had brought up. He removed a Father's Day card and two photo-quality copies from a Bible owned by J.S. Bach, complete with the composer's notes in the margins. Hallerberg thanked his wife he's a big Bach fan — and asked the children why we celebrate Father's Day.

'We celebrate having our dads."

ebrate Him."

"We celebrate how much they work." "Because God is also our dad, and we cel-

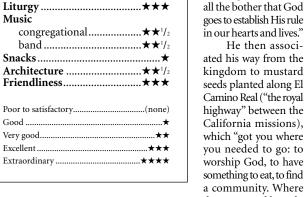
Hallerberg answered them, "The reason it's so important is because of children. The way

God talks to us at the very beginning is as His children. The neatest thing about God, who is our Father, and our fathers, is that they love us."

The children stood, and Ioan Schwartz introduced them, noting that over the course of their Sunday-school year, "they've learned to pray; they've learned the power of prayer.... Some of them have taken up prayer partners. They pray together, and they realize, 'Wow, prayer is really answered.... They're coming more and more to be filled with a love of God and an understanding of how they can help in the world." Then the children sang "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore." It was one of at least seven hymns, though the only one joined by guitar instead of organ.

The Gospel recounted the parable of the sower whose seed "would sprout and grow he does not know how," and also the parable of the mustard seed, which starts off "the smallest of all seeds" and "grows up to become the mightiest of all shrubs." Both images described

the kingdom of God, and Hallerberg's sermon quoted Martin Luther, asking, "What does this mean?" Hallerberg's answer: the kingdom "is about God at work in His world. Jesus says it's built into the seed. It comes without our prayer. It doesn't depend on us; it depends on God. Whenever we talk about the kingdom, the main thing we're talking about is the king. I had a professor who gave me what I think is the best definition of the kingdom of God: all the bother that God goes to establish His rule in our hearts and lives."



do you go and how do you get there? These are kingdom questions.... God is at work, even without our prayer, establishing His rule."

During the prayer before communion, Hallerberg invoked seeds again: "as grain scattered on the hillside becomes one bread, so let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth that all may be fed with the bread of life, Your Son."

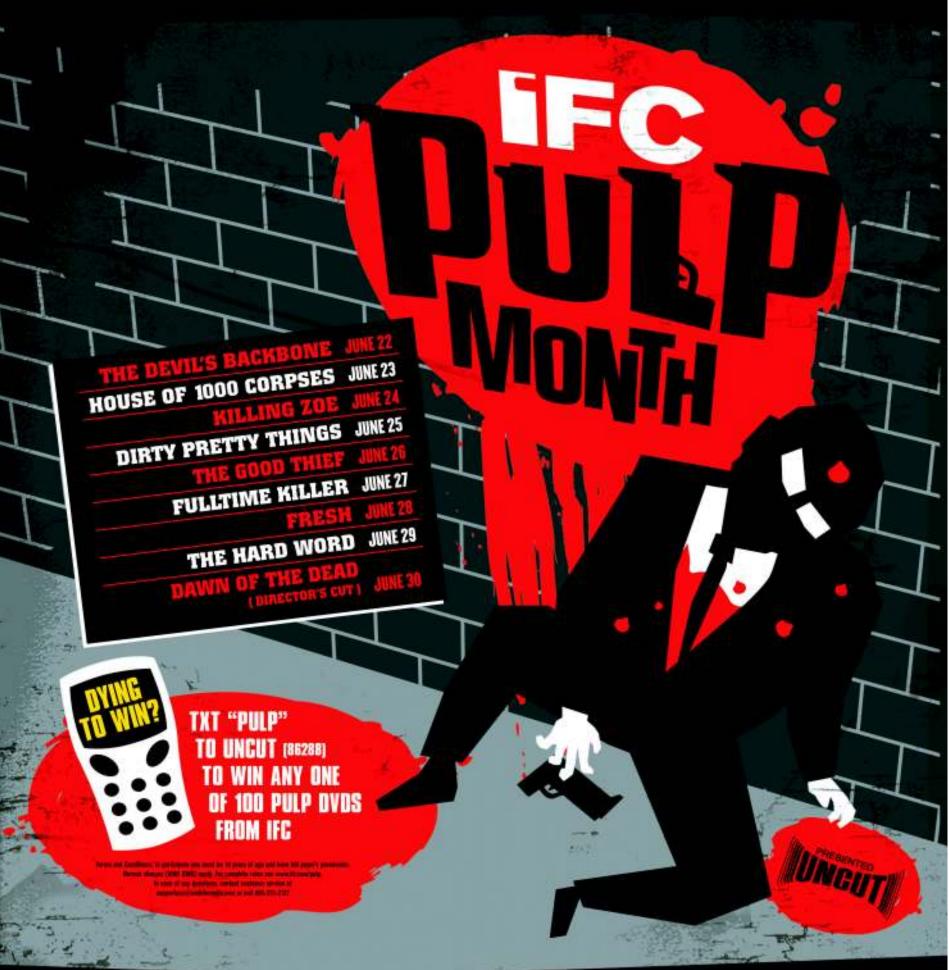
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"Somehow or another," says Hallerberg, "the message of Jesus is always, 'What are we doing now that we are alive?' Having said that, what happens when we die is what has continued to be the case during our life, and that is: the grace of God at work in our lives and in His world, and better things are yet to come.... God's growth is going to continue. It's going to be His secret, and we're going to get to watch it from the inside out instead of from the outside in.'

- Matthew Lickona

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My best friend Bernice is wearing her bikini. I lost that battle two years ago. But I can still wear shorts — the old gams still have a little tone. And the maintenance isn't too terrible, hair-wise — my thighs don't show their light blonde fuzz. All I really have to fight with are my lower legs, which sprout dark stumps of hair every other day. If I go

more than two days without shaving, husband Patrick starts calling me Jungle Jane.

I've been thinking about ditching the razor. I knew plenty about bikini waxing and thought it'd be even easier to get the same treatment down below the knee. Not so, said Stephanie at Beehive Waxing Salon in Carlsbad (760-729-5200). "Personally, I think the lower leg is the worst thing in the whole world to get waxed," she said.

"It's like the pain of a migraine. The upper leg and bikini regions don't bother me, but the hair on my lower leg is coarser, because I've been shaving it longer. When you shave, you trim all the hairs to the same level. With waxing, you pull out the root. Each hair follicle regenerates a new hair at a different rate, so the new hair comes in more sparsely. That way, it gets easier with each new waxing,

which you should do every three to four weeks. If you get your lower leg waxed and wait two years to get it done again, it will be the same level of pain as the first time" - all those equally long hairs coming out at once.

Like other waxers, Stephanie spoke well of No-Scream cream. "My clients say that the cream [\$17 for 1 oz.] gives a 60 to 80 percent pain reduction if applied 45 minutes before the appointment." Beehive Waxing Salon charges \$35 for lower-leg waxing and \$80 for full-leg with bikini.

I thought about monthly waxing appointments. I thought about something more permanent. I paid a visit to the La Jolla office of American Laser Centers (858-202-1808; www.americanlaser.com) and spoke with clinic manager Kay Love about laser hair removal er, reduction. (Love told me that's the official term.) "Laser hair reduction

is the hottest thing out there right now," she told me. "I can hardly get people booked. The technology has improved since the beginning — it's quicker and more affordable, and it's not as painful as it used to be. The laser doesn't go any deeper than the root

of the hair, so it doesn't damage anything else.'

She explained the procedure: "We shave the area first, because you don't want hair on the surface of the skin. You want the energy of the laser to go for the root, to kill the hair follicle. We mostly use a diode laser — it's the most effective, because it goes after melanin. So, it works best on a client with light skin and dark hair. If someone has light hair, we have a radio-frequency laser that heats up the hair shaft and breaks it down to the point where it can't grow hair completely. With the diode laser, however, it's permanent hair reduction, because it's more effective at killing the follicle. Hair is reduced up to 80 percent, depend-

"You have to capture the hair

in the active stage."

ing on a person's genetics." If someone has darker skin, they'll need more treatments, "because with them, we have to use a really low level of energy for the laser." (This is where skill comes most into play, says Love — "calculating the skin type, making the right call for the settings. You have to be a registered nurse to use the laser.") "Still, I have

African-Americans come in for facial hair removal. Some of them get ingrown hairs that cause acne and mess up their skin. The laser treatment will break down the hair enough to solve the acne problem."

But as Love noted, even if you're an optimal candidate, not all the hair is removed, because hair grows in stages. "There's an active stage, and you have to capture the hair in the active stage. We time the treatments as closely as we can with what we've calculated the active stages to be. If you had your underarm hair reduced today, you'd come back in ten weeks — that's when the next cycle of hair would be up." Legs get 11 weeks; facial hair gets 7 weeks. "Underarms usually take

six treatments, one every ten weeks." And, she says, "you'll

still need some touchup. That's why we offer a two-year guarantee — so you can

get the touch-up." What about the pain? "It feels like a light rubberband snap or a warm, prickly sensation. Women who tell me they've done waxing say that this is nothing compared to waxing.

And if I broke down how much you pay for this versus waxing, this is cheaper in the long run. The package cost for legs is \$4000, which covers all expenses and comes with a twoyear guarantee. But no one pays the full \$4000. Every time you refer a friend, we discount your package \$250. If you referred eight friends, it would cost only \$2000. And until the end of June, we are offering a 25 percent discount off any treatment area — we offer a different promotion every month."

Afterwards, I spoke with assistant manager Clarissa Torres to get a little more detail on the treatment. "Before we start, we make sure the client isn't on any medication that would make them sensitive to the sun — like acne medication or antibiotics. That's because the laser acts like the sun. For two weeks

before and after treatment, you must stay out of the sun or use sunscreen of 60 SPF or higher. If you don't, you could get

The most popular regions, said Torres, were "the bikini region and then the underarms or the chin. Legs take an average of six treatments, maybe seven. There are some stubborn areas, like the knee and shin. The ankles are sensitive to treatment sometimes, so we may go to a lower setting. Depending on the size of your legs, each treatment takes one and a half to two hours. The treated area is going to be a little dry and sensitive, so we put on an aloe vera lotion afterwards."

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TALK JOCKS

by Josh Board

adio station 103.7 changed its format from classic rock to talk radio. Listeners disapproved, but was it necessary to have two stations in town playing Boston, Journey, and Heart? And 103.7's new shows are funny. They air one local show, the Dangerous Dick and Skibba show. When I first heard the name of the show, I thought it sounded like a venereal disease and imagined it was going to be a show similar to Loveline on 91X. But Dick and Skibba talk about anything that pops into their minds, which often includes women and partying.

Dick has a "radio voice," and Skibba reminds me of David Spade.

When I heard them talking about their good ratings and hosting a beach party to celebrate, I decided to crash it. It was a bonfire at Dog Beach in **0.B.** on a Thursday night at 10:30. They announced they'd be going there after their show, and I figured at that hour the cops would shut it

I arrived around 11:15 and saw their producer, Lindsay, walking through the parking lot with a few guys. Lindsay reads the news on Dick and Skibba's show. She has a pecu-



liar voice that reminds me of Victoria Jackson from Saturday Night Live — cute and ditzy.

I walked over to the bonfire and heard Dangerous Dick talking to guys who were passing a joint around. Skibba was walking around the fire pit with a bottle in his hand. He had long, dark hair and looked like Jim Morrison, When I said that to Skibba, he said, "Yeah, when that Doors movie came out, I was in college. I got so

ated college. As I talked to them, a guy tripped in the sand and fell into me. I dropped my cigar. Not wanting a three-dollar stogie to go to waste, I wiped the sand off it, and put it back in my mouth. Big mis-

"I'm collecting hugs. You have to come give me a hug." As she was talking about getting off a bus in San Diego, I realized that she was the same person who called in to Dick and Skibba's show and told them that she didn't have a place to

Top: Skibba (right) with fans; Bottom left: Dangerous Dick (right);

There were a few guys with acoustic guitars and someone with bongo drums. A crowd gathered around them as they played.

Bottom right: Girl with cast, collecting hugs

After listening to them for a few minutes, I was distracted by a group of four having an argument. It was about a guy named Taylor who won on

American Idol. One guy said Taylor looked like he was 75 years old with all that gray hair. When another person said he was in his late 20s, someone added that there is an age limit on that show, that they don't accept anyone over 30. A woman came over and said, "I think it's crazy that more people voted for him than voted in the last presidential election." I responded, "Taylor has a better voice then Bush." Another quy said, "That's bullshit!" I said, "It is? Does Bush have a good singing voice?" He responded, "Not that. About more people voting than in the elections. Everyone keeps saying that, but on that show, sometimes people call in and vote 40 or 50 times, so it's not accurate like in a presidential election." Someone jumped in and said, "Yeah, accurate like when Bush stole the election in Florida."

There was one guy standing by himself, and I talked to him for a little bit. He said he used to listen to NPR. but when he tuned into Dick and Skibba, he thought they were funny. He didn't seem to fit in with the rest of the crowd. We laughed about the people walking by in a drunken stupor.

The rest of the evening, I would alternate between taking a puff and spitting sand.

much tail because of that."

I lit up a cigar. Someone asked me for a hit but was disappointed to find out it wasn't filled with marijuana.

I met two girls from Chicago who had just gradutake. The rest of the evening, I would alternate between taking a puff and spitting sand.

I met a woman with a cast on her leg. She had had surgery and was sitting in a chair, and as I took her picture, she said,

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Lindsay walked over, and we talked to her for a few minutes. She told us that a friend of hers saw Minnie Driver walking a dog in North Park, and I told her that local musician Greg Laswell was writing songs with her. Lindsay said she went to school with Laswell at Point Loma Nazarene.

Lindsay mentioned moving to Mission Valley from the beach area. She said, "I feel so classy now. When people come over, I want to say 'Welcome to my apartment. Can I fix you a gin and tonic?'"

I had only been there for 30 minutes when four cop cars rolled up. They shined their flashlights on us and told us the party was over. One officer was pouring out cans of beer. Another asked Skibba about his bottle. He said, "It's just tea, my man." The cop moved on to the others. I wasn't sure why he took Skibba's word on what was in the bottle.

There were four drunk

guys, and one was saying, "Dude, hide the beer in your pants." "I don't even have room in my pants for my keys, I can't put beer down there." I asked one of the cops what the rule was, and he said, "No beer on the beach after 8 p.m." Another one said, "It doesn't matter now. The party is over, even if the beer disappears."

As everyone was packing it in, I heard the college graduates talking about going back to the place where they were staying in Rancho Bernardo. My stepbrother and I went over to their place and played drinking games in the garage. I had never played "flip cup" before, but it involved everyone chugging a beer and then trying to flip the cup over using only one finger. I told them I wasn't a beer drinker, so they poured me glasses of wine.

One woman couldn't get the hang of it, and we laughed as it took her five minutes to get the cup flipped. A few times I lost and had to take shots of Maker's Mark whiskey. After three shots of that, my throat burned, and I was buzzed.

A dog kept poking its head into the garage and then ran away when it got loud. My stepbrother and I grabbed the dog and tried petting it, but it got freaked out and ran away.

The two college graduates were going to be teachers. My stepbrother is a teacher, and I wondered what a school principal would think if he saw teachers drinking in a garage and throwing cups and tennis balls at each other. When some '80s hip-hop came on the stereo, one guy did a striptease to it. We threw peanuts and cups at him.

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Option Overload

Courage is the power to let go of the familiar.

- Raymond Lindquist

hen overwhelmed with options, I revert to what I know. If confronted with an extensive menu at a

One fateful image,
a distant memory,
popped into my
head — Tom Cruise
dressed like a
woodland fairy
fighting an
imposing Tim Curry
costumed as the
devil.

high-end restaurant, I scan for the words "pasta," "chicken," and "halibut," bypassing any dishes that do not contain at least one of these comfortably familiar basics. Rather than researching the latest automobiles on the market, I traded in my 1994 Toyota Corolla for a used 1998 version of the same make and model.

And yet, despite how often I succumb to the gravitational pull of familiarity, I am defensive when David teases me for being a "naked mole rat," blindly following my own well-worn path. My typical response to this nickname-slash-insult is to recite the many times in the past I

have been adventurous.

"There was that one time,"
I'll argue, "when I took
Doheny to Melrose instead
of Sunset to get home after
partying in the Hills. So
there."

My preference for the tried and true never seemed to bother David. He'd often push me to stray from my standards, but, when I stubbornly refused, he would just smile, scratch his shaved head, roll his blue eyes, and we'd move on to the next subject. But that was before my adherence to the known began to affect his life, before I subjected him to what he calls "the unspeakable torture" — that was before Netflix.

Before Netflix, David and I would go to Hollywood Video on El Cajon Boulevard and, as a team, select a few movies to bring home and watch. I would beeline to the walls that held the new releases and search out any faces or titles I might recognize. David preferred to read the back of every box in the comedy and foreign film sections. Upon reuniting after our independent searches we would discuss and debate the DVDs we each had selected. Without fail, I would end up returning most of my handful to the shelves.

The system worked. We were usually happy with our mutually selected movies, and if any of them sucked, we shrugged our shoulders and blamed the cast and crew. But now, because of Netflix, the blame for David's lack of enjoyment of the last dozen or so movies is mine alone to bear.

For those of you still adjusting the tracking on your VCRs, Netflix is an online movie rental service. All of our friends were doing it, it seemed like such a great idea — thousands of titles at my fingertips, reviews, synopses, easy searching using key words, and I would not even have to leave my office! But after creating my account, I saw the potential for disaster: Me, alone on my laptop, clicking madly through genres and sub-genres, and then, without giving David a chance to debate my selections, pressing the button that puts my virtual handful of flicks on a list to be sent to our home

There were so many to choose from and

they were so easy to sift through, I couldn't deal. One afternoon, as I agonized over where to begin, one fateful image, a distant memory, popped into my head — Tom Cruise dressed like a woodland fairy fighting an imposing Tim Curry costumed as the devil. I allowed the memory to develop until I saw white flower petals floating in the air and heard snippets of a song that filled my chest with warmth. These images were from a movie I had seen as a child and though I couldn't quite remember the premise, I sensed from the warm fuzzy feeling in my belly that this was a really great film. I typed *Legend* into the search bar, and there it was

When the DVD arrived, David was skeptical. "Come on," I coaxed, "Give it a chance. It's really good. Humor me." Reluctantly, David plopped down onto the red leather cushion beside me. The movie began with a scantily clad Tom Cruise frolicking in the forest with a young girl wearing a flowing, gauzy white dress and a crown of flowers. I could feel David's penetrating stare, his glaring baby blues burning a blush onto my cheeks. Then I uttered the three words, words I have found myself using with increasing regularity, that have caused my love to lose all faith in my movie-choosing ability — "It gets better."

Legend wasn't as magical as I remembered. But that didn't stop me from choosing The Last Unicorn, another nostalgic title, as





"KING" STAHLMAN BAIL BONDS 1-888-799-7110 our next flick. "You're kidding me," David said when he read the words on the little paper jacket. "What is it with you and unicorns?" I hadn't remembered, but unicorns also featured prominently in Legend.

I urged him to join me, dropping names from the cast like Mia Farrow and Jeff Bridges, until David sighed heavily and sat down. During the part in which the unicorn learns she may be the last from a limerick singing butterfly wearing sunglasses and a beret, David rolled his eyes so hard I thought he might have a headache. "It gets better," I offered. He shook his head, sighed again, and retreated to the kitchen, where he poured himself a glass of scotch, straight up.

As if possessed by a demon of nostalgia, I continued to select movies I'd seen and loved, overlooking the fact that I was ten when I fell in love with them. Goonies was next, a children's adventure to find buried treasure. "If it's not unicorns and fairies, it's pirates and sparkling jewels?" David asked after I used puppy-dog eyes to persuade him to watch it with

"You know how much I love things that sparkle, beh beh," I said, right before pressing play.

"I know," said David. "It gets better, right?"

After Practical Magic (in which Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman are sisters in a family of witches), David had just about had it. "No more. I hate Netflix! Every time we get another DVD I cringe, wondering what kind of poo I'm going to have to watch this time." He was wearying from the slow and steady exposure to the stories and characters of my childhood, as one might tire from the persistent drone of an elusive mosquito.

When he returned from collecting our mail yesterday, David tossed the new Netflix arrival on the counter. "I don't even want to know," he said.

"Oh, it's The Neverending Story!" I shrieked. David's eyes

bugged out and his breath caught in his throat, as if I had just punched him in the abdomen. "Come on, let's check Rotten Tomatoes. This is a great movie. I really think you might like it." I was intent on redeeming myself and, after all, I'd seen this movie a dozen times, it fit me like an old pair of jeans.

David logged on to rottentomatoes.com, where a quick glimpse allowed him to see how well the film had gone over with critics.

"See? Eighty-two percent, a fresh tomato, I told you it was a good one," I

"Flying dragon?" David squawked after reading the synopsis. "Barb, tell me there's not a flying dragon in this movie." I smiled at him, and in response, earned myself a loud, drawn-out

"Come on, five minutes, just give it five minutes. If you totally hate it we'll turn it off, but I think you'll like this one," I pleaded. "And I promise I won't make you watch Labyrinth or The Dark Crystal again, even though I want to."

David looked at me warily, but, in the end, he sat by my side, and he didn't even complain when I was inspired to hop up off the couch, stand over him, and dance like the flower girl at a wedding reception as I sang along with the theme song.

Though he recently

demanded my Netflix password, David's been a pretty good sport. Now that I have indulged this craving of mine to review every cinematic influence I have had from preschool through adolescence, I can kind of see where he's coming from. If I were seeing these movies now for the first time, I'd probably think they were dumb too.

Lucky for my love, I've just about gotten the nostalgia bug out of my system. Maybe I'm ready to cast off

the shackles of the known and stretch my arms toward things untried. I'll let David choose one of those old black-and-white movies he seems to like so much and we'll get takeout from someplace strange and exotic and I'll even try a dish that doesn't include chicken, pasta, or halibut! But, just in case things go horribly wrong, I've prepared an emergency kit that includes a DVD of Steel Magnolias and a box of Kraft Macaroni & Cheese. ■







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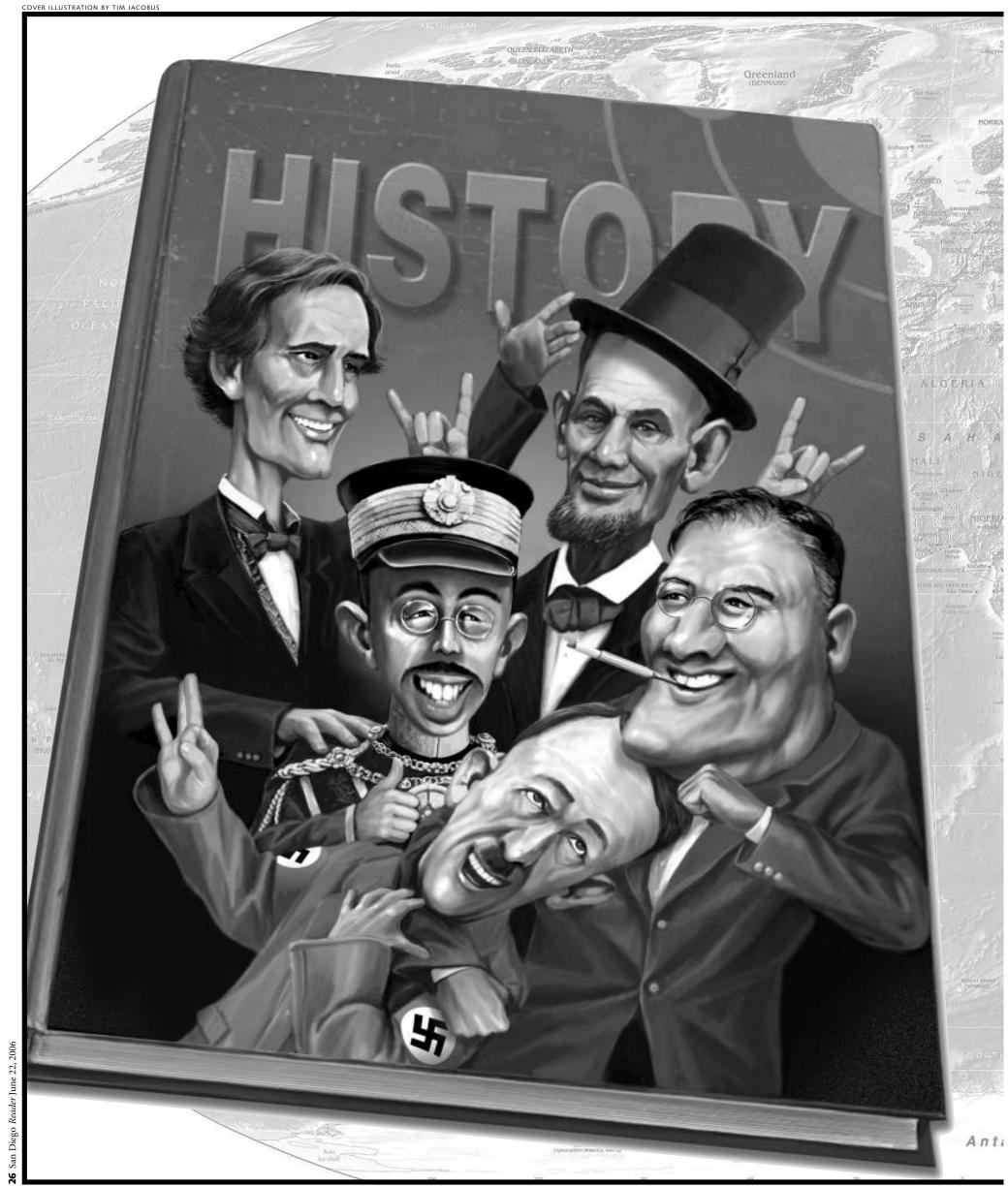
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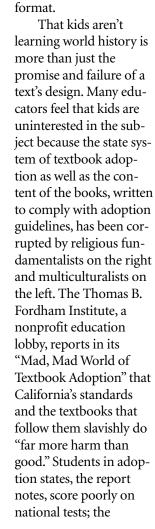
uring the 2005–2006 school year, 8250 tenth graders in the San Diego Unified School District were enrolled in World History 1 and 2. The students focused on world history in modern times, roughly from the 1700s to the present — ancient civilizations

are covered in sixth grade, medieval and early modern times in seventh. (Students take U.S. history and geography in eighth grade and an elective in ninth.) The tenth graders listened to lectures, made class presentations, and cracked the textbook, where they saw, for example, a brightly colored map of "Napoleon's Russian Campaign, 1812," his advance arrowed in blue, his retreat arrowed in red. The majority of these students, 5651, or 69 percent, were enrolled in world history, while 2213, or 27 percent, took advanced world history. (Three hundred eighty-six tenth graders were in advanced-placement world history, where a passing grade may be transferable to college, depending on the school.) Each class had its own text. The book for world history was Modern World History, published by McDougal Littell in 2003. The book for advanced world history was Glencoe World History: Modern Times, published by McGraw-Hill in 2006. Both the *Modern World History* and the *Glencoe* World History texts are labeled California Edition, which means that the books conform to a set of content standards that California students must be instructed in and tested on. All materials for core curriculum K-12 classes must be aligned with the standards.

Both world history texts weigh five pounds, with pages totaling 750 and 830. Using a forklift to open their shiny covers, you're overwhelmed by the rush and ubiquity of graphics. You might imagine the kids' initial delight at seeing so much eye candy last September; but then, after they'd spent a day or more with the book, they were, no doubt, cringing at its chock-a-block facts and data — somewhere, embedded

in all that carnival layout, are the answers to the exams they must take. The heft of these door-stoppers comes from an unending parade of colored borders, captioned photos, narrative vignettes, sidebar columns, all in visual competition: yellow-highlighted keywords like "industrial revolution"; "Main Idea" statements for each section; boxes bannered as "Geography Skills," "Internet Activity," "Critical Thinking," and "You Decide: Exploring Global Issues"; quotations from Thomas Jefferson or Allah in the Quran, called "Voices From the Past"; bold headings, less bold subheadings, bigger-smaller fonts; wider-skinnier fonts; tip-box trivia and cartoon drawings; writing assignments; captioned photos; outlines, reviews, lists. On one page I counted nine colors, including hues of red: magenta, brick, and crimson. On another page was a "Featurette," comparing Roman hairstyles with the beehive of the 1960s. Teachers, of course, supplement the books with overheads and online projects, ancillary material publishers provide. The textbook focus, though, is squarely on the image-learners, the Music Television generation publishers target.

We'd like to think that one pedagogical key is to appeal to our kids via video, movies, computer programs, and lively illustrated textbooks. But these flossy volumes raise the question of how students learn history. Like most products sold to children and teens, textbooks are glitzy and overwrought. The visual clutter is lessened for the advanced students, the challenged and chosen ones with the highest reading ability. For instance, the book for advanced-placement world history is arrayed with some drawings and maps, but it emphasizes the writing — long ideaand fact-rich paragraphs, unaided by bullet points or sidebars. The basic texts, by contrast, are so deliberately packaged to look fun that the actual content has been reduced or pushed out by the cool pictures and pretty









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adopted books, via the state procurement system, are closed to freemarket competition; "lively writing and topflight scholarship are discouraged"; and, most worrisome, the content is "vulnerable to politically motivated censorship." "Every individual analyst and expert panel that has studied K-12 textbooks has concluded that they are sorely lacking and that the adoption process cries out for reform."

One way we know that the state-mandated content is not getting through to students in world history is their dismal scores on the California Standards Tests. In 2005, 8779 tenth graders took the world history test, 75 multiple-choice questions. Of the five levels (advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic), a combined 43 percent scored below basic (17 percent) and far below basic (26 percent). By selected high schools, Garfield students scored 82 percent below and far below; Hoover, 56; Madison, 48; Morse, 45; and Point Loma, 41. What's worse is tenth-grade performance as measured against the district's "proficiency" goal, that is, scoring at or above proficient. When judged by this criterion, world history scores in the city schools show that in both 2004 and 2005 73 percent of tenth graders are not proficient.

High school history texts render nationalist expansion and political dynasties, which account for the "rise of civilization," in a dull and sanitized voice. Its dullness, surprisingly, is also imbued with a kind of authority. One San Diego high school teacher told me that students hate this "death march of history," in which every epoch succumbs to the code of textbook infallibility. Textbooks sound flat because they are restrained by state standards and expurgating editors from uncovering the why in historical discourse. Why ushers in debate, interpretation, controversy, the stuff real historians write about; why may lead to judgments about people, then and now, that pressure groups in America believe high school kids should not be exposed to. Thus, the books, ever accommodating, concentrate on the litany of events that publishers believe constitute

history — periods and empires described in religiously neutral and multiculturally equal terms. For the tenth grader, the textbook history of the world reflects an uncritical and censored range of facts and precepts. Perhaps these books and their version of the past have a lot to do with why nearly half of those who study world history, in San Diego high schools, at least, are failing the course.

What's explained in world history texts is based on the History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools. In the 1970s, the state legislature and department of

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education began enacting these "social content standards," do's and don'ts, if you will, that all K-12 texts had to comply with. Since then, the standards have been refined and codified and are now legally binding for core classes. An example is the first of the 11 standards for tenthgrade world history: "Students relate the moral and ethical principles in ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, in Judaism, and in Christianity to the development of Western political thought."

The California standards describe the mate-

McDougal Littell tenth-grade history book

rial to be learned. The goal of all learning is for "students to become prepared to participate successfully in events of local, state, national, and international significance." How do teachers get to the goal in world history? One way is via a 234-page book, The History-Social Science Framework, from the California Department

of Education. The framework guides teachers by listing the criteria that all instructional material must contain. Standards are exactly stated; the framework offers 25 criteria to help insure that the content of the text is aligned with the standards. Some of the criteria are strict. Lowergrade history classes, for instance, must explore

the Great Irish Famine of 1845-1850, and every grade level must study the "life and contributions of" César Chávez and Martin Luther King Jr. For high school kids, some guidelines are more open: texts should examine "humanity's place in ecological systems"; be "based on the best recent scholarship"; and "give significant attention to the principles of morality, truth, justice, and patriotism and to a comprehension of the rights, duties, and dignity of American citizenship, inspiring an understanding of and a commitment to Ameri-

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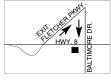
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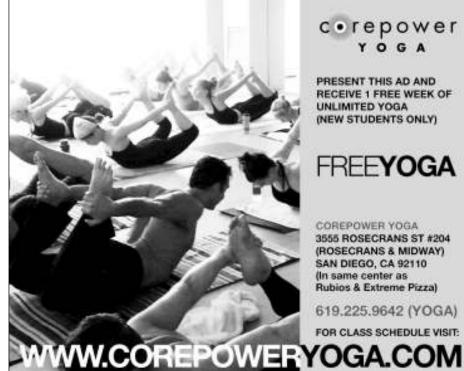
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World history is segmented into three periods to be studied in three grades. Grade six focuses on the agricultural, technological, and political development of the first societies, with a concentration on political and religious leaders, art and culture, the role of women, and the foundation of Western ideas; India and China are studied, but the Hebrews, Greece, and Rome are central. Grade seven covers the fall of Rome, the rise of Christianity, the civilizations of the Americas (Inca, Aztec, Mayan), China and Japan, the rise of Islam, as well as the Middle Ages and the Renaissance in Europe. Grade ten picks up with the Enlightenment and moves to the founding of America, the political history on either side of the First and Second World Wars, and the War on Terrorism. Eras and empires are encapsulated, while the narrative emphasizes the "contributions" of religion and culture to humankind as well as Western-style democracy to emerging nations. The purpose of the state standards is to answer the question, "What should my child be learning?"

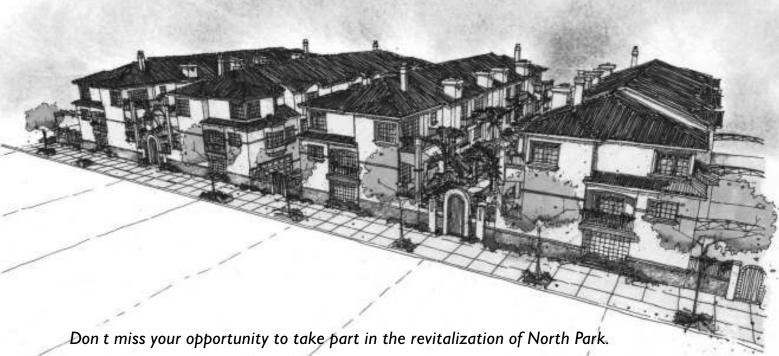
Each year, depending on a six- or eight-year cycle of textbook adoption, the district's instructional materials department requests books from publishers. (Texts for K-8 are chosen by state committees; texts for 9-12 are chosen by local committees.) In 2004, advanced world history, along with algebra, AP biology, AP physics, and other courses, were slated for new materials. Publishers are especially keen on 9-12 adoptions because, as "open territories," any product, theoretically, is in the running. However, according to Donna Marriott, San Diego Unified assistant director for

literacy, bi-literacy, English learner support, and social studies, "Any curriculum that comes into the facility has to be accompanied by a standards map." A standards map is a grid that shows, by correlating page and standard, how the publisher has aligned his book with the standards. Only those publishers who have designed their books to match the standards have a chance. Of the 456 publishers the district contacted for

world history adoption, 10 publishers, or two percent, sent books.

At the same time the ten books were arriving, Marriott asked former Clairemont High history teacher Patrick McElhaney to chair the advanced world history adoption committee. A pleasant if abstracted man, McElhaney, 39, spoke with me in his classroom at Point Loma High School. For a year, he worked at the district, overseeing the history curriculum, but is now back in the classroom. Wearing a dark blue shirt with a darker blue tie, the bearded McElhaney told me that he and Marriott advertised in fall 2004 through department chairs, school principals,





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and parent-teacher forums for people to join the committee. Committee chairs are required by the superintendent to request a ratio of "threefive parent/community participants" and "to have a cross section of people with diverse ethnicity from various parts of the city." According to the committee's report to the board, the committee chair "promoted involvement of parents and community members." Marriott assured me that they followed the requisite guidelines.

Ten teachers signed up, eight white and two African-American, but no parent or "community member" volunteered. McElhaney said that the teachers joined (each was paid for 20–30 hours of work) because "they want a good book." Were historians and scholars solicited? According to Marriott, "They were not singled out, though we would

How Much Does a World History Textbook Cost?

To buy a new text and accompanying course materials for advanced world history for the 2005-2006 school year, instructional materials manager Denise Hankins allocated \$449,141, based on prior-year enrollment of teachers, classrooms, and students. Once the Glencoe text was chosen, she requested that the district order 4450 copies. To get this number, Hankins follows a formula. She and the curriculum director believed the number of students would be 2000. To this she added 20 percent for copies "in the event sections, or the number of students, has increased," also called a reserve. Thus, 2000 copies became 2400 copies. She then added 10 percent more for copies "to cover immediate, unanticipated needs." The total was 2600. A new district policy requires that every core adoption must have an additional set of texts kept in the classroom, so each pupil has a textbook at home and one at school. So Hankins requested 1700 more copies for 48 classrooms at about 35 students per room. She added 10 percent, for "unanticipated needs," and got 1870. Her total was 4470 and she ordered 4450. Each copy costs \$63.48. The total for 4450 then was \$282,486. Tax was \$21,893.

Finally, the estimated number of teachers for advanced world history was 47. Each of the 47 teachers received a \$2078 "classroom resource" payment to buy supplemental books.

This totaled \$97,666. The total for 4450 copies with tax was \$304,379. Add \$97,666 for classroom resources, and the grand total is \$404,045. It turned out that Hankins's estimate was over by \$47,096, roughly 10 percent, because the spreadsheet on which she based her original estimate calculates 10 percent more for shipping and handling. On the order of 4450 copies, McGraw-Hill paid the shipping and handling. Her estimate of the number of teachers was almost right: 47 teachers taught 72 sections of advanced world history to 2213 tenth graders.

Why the classroom sets when each student is issued a text? The district instituted this policy because occupational therapists have shown that the weight of several five-pound books in a kid's backpack can cause tingling arms, stooping posture, and aching shoulders and back. One way not to duplicate textbook purchases would be for publishers to print textbooks no longer than 200 pages, which kids could then transport more easily. Assembly Bill 756, passed by the House last year, seeks to ban books over 200 pages. The bill has been lodged in the Senate Education Committee and still has not been voted on by the Senate. Meanwhile, many districts in the state are buying up to twice the number of books so students do not have to lug them back and forth. The allocation for new textbooks in the district was \$7.6 million this past year.

studies teachers. Many were contacted and none responded; one textbook insider said that consultants are bound by confidentiality agreements and cannot speak.

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At the first meeting, McElhaney, a nonvoting member, trained the committee to evaluate books by using the state's rubric: the text must follow the standards, be readable, and have "depth of content." Within an hour the committee eliminated seven of the ten books — they were not aligned to the standards. Although each district committee may choose its own 9-12 materials, state regulations narrow that choice severely. The committee cannot consider "materials that are contrary to or inconsistent with the standards, framework, and criteria." The adoption process is also bound by two Education

love to have them involved." Some adoption committees, in language arts or health, do attract parents, religious groups, even the occasional scholar. One committee member said that historians were not contacted by the district because she believes potential textbooks have already been analyzed by in-house historian-consultants during the writing process. Textbooks list these "consultants" or "contributors" or "reviewers" in their author section. The Modern World History had some 40 names, typically college and high school history and social

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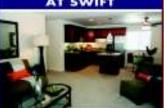
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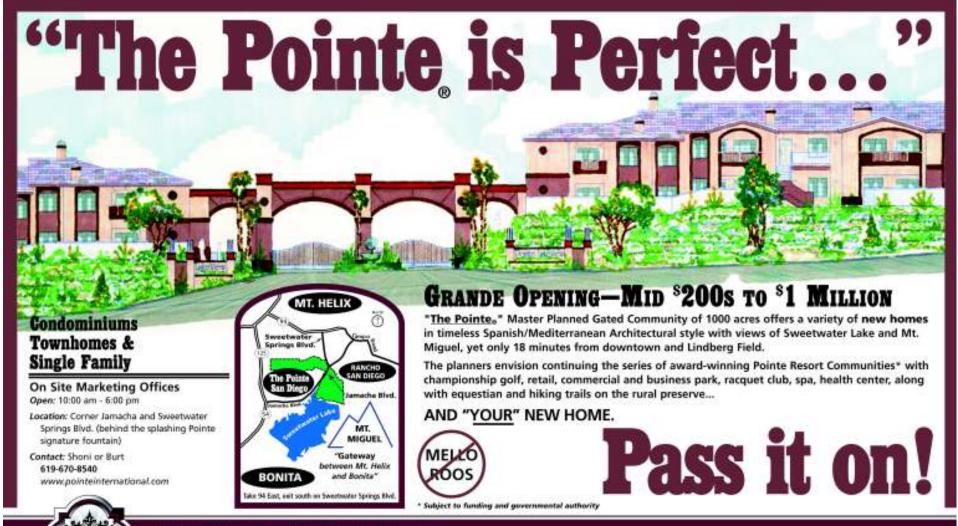
Tom Adams, director of the Curriculum Frameworks Unit at the California Department of Education, told me that if a district decides to teach the world history curriculum outside of the state's framework, the district is putting "those students in a situation where they're taught one thing and they're being tested on another. What's being tested is based upon the standards." Point Loma High history

teacher Simone Arias, who served on the committee, asserted that the committee "had no choice. The publishers publish the book to fit the framework. The standards and the state demand we follow them, so the book that comes closest to spelling them out wins."

Of the three making the cut, one was the text they adopted, the Glencoe World History, 2006 edition. The second, the nation's most popular high school history text, was from Prentice Hall, World History: Connections to Today: The Modern Era. The third book had already been approved for AP world history, World History: Comprehensive Volume, from Thomson-Wadsworth Publishing. "The problem was," McElhaney recalled, "we got the highest [reading] level" with the Thomson AP book and "the two lowest-level texts" with

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the Glencoe and the Prentice Hall. "There was no middle level."

Though McElhaney and the committee had no contact with any publisher during the adoption process, sales reps pepper him with sample copies, hoping he'll survey their products. McElhaney said he gladly shelves these freebies as classroom references. In the past, he said, publishers would distribute "pens and pads and bags" to teachers, although "book fairs," which the district used to allow, are no more. Only at the last committee meeting, in January 2005, could the sales reps pitch. Each had 20 minutes to persuade the committee of its product's benefits. Each brought in a "history expert" to testify to the text's accuracy. Ancillary materials like overheads, maps, and CD-ROMs were demonstrated. One committee member, Hoover High teacher Chris Steussy, remembered the presenters as "a bunch of used-car salesmen."

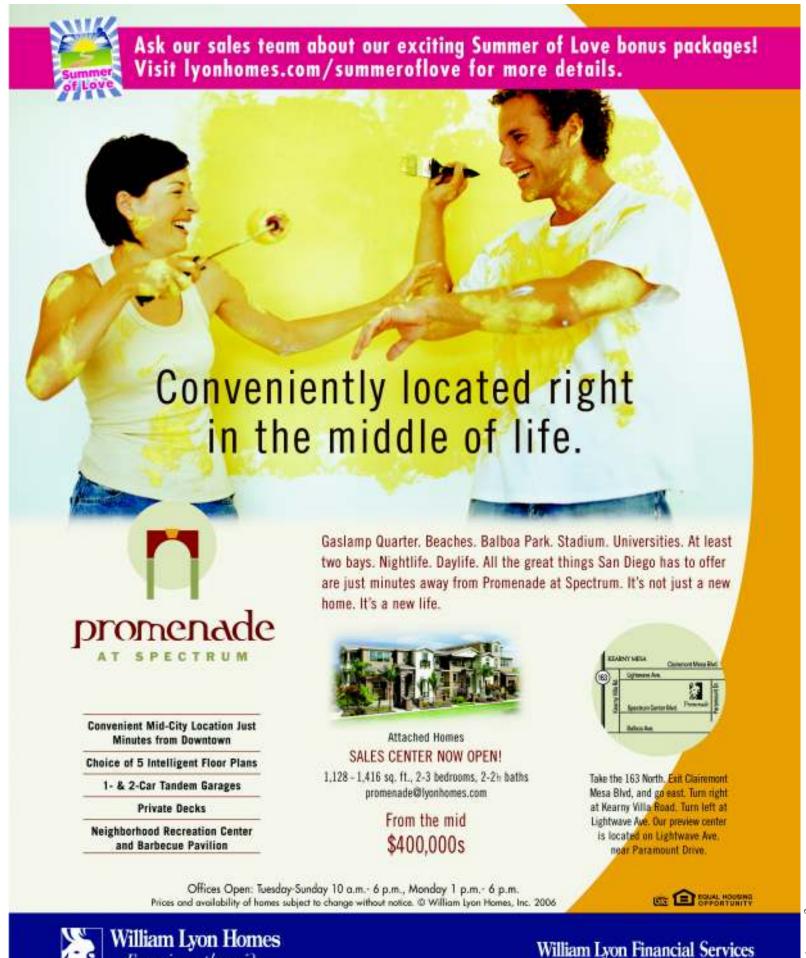
McElhaney reminded his committee "to be cognizant in their reading and evaluations" of gender representation, loaded language, and ethnic stereotypes. At home, members studied their copies and summarized their findings. At the next meeting, McElhaney said, "nobody brought up" content issues — each text mirrored the standards. What was at issue? Readability. On the list of committee members that McElhaney showed me, seven of the ten teachers work at inner-city schools like Hoover and San Diego High. Since many of those students' first language is not English, the seven decided on the Glencoe, the easiest of the three.

Opposition to the Glencoe was stiff. Committee member Matt Pruden of Patrick Henry wrote that the *Glencoe* "is *not* exceptional; [it's] simplistic in its approach with little attention given to the female and minority voice — very Eurocentric." He also wrote that if the district purchased the *Glencoe* — he

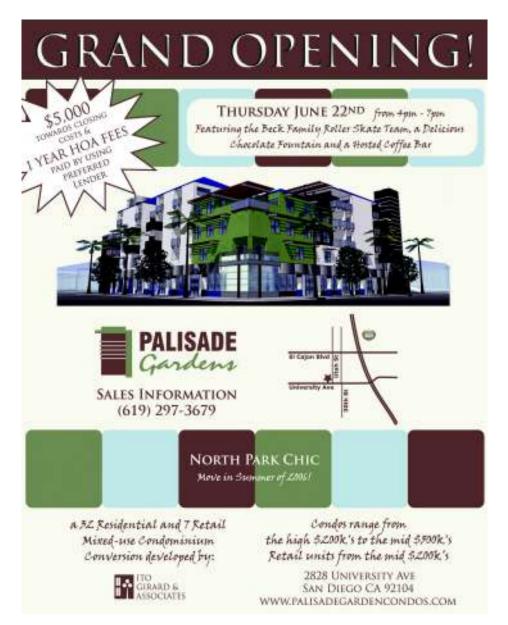
thought the book already in use was no worse than the new one — it would be "a colossal waste of money during a time of severe budget limitations." Other members wanted to challenge the students. Simone Arias,

who is a 25-year high school veteran and, 15 years ago, was a paid consultant for Prentice Hall, felt an advanced course should have, well, an advanced text, the Thomson book. Sandra Bartels of Clairemont High liked its "academic rigor." But the majority of the committee disagreed. Several believed the Thomson text was a college- not a high school-level book. With a layout less graphics- than text-driven, the book

failed because, according to committee members' notes, there was "little use of varied fonts, colorful print or subtitles"; a "dearth of maps, sidebars, and special features" like "pie charts"; and "little support for

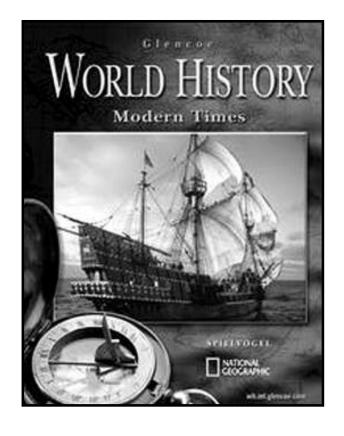


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English-language learners." One noted that it was "just simple text," meaning not visually stimulating. Madison High teacher Paul Anderson favored the Glencoe since it "has licensed easy-to-recognize media resources in National Geographic" and other TV channels. Steussy felt the Glencoe was superior because it had "many more ancillary materials — fiction, documents, maps, just gobs of stuff. It was a better package overall." Although Steussy

voted for the Glencoe, he was candid about its limitations. World history texts, he said, "certainly don't seek out controversy. All the books we looked at do a pretty good job of summarizing the current state of historical understanding. That doesn't lend itself to any controversy." Students are also cognizant of textbook limitations. Steussy recalled one of



his students asking him why the historical event recounted in the Steven Spielberg movie Amistad, about a trial of Africans who rebelled while on board a slave ship in the 1840s, wasn't in the book. Steussy answered the student with his own

query: "I wonder how many other stories in history aren't there?" Perhaps the text publisher thinks the story of the Amistad is not important, he said, or that it doesn't fit in with the book's narrative. History, he reminded them, is





interesting because of its conflicting narratives. Chief among Steussy's criticisms of the textbooks he's seen is that publishers haven't gotten around to seeing world history "as an actual world phenomenon. Many of these books may say 'Third Edition,' but I bet they've been around for decades." He noted the focus on war, nation-building, and the "march to democracy," which the standards espouse and the texts echo. Without doubt, he said, tenth-grade world history is biased toward the political. "There is no assessment" in these books "of cultural history, of social history, which is the new wave of academic historians. There is some sort of inertia, generation after generation, that pumps out stories of democracy and world wars." Even though texts spotlight nationalist politics and world war, the standards require books to soften any material that might upset young minds. So Steussy and McElhaney, by their own choice, use other sources, say, a chapter from All Quiet on the Western Front, to show war's horror, or a film like Amistad, to wring a human story out

One of the ironies of choosing instructional material is that good teachers rely much more on classroom activities than on a book's explanations. McElhaney begins his semester with a unit on historiography: How do we study history, and what do we look for? He recounts the key terms of historical analysis: "bias, objectivity, context, primary sources, evidence, interpretation, types of history — social, political, economic. How," he submits to his classes, "can you use these things to study history?" That list, he told me, is not in the Glencoe. As he goes, he creates assignments: write

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essays, do group projects, design Web pages.
Assignments, he said, are necessary to get "regular-level kids motivated.
They'll do it if they know someone is going to look at [what they do]. They will try harder. It may

take more time. And maybe," he said, "they'll focus on some of the big questions." One thing's for sure. "They can't sit there. They won't listen. They don't like to read the textbook."

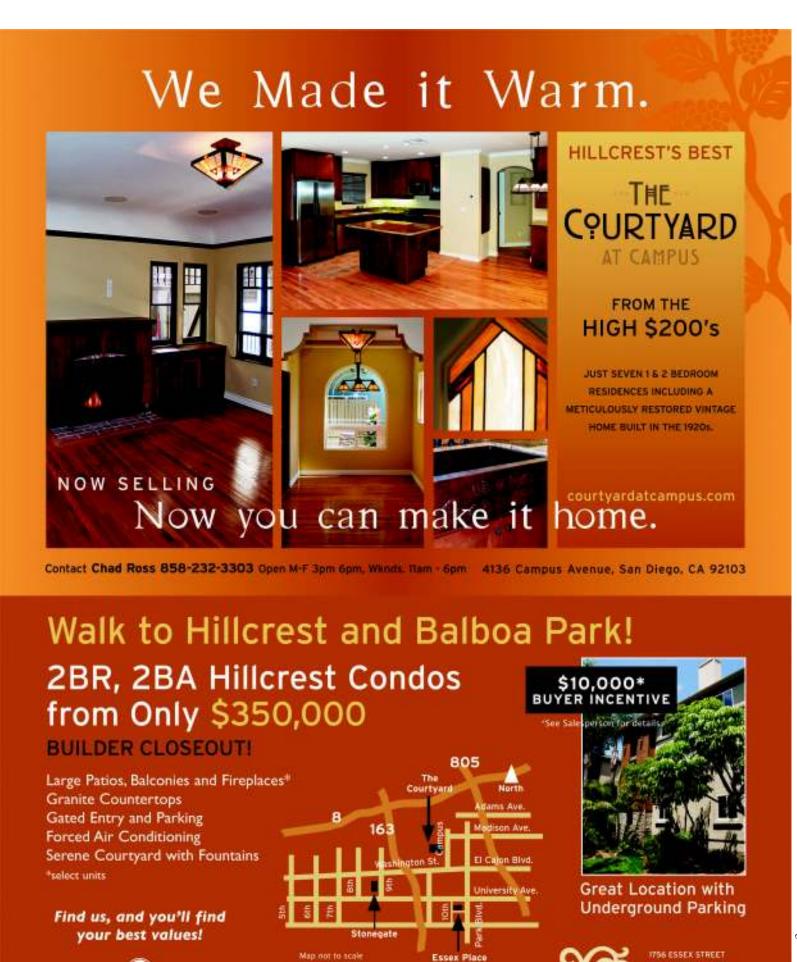
I wondered why,

since he supplements the textbook so much, he needs one.

"They have to have a textbook. It's like an anchor." McElhaney said that no teacher should be responsible for assembling course material. What's more: "How can you teach without resources?" The textbook is a source. Besides, students "have to get used to reading textbooks. It's a reality in college."

McElhaney told me that his tenth graders

love controversy, or what he calls the messiness of history. But there's no time to get messy. "How much time do you think" — he scoffed — "we devote to the Holocaust? A day or two. That's it." McElhaney





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cited a new district-made map that models a "progression of units," which support the "essential understandings, essential questions, and big ideas" of the standards. "Unit 1: How Did Modern Political Thought Develop? 5–6 weeks.""Unit 4: What Were the Causes and Effects of the Second World War? 6-7 weeks." He said that not much of history's messiness can take wing with such time restraints. To bore students, skim historical periods; to interest them, read a compelling narrative like Elie Wiesel's Night. But, to accomplish the latter, teachers must supply background and permit discussion. It's time consuming. And teachers themselves need to "stay on task." Over the school year, McElhaney noted, "The reality is, you've got to get to World War I by January.

"Most people don't know anything about what teachers go

through," McElhaney added, his hands resting in his lap. He was tired, he said; he'd been up till midnight grading papers.

I asked how many students he has this semester. He didn't know. He stood up before the empty desks

what the book's content actually says is quite another. Any book adopted in California is subject to another set of guidelines, also enumerated in The History-Social Science Framework, which insist on positive presentations

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and point-counted each one. "Let's see, 32 times 5. That's how many students I have."

The readability of a tenth-grade world history text is one thing;

of religion, ethnicity, race, and gender. A Korean-American student in the state, for example, must see the history of Korea, if it's shown in the text, in a positive light. Men and women, as well as



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minorities, must be proportionally represented in all periods whether the gender or the group had any significant effect or not. Illustrations must show the tall and the short, the heavy and the thin, the dark- and the light-complected, plus families headed by two parents, one parent, grandparents, aunts and uncles — but no samesex parents. Language must be gender-neutral ("mankind" is "humankind"), stereotypical roles are forbidden (according to critic Tamin Ansary, "No textbook can show African Americans playing

sports, Asians using computers, or women taking care of children"), and persons with disabilities as well as older persons (always physically moving, never sedentary) must be included. Product placement is prohibited, though violations are flagrant: most sidebar articles in the Glencoe World History text are "branded" by National Geographic (a nonprofit) while the text's atlases feature the seal of Rand McNally (a commercial entity). Diet talk must reflect good nutrition and healthy lifestyles. In this hypersensitive environment,

bowdlerization — to expurgate prudishly occurs before the book gets to the printer. One proactive editor changed the title of an original kids' story, "A Perfect Day for Ice Cream," to "A Perfect Day"; he did so because state guidelines say that junk food "encourages obesity." Never mind that the kids have eaten tons of sweets already: textbook ice cream will kill you.

The most active ingredient in the writing of history for textbooks is *presentism*. Presentism looks at the past through the lens of our standards of morality and social

equality. An example: to represent women in the Renaissance, text writers will state that "some women were shop owners." Though scant evidence exists to support this claim, it has become part of Renaissance life so that women will feel good today about a time when women had few rights. Presentism chiefly affects how textbooks regard religious belief, ethnic heritage, and women's rights in history. It says that we must apply contemporary standards of social justice to past epochs in order to right past wrongs. What's more, since all aggrieved

groups and revered beliefs in history must be seen in today's positive light, we must feel a kind of unadulterated sympathy for the past and its people.

How did that emphasis get in the book? Multicultural and religious groups have, in the past two decades, pressured the state of California and the textbook publishers to include only those things that the groups want – a victim-based and emotionally laden history, short on fact and long on wailing — in the standards and in the texts. What they want is com-

pressed into the phrase 'positive representation," no matter how bland, biased, or justified by present need. All civilizations were great and glorious; that is today's unchallenged textbook mantra. Consequently, students get a view of the world that has been filtered through our static political context, not the evolving contexts of history.

In today's view of what the past should be, textbooks censor and simplify the history of religious belief and the nationalist struggles of the 20th Century the most. First, to religion.

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Diane Ravitch has written in The Language Police: How Pressure **Groups Restrict What** Students Learn that the textbooks' "treatment of religion is consistently deferential, even reverential; they seldom discuss the role of religious belief as a source of conflict. In their eagerness to show respect to all religions, the texts soft-pedal religious hatreds and the religious roots of many

wars in history." Students often begin tenth grade by reviewing what their books say about religious prophets. For example, in the Glencoe — the text being read by advanced world history's 2213 students — the section's prefatory "Main Idea" is that "Christianity was able to spread rapidly through the Roman imperial network, while both Roman and Christian values influenced the West." The text describes Jesus' life and that "his message was simple. He told his fellow Jews that he did not plan to harm their traditional religions." "According to Jesus, what was important was not [a person's] strict adherence to the letter of the law but the transformation of the inner person." And later, "After the death of Jesus, his followers proclaimed that he had risen from death and had appeared to them." In Modern World History — the book being read by world history's 5651 students — the "Main Idea" is, "Judaism and Christianity taught individual worth, ethical standards, and the need to fight injustice." Under "Why It Matters Now," we learn, "These ideals continue to be important to democracy today." The text recounts, "According to the New Testament, Jesus of Nazareth was born around 6 to 4 B.C....His preaching contained many ideas from Jewish

tradition, such as

monotheism and the

principles of the Ten Commandments. Jesus emphasized God's personal relationship to each human being." And later, "According to Jesus' followers, he rose from the dead three days later and ascended into heaven. His followers believed he was the Messiah, or savior."

In the Glencoe, Muhammad, the founder of Islam, "is often called the Prophet." We hear about his birth, that he was "intelligent and hardworking and became a capable merchant. He married a widow, had children, and seemed to have a happy and comfortable life." We also hear that "according to tradition, one night in 610, while Muhammad was deep in meditation, an angelic voice called out: 'Recite!' A frightened Muhammad replied, 'What shall I recite?' and the voice responded, 'In the name of thy Lord the Creator, who created











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mankind from a clot of blood, recite!' The voice then began to speak about the nature of God." Muhammad "memorized everything the voice revealed and began to preach these words to others."

Such capsule biographies seem innocuous. But consider the issue of attribution. To cite "evidence" of religious origins, Jesus' and Muhammad's words are quoted ("according to Jesus"), they come from their disciples ("his followers proclaimed"), or they fit under the big tent ("according to tradition"). The problem is,

when a text reports that a religion has been revealed by God, accepted on faith, and reported as tradition, a religion's claim and historical fact are at odds. This is not an argument against teaching about religious traditions, which the Supreme Court has guaranteed is constitutionally protected. Rather, it is a question of teaching historical scholarship about a religion's origin rather than, as the textbooks do, merely declaring what the faiths say. A belief in the "truth" of a prophet's words is not the same as saying such words are

historically true. Scholars know the difference between the actual occurrence of the Holocaust, whose truth is found in eyewitness accounts, photographs, records, and the Nuremberg tribunal, and supernatural events related in a venerated text. The former is true by evidence; the latter is true by devotion. Textbooks cite no archeological evidence as to where "scripture" comes from; creation stories are never called myths, except those of the Native Americans, who, in textbook-land, lived in "harmony with the Great Spirit." Claims

and elisions can be outrageous: one world history book, without revealing its source, touts the political power held by Iroquois women and avoids mentioning the Iroquois's love of torturing captive Hurons, a fact easily checked. By state standard, a textbook author is free, even encouraged, to dance around historical accuracy. And yet quotations attributed to prophets are nestled into world history as if they were fact. Put differently, how do sixth, seventh, and tenth graders know the difference between fact and legend when all traditions are given equal status in the march of history?

According to the state's criterion for religious subject matter, materials must "remain neutral...do not include derogatory language about a religion or use examples from sacred texts or other religious literature that are derogatory." By state standard, it would be derogatory or an adverse assertion to dispute, let alone say, that whatever a religion or a people or a gender claims as its tradition may not be true. Nowhere is this rule applied as strictly as it is

with Islam. In a post-9/11 culture, California standards, school curricula, and textbook content have airbrushed Islam's image. As a result, one finds few textbook references to Islam's history of violence and intolerance. This is not to say that textbooks let only Islam's imperialism off the hook; very little critical is said about any empire or faith. The American Textbook Council, however, argues that the standards for teaching about religion are being egregiously used by publishers to "misrepresent Islam past and present: they contain

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fallacies and untruths about jihad, sharia, slavery, status of Muslim women, terrorism, and tolerance." Why is it, the Fordham report on textbook adoption asks, that Mali's significance as a center for the "Islamic slave trade...[is] papered over"? (A similar glaring bit of revisionism is to temper Aztec human sacrifice as a "requirement to ensure that the sun rises each day.") If religious dynasties do no harm, then students may learn that the problems of the world, insofar as they learn about them at all, stem only from the secular realm.

Another aspect of depicting religious traditions is the blatant political agenda. When a religion grows — or, as textbooks prefer, "spreads" — faith is always a democratizing force. Such is the historical "appeal" of Christianity and Islam. In the Glencoe, we hear that "like Christianity, Islam was open to every person, and this encouraged a greater sense of equality in society." Is this true? Are Christianity and Islam "open"? Does social equality come about when people join a religion? Has the history of Christianity, or of any religion, shown that its putative inclusivity has furthered social equality? This democratic-cozy claim is made because the history standards mandate that texts picture religion accomplishing good wherever it goes. We read statements like this: Islam "united the Middle East. Arab armies marched westward across North Africa and eastward into Mesopotamia and Persia, creating a new empire."

Most educated people recognize that with empire, iniquities and accomplishments are intertwined. Yet both Modern World History and the Glencoe gloss over the darkness. For a religion to have

"imposed equality" on people by war, or by proselytizing, would be negative. In fact, in these particular texts, only two negatives come up. First, in Modern World History, the "age of exploration" was "driven by a desire

for wealth and Christian converts." And second, from the same book's section on "Modern Terrorism," Islam and Christianity "have viewed each other with hostility since at least the time of the Crusades" as a reason for

present-day conflict. A "desire for" converts and a hostile "view" of the "other" hardly characterizes the aggression of religious fundamentalists. An alternative guidepost, which places religion at the center of

nationalist expansion in history, comes from the National Center for History in the Schools: "Religions united peoples of diverse political and ethnic identities. Religions also, often enough, divided groups

into hostile camps and gave legitimacy to war or social repression." Admitting the conflict may invite rather than stanch the discussion.

Finally, textbooks rarely mention the historical importance of

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religion. Such humanistic fields have little independent life in science or art; typically, they are propped up as antagonists to religious belief: doubt has none of the moral value that faith has. Modern World History defines skepticism — "the idea that nothing can ever be known for certain" --and places it in the context of French religious wars of the 1500s, when skeptics expressed "doubt toward churches that claimed to have the only correct set of doctrines." In 750 pages, there is a 6-page and a 3page section on the scientific revolution in two epochs. The same revolution, by contrast, is depicted in the *Glencoe* (one and a half pages out of 830) as religious-like: pasteurization, for example, led many to a "growing faith in science. This faith, in turn, undermined the religious faith of many people," which led to "secularization," an "indifference to or rejection of religion in the affairs of the world." In the next paragraph, the great secular rejecter appears: Darwin and his "theory of evolution." The Big Idea is: faith and science must struggle.

skepticism and non-

without one undermining the other, goes unremarked.

In the tenth-grade textbook portrayal of nationalist conflicts, we find one political leader, Adolph Hitler, who can be critically painted because he's a secular menace. In Modern World History, we learn that "after leaving prison in 1924, Hitler revived the Nazi party. Most Germans ignored him and his angry message until the Depression ended the nation's brief postwar recovery. When American loans stopped, the German economy collapsed. Factories ground to a halt and banks closed. Nearly six million people, about 30 percent of Germany's workforce, were unemployed in 1932. Civil unrest broke out. Frightened and confused, Germans now turned to Hitler, hoping for security and firm leadership." A photo accompanies this discussion: brownshirted men and boys arm-saluting the Führer, who "skillfully used mass rallies to generate enthusiasm."

In this rendition, Hitler's practices are not motivated by Nazism, which, like Russian and

Chinese communism, is an ideology of hatred or control. To render Nazi idolatry, the textbook describes Germans who don't hate Jews and deviants but are merely expressing "enthusiasm" for security. Then, there's the leap in one paragraph from the German people ignoring Hitler to turning to him, a euphemism for brainwashing. There is no comparison that the same set of underlying social problems existed in America: our economy collapsed, factories went under, banks closed; our unemployment was also 30 percent. We were frightened and confused, but we didn't "turn" to a dictator. Would students know from this history the difference between why Nazism grew in Germany and the New Deal grew here?

The Glencoe does a somewhat better job of explaining Hitler's charisma and Nazi indoctrination in the 1930s — a complex psychological question that requires some discussion. An excerpt: "Hitler promised to create a new Germany. His appeals to national pride, national honor, and traditional militarism struck an emotional chord in his listeners. After attending

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What is Schizophrenia?

A disorder of the brain that can cause abnormal thinking, hallucinations (seeing things or hearing voices), emotional withdrawal, and other symptoms.

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- Feel tired, lack energy or are unmotivated
- > Have difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- > Feel restless or irritable
- > No longer have interest in once pleasurable activities

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

Some qualifications are:

- > Aged 18-65 years
- > Non substance/alcohol dependent
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- > Non diabetic

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Trouble staying asleep? Don't feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by Pacific Sleep Medicine Services for individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia.

Study-related care is provided at no charge to participants. This includes a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

Qualified participants will also receive up to \$1,350 for completion of the study.

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one of Hitler's rallies, a schoolteacher in Hamburg said, 'When the speech was over, there was roaring enthusiasm and applause...How many look up to him with touching faith as their helper, their saviour, their deliverer from unbearable distress.' The personal testimony gives the passage greater weight, even though the text still couches such egregious devotion as "enthusiasm." In succeeding paragraphs, we hear about Hitler's means: scapegoating Jews; controlling Parliament; appealing to industrialists and aristocrats; public works projects and Nazi party rallies. Through it, we get some sense of Hitler as a proselytizer and madman.

It is true that these textbooks show leaders who inspire excessive "enthusiasm" to a cause as dangerous: this is the

lesson of history. And, it is the individual, especially the nationalist zealot in the 20th Century, who corrupts us, not his ideology: this is also the lesson of history. But what's missing is a simple explanation that history is composed of people who instill religious-like fervor in the masses, for good and bad ends. Understanding ideology is crucial to understanding history, but ideology is left out. How can students learn about history if a text cannot say anything bad about what people believe? Do teachers make these distinctions in the classroom? The books don't. Can students recognize the variant strains of ideological thinking? The books don't.

California state guidelines stress that when adopting a world history text the book "should present history

as an exciting and fascinating story"; students should be able to read the material "with interest...and pleasure"; "the text should engage the imagination of the reader"; and the "writing should be vivid and dramatic without sacrificing accuracy." Leaving aside the questions of accuracy and bias, the narrative in world history texts is rarely exciting, seldom pleasurable to read, and never imaginatively written. Nor do these texts take the time to explain, as we've seen, the manipulative power of ideology. Instead, they rush to their true goal: a neon-colored review box that reminds students of what's really important: "Vocabulary," "People and Events," "Places," and "Reviewing Big Ideas." The historical narrative in the *Glencoe*, more so than the *Mod*ern World History (one reason why the Glencoe

RESEARCH STUDIES

Carpal Tunnel **Syndrome** Pain?



If you have Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), you know that the pain can be frustrating-it can affect your ability to work and your quality of sleep.

Now, local doctors are conducting a medical research study to evaluate the pain-relieving capabilities of an investigational patch that's placed directly on the wrists of CTS patients.

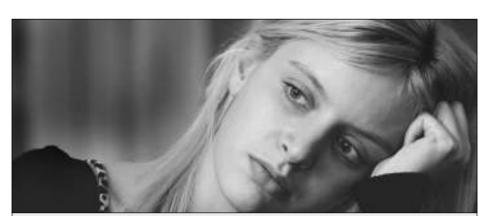
To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have been diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome in one or both wrists
- Have daily moderate to severe pain resulting from CTS.

Qualified study participants will receive a study-related medical evaluation and investigational study patch at no cost. Financial compensation for time and travel may be provided.

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DEPRESSION?

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

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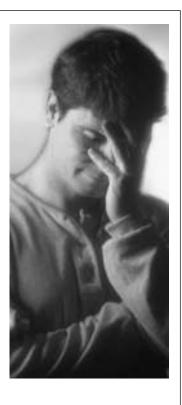
Schizophrenia

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Depression

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- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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was tapped), builds some interest. But soon the drama stops. Summaries intrude, appearing alongside pictures and tip boxes. The standards-based finger wags, "Here's what will be on the test." Though a good teacher — and San Diego schools have hundreds of them — may insist that students think critically about history, most texts don't build a rigging of historical interpretation as a mainsail. The standards-based mainsail pushes the ship from one epoch to the next, one political

dynasty "spreading" itself over another. Waves of fact keep lapping at the shore: four causes of the Great Depression, five pillars of Islam, six planks of Federalism. To what end?

Four multinational companies make up the text-book cartel: Harcourt; Pearson Education (imprint, Prentice Hall); McGraw-Hill (imprint, Glencoe); and Houghton Mifflin (imprint, McDougal Littell). The Big Four, as they're known, have grown via

consolidation: what was once an industry in which dozens of small publishers competed with innovative texts is now like petroleum or media — a few sellers sell to a few buyers who control a captive mass market. Of the \$4.3 billion trade in textbooks, the Big Four account for 70 percent of all K-12 sales. So concentrated are they that the American School Board Iournal has dubbed their wares the "de facto national curriculum." The Big Four serve the Big Three adoption states: Califor-

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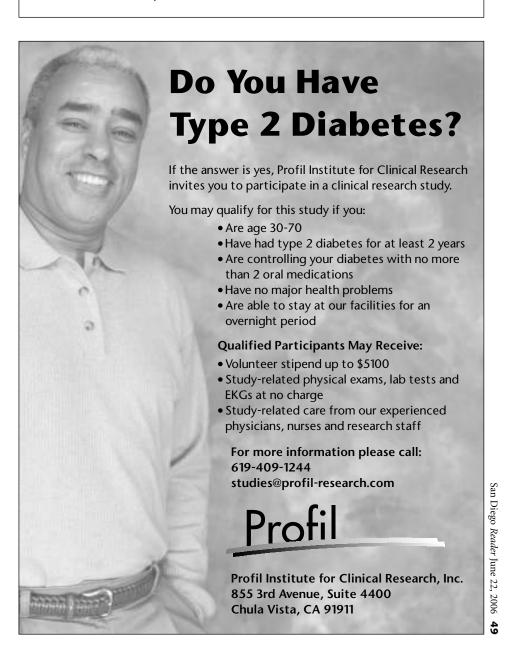
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nia, Texas, and Florida. As the biggest of the Big Three clients, California's six million students account for \$400 million annual sales, 11 percent of the market. If it's read in California, Texas, or Florida, it's likely to be read everywhere. In an all-or-nothing market, only capital-intensive publishers compete. Still, production stakes are huge. Scott Hill, a former executive director of the state Academic Standards Commission, said that to create a book whose graphics and text conforms to the California

standards costs between \$20 and \$30 million.

Centralizing and censoring knowledge and aiming it at children smacks of a corporate violation of the public trust. Such a trespass incenses William J. Bennetta, the fiercest textbook critic in America. An editor and member of the California Academy of Sciences, Bennetta runs the Textbook League, one of two national clearinghouses that review texts. For 20 years he's been opposing what he calls textbook "absurdities and stupidities." I asked him about the authors of textbooks. Who are they? It's not always clear who they are, he said. Books are wrought by committee — sales reps, market researchers, history and social studies teachers, editorial directors, content censors, with maybe a historian as overseer. It's an assembly line of specialty inputs whose end product has no single author's voice. Bennetta said that once texts are in production, "We have no way of knowing whether these books go through any rigorous

review process by the publishers. Edited to death, yes. But reviewed for historical accuracy? Hardly. It's a fraud. What these companies do is load their books up with the names of people [stated as authors] who had nothing to do with writing it, didn't review the book, never saw the book. If you contact these people, you'll find they had nothing to do with it." What the publishers won't tell you is that "lots of marketing people reviewed it to make sure it complied with what their market

research has shown will sell." Bennetta laughed at how he's seen teachers recruited for focus groups, who are paid a modest stipend and plied with carrot sticks and dip before voting on the best layouts.

Bennetta battles what he calls textbook lies: deliberate falsehoods, "which are put in books because they are politically correct" and "telling lies with absolutely true statements." To make true statements into lies is "part of the schoolbookwriting art," he said.

"Suppose you read in a history book that when slaves were transported across the Atlantic to the New World, ten percent of them died on the way. That sounds pretty rough? What if I tell you this? When people crossed North America, on their way to Oregon in the 1830s and 1840s, ten percent of them died on the way. What if I told you that when convicts and soldiers and others were loaded into ships for long ocean voyages, at least ten percent of them died on the way. Now the original state-

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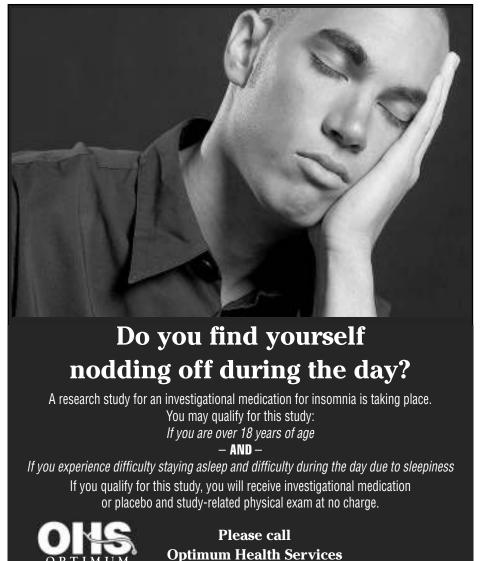


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- Be 18-64 years of age
- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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

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You have fibroids of the uterus?



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To possibly qualify:

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Bennetta advocates that adoption committees should hire professional historians with particular specialties to review the books. Adoption decisions should not be left to committee

members themselves, not to interested "community members," not even to parents. Why?

"What do parents know about history? They can't be relied on to know anything" about what their kids are learning in school. Statistically, anyone who puts himself onto a committee for textbook adoption may or may not have a knowledge of history. Teachers, like parents, he said, "are members of the public at large; they don't know history better than anyone else." Bennetta cited Diane Ravitch's 1997 speech to the National Council for History Education, in which she stated her findings that 55 percent of history

teachers have neither a bachelor's degree (nor a minor) in history, let alone an advanced degree. Most have degrees in education. She asked, "How can teachers teach what they have not studied? How can students learn challenging subject matter from teachers who have not chosen to study what they are teaching?" Bennetta echoed Ravitch. "To imagine that these people can pick out a history book is as absurd as going to a bus stop and picking somebody to select a history book. Either a person is a historian and is qualified to make judgments about a given body of work that purports to be historical information, a person

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who specializes in that body, that place or period — or he's not. Dressing him up and hanging a sign around his neck that says 'History Teacher' - what does that do? That doesn't change what's inside his head. 'Professional historian' means something." (Of the advanced world history adoption committee, at least five of the ten have history degrees.)

To fix what's broken, Bennetta wants historians actually to write textbooks; Ravitch believes we should dump all standards and let adoption committees — with historians at the helm decide which books are best. Both critics insist that textbooks be reviewed after they're published. And yet, with no free market and no evaluative forum for the publishers' products, the text-and-standards delivery system appears unalterable. High Tech High history teacher Mark Aguirre agreed with this assessment when I spoke with him recently. In

April 2005, Aguirre served on a committee, the Instructional Materials Adoption Panel, with 90 other teachers, evaluating new texts for sixthgrade world history. All K-8 history and social science books are undergoing a new adoption cycle this year. In Sacramento, Aguirre and others had a hard time with how Islam and the Hebrews were presented: "There was a lot of pulling of hair and gnashing of teeth; we couldn't agree on the way it should be done. The texts are very careful, of course. It doesn't matter who's writing them. There were so many dif-



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ferent ways they could have been written you're never going to make everybody happy. The problem with history is the problem with perspective. Since you have to make sure you don't offend anybody, pretty soon you have a pretty vanilla version of what history is." Despite the disagreements, the bottom line is, textbooks have to follow the standards. "It says very clearly in the scoring guide we used, 'If the book misses a standard, you must reject the book." The Sacramento confab was open to publishers. They sat in the back, Aguirre said, "listening vigorously." They were there to find out exactly what the state wants in its textbooks.

A lack of controversy, a surfeit of graphics, carefully diced content — "It's a mess," Aguirre said. "My complaint is that the text itself is not interesting. It's a list of dates and names and accomplishments. There's no why. Everything is presented in a way that sounds preordained. There was never any doubt that it was going to happen. I remember my mom telling me that she was shocked in 1940 that the Nazis were going to take over the world. There are moments like that in history, and the textbooks don't acknowledge them."

In 2001, Aguirre moved from Scripps High School to the innovative charter school High Tech High. "I couldn't do what I do here at Scripps." At Scripps, he could see the

"back-to-basics writing on the wall: all they are learning is the dates and the names, the 50 state capitals, blah, blah, blah. I don't value that. It seems to me that the schools are 50 years behind." Aguirre said the textbooks he used at Scripps aped the backto-basics approach; beholden to that process, the books "sucked the life right out of history." Moreover, he said, kids are aware of the book's primary focus — the "high-stakes test." Textbooks now print standards side by side with the lessons; students know they have to pass the standards-based test to graduate.

"Our philosophy at High Tech High is not so much what information can kids memorize but what can they do with it once they get it." Aguirre spends his time teaching history by letting students "create the context" for whatever they're learning. "I have the freedom to choose literature, use primary sources — I make history come alive. The kids have to do 10to 15-minute presentations three times a year, they're making documentaries, they're putting on plays. It's common sense. I don't want to get political but I will.

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Is the dismal performance of San Diego high school kids in world history — a 43 percent failure rate and a belowproficiency level of 73 percent — an indication of how bad the textbooks are? Why is it that with the state's resources, with the adoption committees picking the best book, with committed teachers in the classroom, with millions of dollars spent on standards-aligned

books — kids still score so poorly? I asked literacy director Donna Marriott what she thought.

Marriott said low test scores are not the fault of textbooks. "We put the best product we can in kids' hands." She admitted that "any world history text is a difficult read for kids. They're dense, factladen books. The content is hard, and it requires prior knowledge. The courses in world history are incoherent, that is, they're laid out nonsequentially — by tenth grade, they haven't had social studies for a year or two. There's a big delay." Marriott said that the district has decided that the way to improve test scores is to improve teachers. "We have a plan of action in place," she told me. "This year, we are offering more professional development for our world history teachers. Trainings. Providing them with a curriculum map and a pacing guide. Our curriculum map pulls out the big ideas so teachers don't get immersed in the minutiae — the facts, the events, the dates, the boundaries. Our theory of action is that if teachers teach the big ideas of the discipline, they're going to get better results." As for the kids, she said, the district is implementing "an endof-semester exam and an end-of-course exam," which means two more tests per year. That, she said, should push them to be more proficient in

history. William J. Bennetta said that the idea that helping teachers with curriculum and giving tests more frequently to students will, taken together, somehow make kids history-smart is ludicrous. "Who cares," he said, "whether kids are doing well or poorly at memorizing falsehoods and reciting nonsense? Kids should be tested on the right material, not these lousy textbooks."

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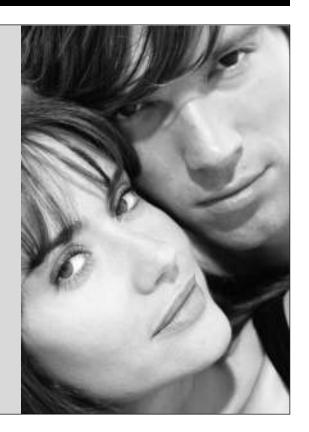
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the hollow of the night."

A hand-lettered card rests at the base of the token dispenser: "The girls will return at 10:00 a.m." Inked-in filigrees curling around the card obscure some of the text, testifying to hours of jailhouse-style monotony.

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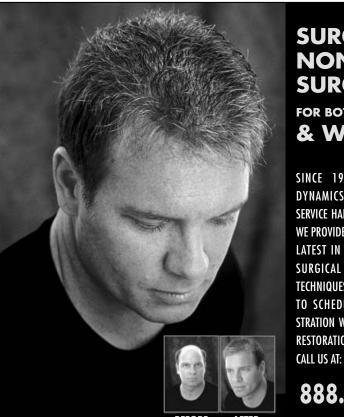
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"One flick of their tails and those things are out of your visibility."

Mark Bucon's plan is to spear fish at a spot along the Northern Baja coast known only to him and a few other guys. Five minutes before we arrive, he unties a black bandanna from the rearview mirror of his Toyota pickup and holds it out to me.

I think maybe my nose is dripping and he's offering me a handkerchief. He reads the puzzlement on my face and explains, "I'm going to have to blindfold you."

I start to laugh, but the look on his

face tells me he's serious. "I can't go back to the other guys who know about this spot and tell them I took a reporter down here unless I can say you were blindfolded," he explains.

Three minutes after I've tied the bandanna around my head, I feel the car decelerate and move right to exit the toll road. A minute or so later, the pavement beneath the truck gives way to the world's bumpiest dirt road. "You might want to hang onto something," Bucon says as the truck rocks and

bounces. Five minutes — or about 2000 dips and bumps later — Bucon stops the truck. "Disgusting, they're burning trash over there," he says, more to himself than to me. "Actually, maybe that's more than just trash. That fire's pretty big...and it's coming toward the road here...and this is the only way in or out."

We sit there silently for a few minutes while Bucon weighs the risks of proceeding to his secret spot; I stare into the blackness of the bandanna. Finally, he decides he doesn't want to be trapped by the fire or be blamed for starting it by someone who might have seen us drive down the road. So we turn around and leave.

"That's Mexico for you," Bucon sighs as we bounce back up the road. "You never know what's going to happen down here. But that's the kind of thing you put up with for good fishing."

Back on the toll road heading north, Bucon, a soft-spoken, athletically built man, bald on top, with kind brown eyes, says, "There are other spots we could fish here in Baja, but I'd rather not stop until

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we're back in the States. It sounds a little paranoid, but I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we were arrested and accused of starting that fire."

If we were arrested, Bucon couldn't expect the locals at his secret spot to come to his defense. They'd be more likely to testify against him.

"The first time I came down to this spot," he explains, "a local fisherman — actually, he's an urchin diver — he came up to me in his boat while I was in my kayak and said, and this is all in broken English, 'Listen, this is my kelp bed. I want to protect it so it will be around for my sons. You Americans come down and you shoot all the fish and leave. I don't want to see you around here anymore.' I said, 'Richard, first of all, I've got a Mexican fishing license, and, second, I'm not coming down here to ruin your kelp bed. I just want to do a little fishing.'

"So next time I came down, some friends and I drove a 19-foot boat that I own with a few other guys all the way down here. It took three hours, and we were cold and miserable when we got here, but we fig-

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It's not just for any fish that makes Bucon drive all the way down here, blindfold his guests, and dodge overprotective locals. It's the white sea bass. And not just any white sea bass. "I'm only going for trophy-size fish," he tells me.

With his left hand on the steering wheel, Bucon fumbles around in the glove

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box with his right until he finds an envelope full of pictures. "Look through these," he says. "There are some big ones in there."

In the pictures, Bucon and others stand in wet suits holding by their tails white fish nearly as tall as they

are, fish with big mouths and spiny dorsal fins. "That was a big one there," Bucon says as I look at one of him squatting next to his green ocean kayak on top of which lies a five-foot-long white sea bass, "over 60 pounds. Caught it at the spot we just tried to go to." "Where do you find

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"How close do you have

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think straight, because it's really hard to think when the adrenaline is going through your body. While you're doing that, the fish is weaving in and out of the kelp bed, wrapping around the kelp stalks, and as he's wrapping around the kelp stalks, he's going deeper. Many times they end up in 50 feet of water.

"So you have to swim with your gun through the weeds and try to follow the path of the fish, reeling in line as you go. You follow your line down as it weaves through the weeds. At first, the line is only, say, 20 feet

deep. But as you get closer to the end, you're going 35, 40 feet to follow your line. Finally you find the fish 50 feet down. So you try to get your shooting line straight above the fish and your speargun floating straight above the fish. The problem is, a lot of times, the line gets hung up. So you'll go down and pick your fish up in 45 to 50 feet of water, and you'll be coming up, and, 20 feet from the surface, you can't get your line through the last stalk of weeds. It's frustrating because you're 20 feet from the surface holding a 60-pound

fish, and you've got to let it go and it sinks to the bottom again. Then, after you get a breath, you've got to go back down and find out what's hanging the line up, cut some more weeds, then swim back down to the bottom and find your fish, pick it up, and swim like a madman to the surface. Sometimes you're down for a minute and a half. It hurts. The lungs are burning, and that first breath of air is the sweetest thing in the world."

Not wanting to go home having done no fishing, Bucon decides to try the La Jolla kelp forests. Two-plus hours after being defeated by fire in Baja including 15 minutes of searching for a place to park in La Jolla — we find a spot at the south end of Kellogg Park. The parking space is so tight that, even though I stand outside to guide him in, it takes Bucon three tries to parallel park the truck. The two kayaks protruding from the camper shell hang three feet over the hood of the Mercedes parked behind us. Removing them is a bit of a project, but we manage it without any scratched paint. We carry first his then mine down the concrete steps to the small beach just north of the Children's Pool.

We leave the two boats and Bucon's speargun sitting on the beach and return to his truck to put on our wet suits. The short-sleeved, short-legged suit that Bucon lent me feels snug, but no more than his long-sleeved, long-legged one looks. In addition to the suit, Bucon also dons booties and gloves and a hood. From the back of the truck he pulls out for me an extra hood, attached to a nvlon shirt. "I recommend you wear this too," he says. "It goes under the wet suit."

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I feel like a dog chasing its tail as I try to grab the cord that hangs down from the wet suit zipper at the back of my neck. I finally get hold of it and jerk the zipper down far enough to get my arms out of the tight sleeves. As I put on the hood/shirt combo—which Bucon calls a "cheater vest"—I work my arms back into the sleeves and pull the zipper up.

Just then, a blonde lifeguard in her early 20s walks up and asks, "Are those your kayaks down on the beach? Because you can't launch there."

Bucon looks bemused. "Why not?"

"You can launch at La Jolla Shores or south of the lifeguard station."

"Why can't I launch here?" he repeats.

"Because it's rocky through here, and if there's a strong surge, you'll be on the rocks. It's for your own safety."

"Can you radio and ask if we can launch here this one time," Bucon asks her, "because our stuff is already down there and it took us 15 minutes to find this parking spot and..."

Before he finishes his litany of reasons, she calls the tower on her hand-held radio and asks if we can paddle out where we are. I hear a voice answer back, "They have to launch south of the station."

Boomers. Could we just launch here today since it's exceptionally calm and our stuff is already down there and it took us a long time to park? We'll come in south of the station and I promise to launch from there in the future.... Thanks a lot."

Bucon flips his cell

I feel like a foreigner in another world — their world. Ten feet below the surface, smaller schools of sardines, also silver but a little bigger and lazier than the smelt, wander by.

"You have to launch south of the station," she repeats.

"What's the number down there?" Bucon asks, cell phone in hand. The lifeguard gives him the number and he dials it. "Hi, this is Mark Bucon. I'm the guy with the two kayaks on the beach up here between the Children's Pool and phone closed and says to the lifeguard, "They said we could launch here just this once."

"Okay," she says. "Be careful."

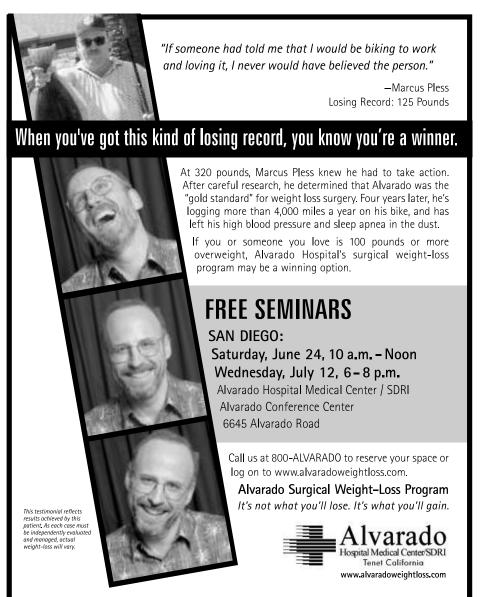
Down on the beach, Bucon drags his green kayak into the water, just deep enough to float the boat, and climbs onto it. I pull my yellow kayak into the

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water alongside his, and, much more clumsily, climb on top. These aren't the type of kayaks that you slide into, legs and torso inside the boat, head and shoulders above. You sit on top, and, consequently, they're tipsy. But I manage to get on and sit down without going over. "I'll follow you out," I say.

Bucon paddles out, and I follow his path through the rocks. The surf is low today, and we glide over the top of the swells without incident. Once in the open water, we head northwest toward the large kelp bed about a half-mile offshore. After a few minutes, I find my rhythm with the paddle and am keeping up with Bucon. When I look back over my right shoulder toward La Jolla, the view surprises me. I've stood there admiring the view out over the ocean many times, but I've never until now considered what the view looked like in reverse. Basking in the golden-afternoon sunlight, La Jolla looks every bit the haven of wealth and privilege that it is.

By the time I'm done thinking that thought, we've reached the kelp bed, and Bucon stops paddling. For a minute or two, he silently checks a few shore reference spots and then says, "This is my spot. Conditions look really good; we should see some fish here today. Maybe not white sea bass, but we'll probably see some yellowtail."

He points to a spot about 50 yards to the north where a dozen seagulls circle and dive into the water. "See those birds working that area? That means there's bait down there. The water is nice and calm, not too much wind, good visibility, bait. Good conditions today."

Bucon leans forward and reaches into the water, grabs a bunch of kelp, and ties his bow line to it. I paddle ten yards away and try to imitate him, but I can't do it and keep my balance at the same time. "Why don't you tie up to the back of my boat" he suggests with a chuckle.

Even that isn't so easy in the swells, which seem to jostle you much more when you're sitting still than when you're moving, but I finally manage to do it. Bucon then tosses me a pair

of swim fins, a mask, and a snorkel from a net bag strapped to his kayak. As I gear up, he asks, "So have you ever snorkeled offshore or done any diving before?"

"Nope. First time."

"Well, you've got a lot of balls coming out here."

"I do?" I wasn't nervous until now. "Why's that?"

"Most people," he answers, "get a little disoriented and a little sick when they first come out here. My guess is you'll go for 10 or 15 minutes and start feeling a little queasy. If so, just

give me a signal and we'll get back in the kayaks."

"I should be okay," I say, not really knowing if it was true.

"Just let me know how you're doing," he says again, right before rolling into the water.

I pull my mask up and follow him in. The water is about 67 degrees, cool at first, but warm enough that I'm acclimated in less than a minute. After that, with the wet suit and hood, I'm more than warm enough. Bucon reaches up and grabs

his speargun — which looks like a wooden combination of a crossbow, rifle, and fishing rod — off the kayak and, motioning for me to follow him, swims off to the north. I start to follow him, but he's got a head start,

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he's a better swimmer, and I soon lose him. I'm also distracted by what I'm viewing through my mask underwater. The rust-colored kelp sways in the current against a royal-blue background. Thousands of eight-inch silver smelt swim in and out of the kelp. After a while they're swirling around me, glistening in the water-filtered sunlight, always just out of reach. I feel like a foreigner in another world their world. Ten feet below the surface, smaller schools of sardines, also silver but a little bigger and lazier than the smelt, wander by. Occasionally, I spot a green-andtan calico bass hiding under a kelp branch 15 feet down, and once a half-dozen or so shining silver lines appear at the limit of my visibility and then disappear.

I spend about 15 minutes watching this underwater world, breathing noisily through my snorkel, swimming in I don't know what direction when the sound of Bucon's voice stirs me from my reverie. "Over here," I hear him say. I surface and look around, but all I see is the front side of one westward-traveling swell and the back side of another. "Over here," he says again. It's coming from my left, and I swim in that direction. Once over the first swell, I see his black-hooded head and mask. "Did you see that school of barracuda?" he asks as I swim

"Is that what the silver lines I saw were?"

"Probably. How are you doing, okay?"

"Great. I love this."

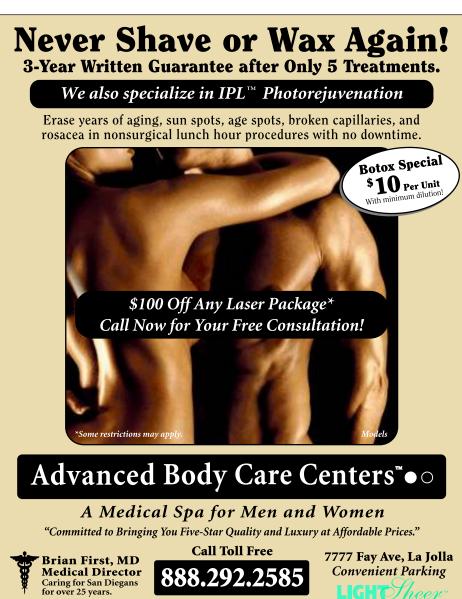
"Good. Occasionally I'm going to give you the okay sign, and if you're still okay, you give it back."

With that, Bucon swims off again and I follow. This time I make a concerted effort to keep up. But after a while he dives down and keeps going down until he disappears into the blue beyond. I keep swimming in the direction I last saw him go, but I lose him. I don't mind. I keep swim-

ming aimlessly. The scenes beneath me are so mesmerizing that I lose all sense of place. I don't know where I am in relation to land or the kayaks or Bucon, and I don't care. I could keep swimming like this forever. But after a while, the duration of which I couldn't tell you, Bucon calls me over again. "We're a long ways from the kayaks," he says. "We should head back in that direction. There are tons of bait fish around here," he adds, "but I haven't seen any yellowtail yet. They could be here; we've just got to find them."

He swims off to the south and I follow. So far I've been reluctant to swim below the surface, but now, the first time Bucon goes beneath, I follow him. Immediately my snorkel and mouth fill with salt water, and I return to the surface coughing. Catching up with Bucon, I again follow him on a dive. An exhilaration comes over me as I leave the surface and swim down through the kelp forest, as if I were an astronaut step-

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ping out of his space capsule and into space. About 10 feet down, the exhilaration is replaced by a creaking sound in my head and a sharp pain in my sinuses. Still, I stay down as long as I can. I'm sitting in some kelp reaching out — in vain — to touch a calico bass when something large and black 10 feet beneath me catches my eye. I turn and expect to see a seal or some other large, hopefully friendly sea creature, but it turns out to be Bucon swimming along 20 feet below the surface.

A little while later, I'm following Bucon to the kayaks, which I can see 40 yards ahead toward land. As he pulls himself up onto his and I'm swimming toward mine, seven barracudas — silver, slender, about two feet long, with bright yellow tails — glide

by directly beneath me, about eight feet down. They look like polished stainlesssteel knife blades.

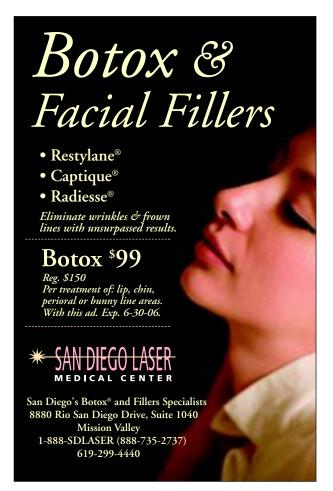
I pull myself up on my kayak and awkwardly work myself into a sitting position. After kicking off my flippers, taking off my mask, and pulling the hood off my head, I look over at Bucon, who is sitting slumped over, his flipper-clad feet dangling over the side, his hood still on his head.

"You did really well," he says. "We were out for over an hour. I'm exhausted. I've been out seven out of the last nine days. Too bad we didn't see any fish to shoot at. The conditions were right, plenty of bait fish around, just not the fish we were looking for. But that's not unusual. I only shoot a fish one out of every five or six times out." ■

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I pointed to the photograph thumbtacked to the office wall. "Is that who I think it is?"

Troy, seated at his desk, did not look up. He was reviewing my Airstream trailer warranty agreement. "Troy," I said, "Is that — ?"

Still hunkered over, he raised his eyes. "Yeah, that's me. My wife says I look better with a mustache." He looked down and flipped a page. "So I grew it back."

His wife was right. Troy Bailey had the dark good looks of a (thin) Raymond Burr or a (young) Victor Mature, but in the photograph, without his mustache, he appeared every bit as anodyne as Troy Donahue, the blond 60s teen idol he'd been named after

"No, the other guy," I said, still gazing at the snapshot.

In the photograph, Bailey and another dark-haired man stare at the camera, their arms around each other's shoulders, their buddy-pose betrayed by stiff postures and fixed grins. Troy told me that before he'd turned twenty-five, he'd had a spider, a shark, a dragon, a skull, a lighting bolt — in all ten tattoos — inked on his body. In the photograph, the tattoos on each man's arms appeared as dark bruises. Lean in his white T-shirt and jeans, the stranger's most significant feature was his hair, an excess meant



Johnny Depp and I owned the same Airstream International CCD, bought from the same dealership.

to declare youthful indolence, I suppose; however, despite the clothes and haircut, the man in the photograph was clearly no kid. There was about him none of youth's uncertainty, with eyes half-empty and over-bright. Here, the eyes, the nose, and the lips were all sharply etched — a finished face, a man approaching his maturity, already deep into his 30s

or even his early 40s. The haircut was both a key and a foil. It sat atop his head like an expensive hat, something to be removed indoors. But a fedora endows character, while this haircut had a life of its own, an independent sense of character that seemed slightly irascible — a startled porcupine, a wet cat, a rumpled sleeper. Clearly the product of an immense barbering effort that required lots of ongoing attention and the use of plenty of hair gel, the thing even had a voice: It said Hollywood.

"The other guy?" said Bailey, smiling. "Oh, you mean Johnny Depp!"

I turned on him. "I thought so! What's Johnny Depp's picture doing here?"

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planet Mongo. Yet this sense of misplacement had as much to do with the Southcoast Coaches office as with the 1930s-style retro lines of the trailers that stood behind. Slathered in brick-red latex paint, with violently green Astroturf peeling off the pavement in wide ugly swatches, the rundown oneroom, single-story structure stood in stark contrast to the sales product. Inside the office, it was old desks and chairs, an uneven floor of patched linoleum, a water cooler, and, behind a narrow door, a toilet cubicle in need of soundproofing. Johnny Depp's photograph tacked to this wall could hardly have been more improbable.

"We took the picture after I delivered a trailer to his home in Hollywood. It was just like yours," added Bailey, returning to my warranty, "except three feet longer."

Southwest Coaches got my business (and checks for the trailer, the warranty, etc., that totaled close to \$60,000) from just two quick telephone calls. I'd earlier run an ad in the Airstream online newsletter, visited two dealerships where I was ignored at the first and humiliated at the second, and coincidentally received a speeding violation for which I later

endured the eight-hour torture called "Comedy for Less" Traffic School. Then I got a lead and called Troy Bailey. His easygoing style inspired trust and confidence, and he offered the best price. Using my credit card, I made a down payment on my trailer sight unseen. Yet now, suddenly and henceforth, I knew that all future accounts of my odyssey to find my trailer were to be reduced to a one-line statement: Johnny Depp and I owned the same Airstream International CCD, bought from the same dealership. (There was to be no mention that his trailer was bigger than mine.)

I gazed at the snapshot. The Airstream promotional pamphlet was crammed with cheesy lines, but one of them — that amazing things happen all the time when you buy an Airstream trailer — was apparently true.

"That's amazing," I said, talking to Johnny Depp.

The next week I collected empty boxes from the produce man at Safeway, threw them in the back of my truck, drove home, and started packing. I began with books, went on to clothes, and ended with kitchenware. Most of







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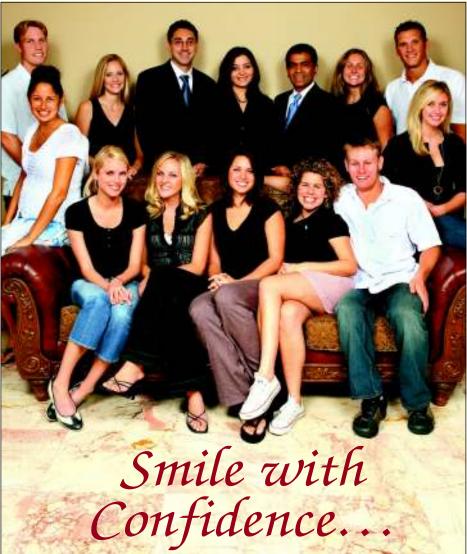
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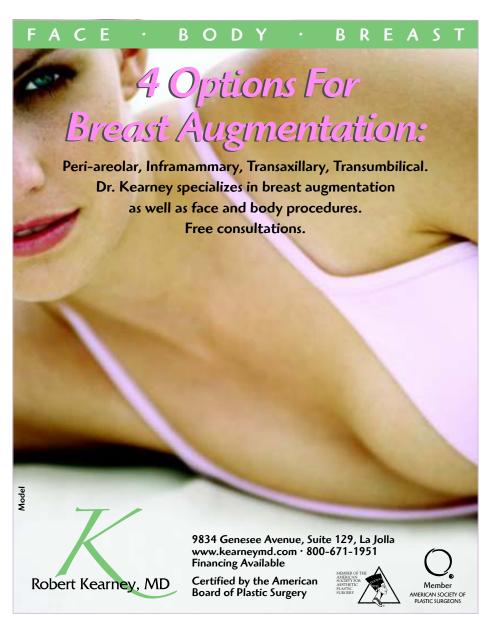
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my trailer's 25 feet would be taken up with a double bed, stove, refrigerator, toilet and shower, a built-in dining area and sofa. Storage space was limited to two small closets, some crawl space, and shelves over the sofa, dining table, and bed. I'd packed and moved four times in the last four years (with a garage sale preceding each move), and still I had to cut to the bone.

My better stuff — a carved Madonna, a small 19th-century bronze satyr, a lithograph series of a horse, some Persian rugs, and a pair of Chinese end tables were sent off to an auction house. The check for a little more than \$5000 that I received following their sale was almost exactly the sum I'd originally paid for the

"You had the pleasure of them, and in the end it was like borrowing a book from the library and returning it 20 years later with, what, just a late fee?"

My friend, Charlie Malarkey, had a funny name, a slight East Coast twang, and a habit of raising his voice near the conclusion of a remark so that a statement flipped over, at the very last moment, into a question. A simple conversation with Charlie Malarkey was like dancing with a linebacker wearing cleats: He kept you on your toes.

"Yes, I guess you could say that," I answered.

We were seated in the backroom at Aziza, a Moroccan restaurant in the Richmond district of San Francisco. Charlie had invited me there to celebrate my upcoming move and his own imminent retirement as a media librarian. Under the circumstances, his metaphor of borrowed books and late fees was in character.

The walls of Aziza were painted an earthy cinnamon brown, with deeply recessed lighting and a single candle burning at each table. The ambience was nice, but I'd forgotten my glasses, and in the darkness could not read the menu. For Charlie our dinner was a special occasion, and on special occasions he pulled his long hair back in a gray-streaked, hip-

pie-style ponytail, and popped in contact lenses that showed off his green eyes. He was not only equipped to read from the menu, but delighted to order for both of us as well.

For starters, he selected a cheese mixed into a compote of roasted tomato and served with croutons. The trick, said my host, was the argan oil, a fruit from the tree found in southwest Morocco. "That's the smoky flavor you taste," he explained, for of late he'd become something of an authority on the food of the Algarve region. The balsamic eggplant mousse, the roasted pepper in pomegranate, and yogurt dill (served with grilled flatbread) were all tasty. The beets roasted with goat cheese, toasted anise-seed dressing, and dipped with grilled flatbread was simple but again delicious.

Next came a phyllo pie filled with saffron-braised chicken and spiced almonds, then sprinkled with powder sugar and cinnamon. As a vegetarian, I obliged Charlie by tasting one chicken-free

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mouthful of pie, but just a single forkful was enough. The thing all but melted on my tongue.

"Wow!" I exclaimed, and Charlie beamed like he'd baked the pie himself.

For the main course, I had a dish of yellow crookneck squash, zucchini, rutabaga, turnip, and carrots served in a saffron-ginger broth. My Berber vegetable tangine was tasty, but I'm sure Charlie's lamb shank was better. It was cooked with dried fruits, and served with cranberry couscous and grilled green onions.

The dessert, Topped Chocolate Pot, was a rich chocolate pudding sprinkled on top with red pepper buds, but even red pepper buds had not the power to revive my appetite.

"Me too," I said, thinking that Charlie had mentioned how full he was "I'm done."

"What are you talking about?" twanged Charlie. "I said the meal was amazing."

I explained that I assumed he'd said he was stuffed.

He groused that he was surprised that "amazing" could be misheard as "stuffed," then took another spoonful of dessert and sighed, "But I guess I am, too." He put down his spoon. "Still, you have to admit it was pretty amazing?"

"Just about the best meal I've ever eaten."

"A fitting farewell to your urban life?"

"You might say that," I said.

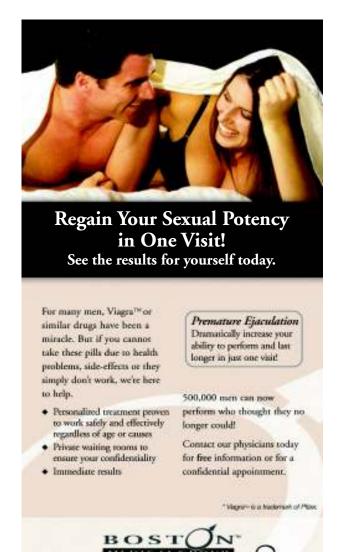
Charlie leaned across the table. In the candlelight his face took on sharp jack o'lantern shadows. The fine meal, I now saw, was but a prelude to a subject that had become dear to my friend's

"Are you really sure," he began, "that you're ready to live in the woods?"

I'd rented my Santa Rosa apartment for a year and a half, and in that time, almost every day, Kathleen Miller passed by my place on the way to the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. But I never once saw her. Like me with my dog, she went to the cemetery with Sadie, a young black Labrador, free there to run among the old gravesites, some which dated back as far as 1835. One afternoon

my dachshund, Bodhi, sprinted after the much friskier Sadie, and Kathleen and I struck up a conversation.

She had big blue eyes, a pixie haircut, and the ease of a woman who'd enjoyed what came of good looks and a quick intelligence. She never married or had children; instead she chose an unusual career and became a successful yoga instructor, a "body worker." (I was also unmarried and childless, and my Ph.D. dissertation in psychology had been on the body, its responses to color stimuli.) We'd both done our undergraduate work at the University of California at Berkeley, me during the first period of student rebellion and she, five years later, at its end. It turned out that she had also been to Vajrapani, the Buddhist retreat center where I was to reside. These coincidences gave our meeting a special, fated, quality. Our friendship seemed at once destined and yet also doomed. More than once she said that she could not believe we'd met just as I was leaving.



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While I packed and said goodbye to friends, closed my bank account, and arranged for the phone to be disconnected, Kathleen and I talked. We talked in restaurants, at the graveyard, in each other's home. We talked about our differing experiences of Buddhism, politics, of the death of my brothers and of her parents; about architecture and relationships and the need for integrity in one's life. She'd been class president in her senior vear at Hollywood High School. In 1962, I'd taken the first black cheerleader from Hoover High to the senior prom, a girl whose name I could no longer remember. She remembered

her date for her prom. He

was the student body president.

"Maybe you know him? John Ritter?"

We were sitting on my front steps. It was late September and Kathleen was wearing shorts and a blue

"The guy on the

It was called Three's Company, and as I remembered it, the thing desperately needed its laugh track.

"Yes." She nodded and dropped her voice. "John died a little while ago, but he was a wonderful person, funny and nice, a really nice guy."

I had my own nugget: "You know Suzanne Somers, the blonde in the

show? Well her first husband was Bruce Somers, and we were in high school together. He was our student body president, and earlier," I added, "in elementary school, he was my best friend!"

Kathleen's eyes went blank at the utter mundanity of my remark.

I rushed mention of "six degrees of separation," the folk theory which holds that everyone on the planet would discover that they knew someone in common if they could trace back six people.

"That's amazing," she said, eager to make a remark. "Isn't it," I said.

On my way out of Santa Rosa, my truck loaded and covered with a slick brown plastic tarp, I made a detour and found Kathleen at home. She was the last person I said goodbye to in my old life. As I suspected (and she, too, though we never said), after a perfunctory exchange of e-mails in which each promised to write more next time, as if by an unspoken mutual agreement, there was no next time.



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When customers could not tow an Airstream off the lot, Southwest Coaches hired drivers to deliver their trailers. Joe Martinez hooked mine to the back of his gleaming black Ford one-ton pickup and drove it the four hundred miles from Irvine to the San Lorenzo Valley. He mapped his progress with the aid of a global positioning system (GPS) programmed to show on a small TV screen to the right of his steering wheel. On the freeway, he and my trailer made an eye-catching pair. Martinez, a professional driver, had crisscrossed the country and put 60,000 miles on his truck within six months of its purchase; but once in the forest he moved at a snail's pace. Sometimes he stepped out of his vehicle to eye the width of the winding road. At a couple of especially tight places, he shook his head and ran his hand across his stubble of crewcut hair. I was sure he was going to say there was no chance of getting through, that no trailer could make it; but he never did. Twice he climbed trees and cut down low-hanging branches that threatened to scratch the trailer's gleaming surface; and finally, at the site, itself, he maneuvered the trailer uphill and, in just minutes, neatly backed into the space with the ease of a hand slipping into a suede glove.

Against a grove of tall redwoods, with a creek nearby and a clutch of bamboo, their

jade-green leaves framing the trailer itself, the scene with my Airstream took on an Asian quietude. If Flash Gordon had landed his spaceship in a forest outside of, say, Kyoto, Japan, it might have looked much like this.

The light and sound systems throughout the cab were superb. The detailing was good, cabinets fit together well, the windows had a lockand-release system that should have won awards. In the closets, the clothes rod was covered in ribbed plastic so that each hanger lay in its own niche. The royal blue and gray upholstery scheme was both restful and cheery. I was proud that my Airstream International CCD, an engineering and design marvel, was American-made. Yet even with so much of what I owned sold or given away, I still needed to buy and assemble a Rubbermaid shed (7'x7'x7') to house books and all else that could not fit, along with those items I was not allowed to use in the trailer. Vajrapani, I was now told, relied on solar and hydro power to meet most of its energy needs, and whatever might cause the energy to spike and flip on the emergency generator was also capable of sending the entire center into total darkness, without light, power, or telephones. I was thus forbidden use of my microwave oven, fan, air conditioner or, for that matter, most of the Airstream light system. I installed a one-bulb lamp

by which I read, typed, and entertained. I bought a couple of hot water bottles, and Bodhi and I went to bed early.

Without radio or TV, I quickly lost track of the news. I seldom talked on the telephone. The staff was friendly. but no one visited unless asked. Which was fine because I had work to do. Besides my daily set of prayers, which took about an hour and a half every day, I had a foundational practice, called a ngondro, to complete. Tibetan Buddhism places great significance on the guru, or teacher. A person of high moral character and intellectual achievement, the guru forms a relationship with the Buddhist practitioner, and out of that relationship the student may receive an individualized "treatment plan" for their spiritual development. It is not unusual to have several gurus. My youngest, 36-year-old Adzom Rinpoche, advised that I complete a specific ngondro — almost 2 million mantras and 110,000 prostrations. The mantras, written in Tibetan, use that language with its unfamiliar sounds to break established thinking patterns. The prostrations unlock chakra points. This long mix of prayerful activity was meant to strengthen devotion, expand the scope of the mind and heighten aspiration. Generosity and personal ethics, patience, effort, meditative stabilization, and wisdom these were all supposed to be enhanced. And it was hard

My first challenge was the prostrations.

I was at them by about eight in the morning. In the galley, between the table (half of which had been made into an altar) and the stove and kitchen sink, I said a short mantra, dropped down on all fours, lay flat on my belly, and stretched my hands out and then back over my head. Then I'd stand up and start over. It did not take long to break a sweat; I lost weight daily. My morning session ended at noon, with another period beginning in the late afternoon. I could do as many as 600 prostrations a day, and had plans to reach 900. (Young Tibetans, gifted with small and limber bodies, routinely manage 3000 prostrations a day. A Canadian who was able to reach that same number also blew out both knees.) By

my second week, I'd sprained my right wrist, and strained my left elbow and knee. Wrapping myself in support bandages, I looked ready for a game of rugby. Each evening the backs of my thighs felt as tight as coconuts. The spot where I pressed my forehead to the floor was the color of a ripe fig.

High lamas refer to the modern age as "degenerate" because of the rise of worldly interests and the overall lapse in faith. It is said that a monk like myself, in such an age, can expect to complete the full ngondro within a year and a half.

In the course of my morning prostrations, I sometimes ran out to the outhouse that sat 20 feet down an incline, near the creek, wedged between a couple of trees. With an outhouse, and

access to Vajrapani's public showers, I found new uses for my own toilet and shower. I stored boxes of books over the toilet and dumped my dirty laundry into the shower stall, thus turning it into an oversized clothes hamper. My very first night, instead of putting on boots and a robe and taking a flashlight to hike down to the outhouse, I opened the front door and relieved myself. That was when I remembered a trick I'd learned 25 vears before:

I was renting a room in a pensione in Venice during the rainy off-season, and my second night there confirmed what I'd suspected from the night before: With evening, my respectable pensione turned into a whorehouse. Each evening the kindly white-haired concierge retired to her rooms on the ground floor, and the prostitutes

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arriving later with their customers simply plucked a key from the respective cubbyholes of those rooms that were never rented. It was a mix of self-service and the honor system, and what with the opening and closing of doors, and the sounds of people jabbering as they made their way down the hall, it was sometimes a little noisy. But I found the liquid sing-song sound of Italian, which I did not speak, enchanting. I felt like I was living Puccini's La Boheme.

At night in Venice, when I needed to pee, I discovered that I could just let go in the old washbasin that was jammed into the corner of my room under a scarred mirror. With its double faucets, that porcelain fixture, stained with age to the color of old ivory, relieved me not only of the necessity of walking down the hall but of any embarrassment that I might meet on the way. It was a good plan then and, after my first night at Vajrapani, it seemed like an excellent scheme in my Airstream trailer. I had but to roll out

of bed, take just one step, lean forward and relieve myself in the stainless steel washbasin; then fall back under the covers. Who knew that the valve outside on the trailer body, the one that sent the water from the washbowl down into the gray water disposal line, needed to be opened?

Ten days later all the waste from my washbasin slowly had backed up into the shower stall and the air inside the trailer had taken on the pungent ammonia smell characteristic of urine. Ten days and an inch and a half of pee, and what came from brushing my teeth and washing my face. Fortunately, I'd stacked my books on top of the toilet seat and dumped my dirty things in the shower rather than the other way around. When I pulled at the pile I'd made in the otherwise unused shower stall, the stuff at the bottom — a sleeping bag, sheets, towels, a wool-blend sweater, and a whole lot more — was sopping wet. And reeking. I bagged everything in black plastic garbage sacks and

raced the five miles into town. Highway 9, a two-lane

road that winds through the darkly forested towns of the San Lorenzo Valley — Felton, Brookdale, Ben Lomond. Boulder Creek, the northernmost town, has a drugstore and post office, a Round Table Pizza, two grocery stores, and two cafes (one Mexican) that close after lunch; a hardware store, a lumberyard, a nail salon, a liquor store, Joe's Bar, and two self-service laundries. At Vajrapani, the women, especially, preferred the launderette that hired a local to stand by, make change, hand out extra soap, and keep an eye on things. I drove straight through town to the south end where Valley Launderette had no public telephone, no attendant, and, that night, no other customers. I lugged in my black plastic garbage bags and dumped the stinking mess into four Speed Queen washing machines.

The next morning, I called Aaron Amy, one of Southwest Coaches' service people.

"Please!" I begged, and

after promising to pay for his time and his plane ticket, he agreed to clear his weekend schedule and fly up.

girl's first, but surely there

Aaron's last name is a

were few so stupid as to remind him of this. Among passengers arriving at the San Jose airport, Aaron Amy was the only man in that crowd of about two dozen who looked like he could, and would, punch out your lights. He'd grown up in trailers, he told me back in Irvine as he expertly led me through a two-hour how-to crash course that new Airstream owners are advised to take. Now, in the airport terminal, he still looked slightly thuggish, but in dark slacks and shirt, handsomely so. With his dark, foreign looks, the 25-year-old Italian-American resembled Johnny Depp — at least the photograph of the man I'd seen tacked on the wall in the Southwest Coaches office. But Amy carried himself with a heaviness, shifting his single piece of luggage from one hand to the other, with an economy of motion, the way of a man used to carrying heavy things. When he was 42 (the age of the actor in the snapshot), Aaron Amy had not likely resembled the movie star (and probably not even his present-day self); on the other hand, in 17 years Johnny Depp was almost sure to still look like Johnny Depp.

Amy walked me slowly through my trailer a second time, but this time he spoke to me as if I were a child to

whom he was about to hand over a loaded gun. I defended myself. "For \$60,000," I griped, "surely Airstream could afford a well-written owner's manual, and include a CD besides." But Amy, no dummy, had me read, as they say, from a jump-street. I was not the type to refer to manuals, and he knew it. If it were not the release valve, it would have been something else.

He showed me again how to light the pilot for the stove, how to view the level of propane, to balance the cab, to check if the refrigerator was working, and a lot more. And when he was on his way back home, surely still in flight, I returned the bag of dry dog food to the stove where I stored it. As for the refrigerator, for all Amy's attention to making sure I knew that it was working properly, I used it for nothing more serious than condiments — mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, pesto sauce – that added zing to the vegetarian meals delivered to my door each noon. (With so much of my time spent on my morning practice, plus the ngondro, as well as speaking to the occasional, unhappy soul grateful to find a monk who was also a psychologist, I had no time nor interest in cooking.) The loaf of bread and peanut butter and jelly in the refrigerator were for snacks.

Aaron had imparted valuable information. Men and women with some idea of what lies under the hood of a car, or who do not mind

changing a flat tire, would have reveled in the information. As for me, when my engine does not turn over when I put the key in the ignition, or I have a flat, I call AAA. Having lived a life of the mind, one of those who belong in Plato's cave, I was grateful for Amy's presence as moral support. I stowed away my owner's manual, unread.

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renowned Buddhist scholars, including the Dalai Lama. Students travel from around the globe to take part in classes and advanced teachings. Half a dozen cabins, available for those seeking a recess from the world, overlook the western hills that go from green to blue with the setting sun. The young staff is international (with fluency in French, German, Spanish, and Chinese) and friendly. The center owns 70 acres, but gullies and hills and the streambed have left only about half that number for actual use. The main building, a two-storied whitewashed structure, includes the *gompa*, or meditation hall, two administrative offices, a library, and a small bookstore. On the ground floor is the dining room and kitchen. Not far off stands a stupa, or memorial, that was built following the 1984 death of Lama Yeshe, the center's founder. Covered in gilt and brightly painted Tibetan Buddhist iconography, including a whimsical pair of lions standing on their

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back legs, the stupa is garlanded with tiny multicolored light bulbs that illuminate the air like flitting Amazon parrots. There are a scattering of cabins for staff and visiting teachers, and a small dormitory unit. All is modest, but congenial.

Each day, I marched to the showers on the western edge of the property. While I scrubbed myself, I took in the breathtaking vista of rolling, tree-covered hills. And the water was always hot. While our water, drawn from the creek, had no discernable mineral aftertaste, I preferred to carry jugs to the kitchen (the equivalent of about three city blocks) where I filled them with water that was filtered.

To the north, behind an iron gate, stands a national forest with ancient trees and sudden drops, and a silence so deep that it raised the hair on the back of my neck. Bodhi liked to run there, but twice I came home with ticks. The first one I found right away. It was crawling up my arm. I discovered the second tick the morning after our walk, while I was in the shower. In the interim since

returning home, the creature, about the size of a small spider, had sunk its head indeed all but its back legs deep into my chest, over my heart. After pulling it out, the raised pimple hurt for days. The pain bore no relationship to the size of the hole in my chest. It was colossal. After that, Bodhi and I stayed on our property.

The first storm hit in early November. Under a full moon, high winds sent rain falling in sheets. Redwood trees (some over 140 feet tall) dipped low and pulled up, whipping the air. Tree limbs, many as big as a man's arm, flew about like a scattering of yellow pencils. Amidst the turbulence of lashing trees and falling branches there was a fearful, deep-throated whirring. At the teachers' house, three old oak trees crashed, one atop the other two, with a creaking sound like a shriek.

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I lay in bed, my eyes closed.

A falling limb busted the windshield of my truck and banged up the hood. (Repair costs totaled close to four thousand dollars.) All the electricity and telephone lines were dead.

Then the cold set in, and the wet.

When I was a young monk, I visited a cave in Nepal where a Buddhist saint had lived centuries before. Later, while in search of my Airstream, I remembered that Nepalese cave and dreamed that life in my trailer might be like living there.

Dreams sometimes come true.

At nighttime, when I put on water to boil for tea, the metal walls steamed up and water ran in lines down their length. My lone light bulb reflected off the walls' shiny surface. I exhaled and saw my breath in the chilly air. Mornings, my clothes were cold to the touch, nights my pillows and sheets were. (The shock of cold bedclothes was made better with the hot water bottles tucked at the foot of the bed, but nothing relieved the morning torture of drying my face with a towel, or putting on clothes, each so cold they felt damp.) The ice-cold water (my hot water heater ate up too much energy to be used), the shock of it, numbed my gums when I brushed my teeth, and seared my face like flames when I splashed my face.

My self-adhesive envelopes stuck together and stamps did too. Everything made of paper grew soft and pulpy, even cardboard boxes. Almonds, if left out overnight, were soft, almost soggy, the next day. Fritos and pop-



The author (left)

it the vault of heaven.

corn lost their crunch. One

night I forgot to close a win-

dow, and the air grew so cold

inside that in my sleep I

gnawed the inside of my

cheek until it was raw. I woke

up with a sore throat, and

sometimes it was so cold

that my great-grandfather's

pocket watch stopped. (As the

day warmed, like birds on

their branches whose wings

unfreeze with the rising sun,

the watch would begin to

quietly tick and its gold hands

slowly begin to move.) When

all the windows were closed,

the trailer was pretty much

airtight. It was life in a cave,

but not like the stone cave in

Nepal, or even, for that mat-

ter, Plato's metaphorical cave:

mine was a very real ice cave.

drously quiet, to look up at

the starry sky was to under-

Yet at night, so won-

The rainy season was on its way. The creek would rise and the roads turn muddy. We were sure to be locked in when the roads became impassable. The silence and the long rainy months of winter would, I was told, try my soul. Often, sometimes more than once a day, the trailer shook from an underground tremor. I'd never experienced before how alive the earth was.

When that first storm passed, left in its wake was a morning of pure splendor. The forest was rinsed clean, and sunlight burned bright in glorious little patches. By afternoon, when I stepped out of my trailer, there were pools of sunshine so golden and warm that each felt like I was dipping my toe into a heated bath. Not far from the trailer, Steve Pearl was raking gravel across the road in anticipation of the winter rains. A small man with warm brown eyes, he'd been both a monk and an airplane pilot; now he was the caretaker, and he'd not only built my shed for me, but also confiscated all electrical units that might blow the place. Like my experience with the pair of Airstream trailer salesmen who played Good Cop-Bad Cop with me, Steve was surely likeable and a great help, but he could also be a pain in the ass.

I moved nearer to him, stepping into a patch of sunlight as bright as butter. Looking down, I discovered that hundreds of butterflies were sharing my new pool of warm sunlight. Once in a while, I saw a monarch butterfly, and sometimes the small white or lilac-colored ones that fluttered so prettily. These butterflies at my feet were small, with dun-colored wings, but their undistinguished looks was made up for by the fact that they carpeted the ground with such profusion. They climbed up my bare legs and flew under my robes; they swam about my head and bobbed against my nose and

"Butterflies symbolize transformation," I told Steve.

They wafted about my head, grazing my cheeks, their wings open to the sun. We are sometimes given signs. These butterflies' sudden appearance seemed testimony to the rightness of my decision to move here. I thought of the ground made holy at Lourdes and Fatima, I thought of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree, I thought of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, the shroud of Turin...

Steve Pearl looked over his shoulder. "Those aren't butterflies," he said. "Those are flying termites."

Charlie had called me a high-end city boy — New York, London, Rome, Ibiza and at that moment, if I'd been alone, I would have screamed. If I had not taken vows not to kill or hurt, I'd have swatted the nasty things away. Buddhist teachings

have much to say on the peculiar fact that calling a thing a butterfly, say, made me feel good and calling it a flying termite creeped me out. But just then, who cared?

I scrambled inside my trailer.

It was almost time for late-

afternoon meditation. I stepped outside. All flying things having departed, the purplish autumn sky had dropped clouds so close to the treetops that their branchtips blurred like a water-color painting. I'd started for the gompa when something made me turn and look back. Standing eerie and serene against a shadowy backdrop of redwood trees, my trailer, mirroring the sky, was dyed a pale electric blue. A far-off single note, deep and breathy as a moan, passed through the trees. It was the giant conch, and the dirge sound of it mixed with the smell of the forest — rotting undergrowth, freshly bathed foliage, damp soil. In that melancholic moment, I knew that I'd never been happier. It was an oddly timed awareness; even odder was the certainty that I'd known this land before, when it was still a forest primeval. I turned and was making for the gompa when the conch sounded a second time, and I was struck by a vision of water that stopped me cold. I only came to myself when the giant conch sounded a third time. I took off running, but I did not forget my vision. It was aeons earlier, and instead of hills and trees, everywhere there was only the broiling and boundless sea, miles deep, an endless spread of dark immemorial water that would gradually diminish and recede, and from which the ancient forest must slowly

Amazing. ■ — Hawkins Mitchell

stand why poets have called HEALTH AND BEAUTY







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Lowrider Exhibit

eople have been cruising for more than thirty years," says Jon Henriquez, tour manager of Lowrider Events. "The lowrider movement took off in the early '80s, but now it's more mainstream...you'll see lowriders in Pepsi commercials and hip-hop videos."

On Sunday, June 25, the Lowrider 2006 Tour will stop at Qualcomm Stadium. The word "lowrider" is defined on Wikipedia as "a car or truck which has had its suspension system modified (usually with hydraulic suspension), so that it rides as low to the ground as possible." Many lowriders are

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rigged so that when they come to a stop, the body of the car rests on the ground.

Hydraulics are also used to make a

car bounce up and down, a feat known as "car hopping." The Lowrider Tour will host a hydraulics competition during which "accessorized vehicles will actually bounce and dance for the crowd, sometimes to such extremes that they flip over."

In this context, hydraulics is the custom-built system that lifts a car using the pressure of hydraulic fluid in the same way brake fluid is used to stop a car when pressure is applied to the brake pedal. Car batteries placed in the trunk power most customized hydraulic systems. "Some vehicles have eight batteries in the back, just to be able to have enough juice to juice up the pumps," says Henriquez. "Double pumps give [lowriders] more power to jump up and down."

A more recent trend, beginning around four years ago, is to use airbags rather than

hydraulic pumps. "You can modify your vehicle to have an air compressor in the trunk which compresses air into the pumps or airbags that [then] lift the vehicle up from its springs."

Henriquez has noted that most of the people who place in lowrider competitions are those who own their own paint or body shop. "If you do that for a living, you don't have to spend 20 grand for getting your car painted," he says.

In his article "Air Bagging a Bomb on a Budget" in Lowrider Magazine, Dick DeLoach explains how two guys tricked out a 1949 Chevrolet straight-six two-door sedan by modifying the car's stock suspension. Tools required for installing an airbag hydraulic system include Vise-Grips (locking pliers), ratchet wrenches of various sizes, a plasma cutter, an electric grinder, and a welding torch. The cost of materials, including airbags, compressors, a tank, fittings, lines, valves, and two airbags (one for the front and one for that rear), was around \$200.

"The car that is traditionally what people think of as a 'lowrider' is the '64 Impala," says Henriquez. Mike Lopez, a member of the lowrider club Lifestyle C.C., altered a 1967 Chevrolet Impala that has since been dubbed the "Devil's Chariot." The glossy black auto has been returned to its original condition and sports black vinyl seats, carpet paneling for doors and floorboards, and an eight-track player in working order. The only part of the Devil's Chariot that is not factory original is the lowriding components, which are powered by four Sears Die-Hard batteries and four solenoids.

Henriquez says that modified SUVs



began appearing a few years ago, the most impressive of which may be a Cadillac Escalade with a body made entirely out of Plexiglas and at least 20 plasma televisions installed underneath. "[Because the vehicle was clear] you could see the way they set up their sound system," Henriquez remembers. "When you turn [the car] on, all you see is TVs. The floor is made of Plexiglas, and there are TVs in the floor. The seats are Plexiglas, and you can see TVs underneath them."

Henriquez believes major car companies get many of their ideas from vehicle-modifying enthusiasts. In the early 1990s hobbyists and body-shop professionals began installing televisions in their cars. "Eventually some of the dealerships start taking those ideas, and now you see plasma TVs on the back of headrests."

Some cars are modified to such a degree that they are never driven on the road but rather trailered from one show to the next. "You might see somebody that has the whole undercarriage of their vehicle made of gold chrome. One car that won best of show had a roulette table custom-built in the back

part of the vehicle."

Henriquez has never tricked out one of his own cars, but in the early '80s he would often go cruising down East L.A.'s Whittier Boulevard in a friend's lowrider. "A lot of cities have banned [cruising] because it creates a lot of traffic in the area. If people can't cruise, they go to the beach to show off their cars." When asked if cruising was intended more for showing off to the guys or picking up girls, Henriquez responds, "In general, girls are kind of fascinated by seeing someone driving a beautiful-looking car that's well taken care of. Whether it's a lowrider or a convertible Porsche, they'd be, like, 'Hey, what's up?""

— Barbarella

Lowrider 2006 Tour Sunday, June 25 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium Mission Valley Cost: \$30 for adults; children 10 and under free Info: 714-939-2441 or lowridermagazine.com/lowridertour/





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present lecture entitled "De Este Lado y Del Otro," Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free, 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2006,

annual musical series closes with concert of Mozart's "Mass in C (Coronation)" and "Requiem in D Minor" performed by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m., at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Segunda and Niños Héroes). Tickets, reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

"Letras de Luz," regional investigative photographs gathered in book coordinated and discussed by Pablo Guadiana, Friday, June 23, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and

Mina Street, Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán

in concert, Saturday, June 24, 5 p.m., at L.A. Cetto Winery. \$30 U.S. Reservations: 011-52-664-638-3641. (VALLE DE GUADALUPE)

OUTDOORS

Elderberry, two species of which range over most of San Diego County, is in full bloom this month. The flat-topped, creamy-white blossoms of this large shrub or small tree can be seen in the natural coastal canyon areas such as Tecolote Canyon and Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, as well as in the more moist areas of the foothills and mountains. The elderberry's tiny fruits, which ripen in late summer, have traditionally been used for various drinks and preserves.

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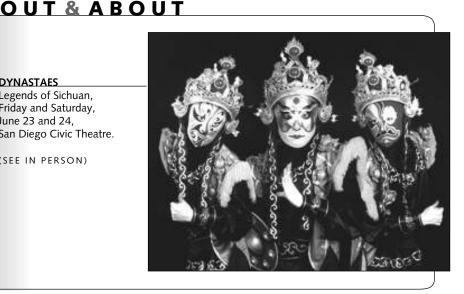
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end of summer. This smallish, vaseshaped tree blossoms in colors ranging from white or pale pink to lavender, red, and blue. "Lilac of the South" is one of the nicknames given to this native tree of China because of its popularity in the warmer parts of the United States.

Lanternlike Venus and the waning crescent moon standing sideby-side over the eastern horizon can be seen by early risers and insomniacs during morning twilight (approximately 4:30 a.m.-5 a.m.) on Thursday, June 22.

Late June's Very Low Tides, associated with the new moon, are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Saturday, June 24, features a minus-1.1-foot tide at 3:32 a.m. Sunday, June 25,

brings another minus-1.1-foot tide at a more reasonable time of 4:13 a.m. Before work on Monday, perhaps, you can catch the minus-1.0-foot tide at a relatively tardy 4:52 a.m.

Butterfly Field Trip in Robert's Ranch hosted by Audubon Society, Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m.-noon. Hope to see eight species of blues, plus "all of the other montane butterflies." Moderately strenuous. Bring drinking water. Free. Directions: 619-282-8687. (DESCANSO)

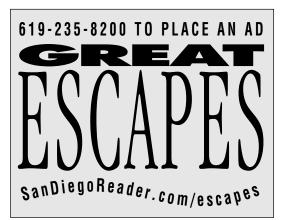
Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park planned, Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-669-1697. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Audubon Society leads bird walk in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903, (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here and Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to help rescue wildlife in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m., at



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Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper near Crystal Pier, Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hike a Picturesque Trail through bracken fern and conifers, as well as side trip to the weir in Weir/Lower French Valley with Canyoneers. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK)

Fire Recovery, naturalist Carol Stanford leads moderate to strenuous walk in Daley Ranch to see gains plant communities have made since 2003 wildfires. Hike starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Latest Sunset of the year, 8 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time in San Diego, occurs this Tuesday, June 27 — approximately one week after the summer solstice (our longest day). From now until late July there will be little change

in the time of sunset, even though the total length of daylight will steadily shorten.

Rediscover Old Escondido West during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, June 27, 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 27, 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)

Explore Historic Golden Hill with Walkabout adventurers, Wednesday, June 28. Join group for moderate walk at 10:30 a.m. at 25th and A Streets, see mansions, carriage houses, parks, community center. Bring money for Mexican bakery, optional lunch. Free. 619-231-7463. (GOLDEN HILL)

DANCE

Mojalet Dancers led by Faith Ismay Jensen plan sacred dance presentation, Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Oldies but Goodies, Janice Donovan provides old favorites for dancing pleasure, Saturday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6. 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak

Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Guest caller Robert Moir — "all the way from England" — visits on June 25. \$8. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Jitterbug and Swing dance party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, June 25, for singles and couples of all ages. Open dancing 7–9:30 p.m.; dance lesson around 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7 general, \$4 for full-time students; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

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

Moreton Bay Fig Morris welcomes beginners to learn traditional Morris dancing from England, Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive). Free. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

"Ultimate Sessions" — Ira Opper's film screens Thursday, June 22, 7 and 9 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$10, benefiting Surfrider Foundation. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Cinema under the Stars," enjoy Happy Accidents, starring Marisa Tomei and Vincent D'Onofrio, on Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman in Hitchcock's Spellbound, Saturday and Sunday,

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"Postcards from Paradise," Rvan Rav's film screens at 7 and 9 p.m., Friday, June 23, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Live music by Wise Monkey Orchestra. Tickets: \$8.50 in advance, \$9 at door.

619-222-2385. (LA JOLLA)

Saps at Sea Tent, local chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans meet to watch A Chump at Oxford, the short Two Tars, more. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). \$6. 619-417-9032. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Barrio Logan: Youth Voices" community stories project features seven documentary films produced by local youths for Film Forum on Monday, June 26, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," documentary following Mark Bittner and the flock of urban parrots he cares for screens when Buena Vista Audubon Society meets, Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Musical Movies, see Rent during Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Direct Action Is Fun! San Diego Independent Media Center hosts screening of The Yes Men, Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$3-\$5, 619-378-0946, (EAST VILLAGE)

The Documentary Film Wall of Shame screens for American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Discussion of health-care crisis in Palestine follows. Free. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

"Il Grido," Antonioni's 1957 film screens for Italian Film Festival on Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601, (LITTLE ITALY)

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 Amazing Journeys (6 p.m.) and Yellowstone at 7 p.m. on June 23. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

DARING, RISK, DANGER, action! San Diego Polo Club competition, Sunday, June 25.

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LECTURES

"Seven Million Years of Fossil Treasures of the Anza-Borrego Desert" explored by geologist, publisher Lowell Lindsay for Sierra

Club on Friday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 619-585-3773. Free. (HILLCREST

"DNA for Genealogists" presented by UCSD radiology professor emeritus Barbara Bowling Gosink for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m.-noon, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). What is DNA, what does it do, what does it teach about

human migration? Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

New Mexico State Archaeologist

Glenna Dean discusses her analysis of "desiccated human feces (coprolites) from archaic Southwest Texas," Saturday, June 24, 8 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House (Black Mountain Road to Canyonside Park Driveway; drive west past ballfields, parking lots; follow signs). Free. 619-241-3330. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Arts in Tijuana explored during round-table discussion with Mario Ortiz Villacorta, Leobardo Sarabia, moderator Pedro Ochoa Palacio, Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Free. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

"Geraniums Galore!" Enthusiast George Plaisted has worked with geraniums for 30 years. He'll divulge how to select, care for, and propagate these hardy plants, Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Guiding the Lives of Children

of Divorce and Separation" is topic for seminar hosted by San Diego Family Law Council for Children, Saturday, June 24, 1:30-4 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Author/clinician/consultant Isolina Ricci presents "up-







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Learn to Grow Plumeria Trees during Southern California Plumeria Society meeting, Sunday, June 25, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 207. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

Adachi Museum of Art lectures planned on Sunday, June 25, noon and 6:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Speakers include museum's deputy director, chief of business and public relations, and a Japanese-style garden builder and pruning specialist from Texas. Talks included in regular museum admission (\$3 general). 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Should U.S. Withdraw from Iraq Now? It's topic for debate between Cy Chandler and William Jordan for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, June 26, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635, 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"How to Become a Legend," museum docent and storyteller Rick Kamen discusses elder stories for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, June 26. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Whys and Wherefores of Non-Population Censuses" explored by professional genealogist Everett Ireland for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, June 27, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers

(1200 Carlsbad Village Drive).

Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

What's "Under the Hood" of Your Computer? Find out when Bruce Gan addresses Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, June 27, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Lunch available prior to meeting (noon); \$5; reservations required (760-631-8279). Meeting information: 760-724-8673, (OCEANSIDE)

"Architects and Architecture" offered Tuesday, June 27, 2 p.m., in computer lab at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Understanding of architects and their work, useful websites, library databases, books. Free. Registration: 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pack Light, Pack Right," tips for reducing pack weight offered Tuesday, June 27, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and Wednesday, June 28, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Home Alone Workshop addressing management and prevention of troubling behaviors in bored canines, Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Helping Parolees Come Home" explored during "Latino" summit, Thursday, June 29,

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

RACING WITHOUT BRAKES

Tuesday night bicycle racing, San Diego Velodrome, Balboa Park.

(SEE SPORTS)



9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Fiesta Hall (1770 Palm Avenue). Speakers include Ricardo Carrillo, Raymond J. Balberan, Arturo Carrillo, others. Fees, registration: 619-429-4117. (NESTOR)

IN PERSON

An Unstable World in the Near Future is setting for Carolyn See's new novel, There Will Never Be Another You. See discusses, signs books at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) on Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. Among her books: The Handyman and Golden Days. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County" discussed, signed by author Donna Lawrence, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Lunchtime at the Lyceum, series closes with "Portraits with Mozart and More" performed by Mojalet Dance Collective, Thursday, June 22, and jazz by Third Season, Friday, June 23. Performances begin at noon at Lyceum Stage at Horton Plaza. Free. 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

Roots-Folk Singer-Songwriter

Rosie Flores performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, June 23, with local singer-songwriter Cindy Lee Berryhill at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. $619\text{-}303\text{-}8176. \, (\text{NORMAL HEIGHTS})$

Comedy Shows planned at 8 and 9:30 p.m., at Comedy Coop "Warehouse Theatre" on Friday, June 23. Headliner, feature, local performers. \$8. For those 18 and older. 888-JOSHING. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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7:30 p.m. Program showcases Girls of Sichuan Dancing and Singing Ensemble, Zigong Acrobatics Troupe. Tickets: \$30-\$125 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series gets underway with a zydeco concert by Geno Delafose and French Rockin' Boogie, Friday, June 23, 6 p.m. in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service from La Costa Canyon High School available, 760-434-2904. Free, (LA COSTA)

Composer and Artist Eben Brooks performs Friday, June 23, 6 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). Free. 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

"Direct from Vegas: The Rat Pack" runs June 23-25 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Trio presents tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Ir. through music, comedy, style. Tickets: \$40-\$70. 909-885-5152. (ESCONDIDO)

Contemporary Persian Classical Masterpieces promised when Seda Ensemble performs Saturday, June 24, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes pieces by Ostad Lotfi and others performed by ensemble with tar, setar, ney, kamanecheh, tombak, daf, and voice. Tickets: \$25 general. 619-688-0688.

New Authors Sharon Lewis Koho (The Painting on the Pond), Wendel Agne (If You See Kay), T.R. Rhoads (Sinner, Sailor) present their works, Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Diversity and Acceptance explored by Lori Mitchell in Different Just Like Me, inspired by her daughter's vitiligo diagnosis. Mitchell will discuss, sign books on Saturday, June 24, 1:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Seed packets and crafts for kids. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Honolulu Poet and Writer Kirby Wright signs Punahou Blues, Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Live Hip-Hop, Jazz Funk, Live Art — head to Epicenter (8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard) for music by Continental Kit, Old English, Mestizo, Neighborhood Concepts, and others, along with "live art by Cam of Lucky Tattoo," Saturday, June 24, 7 p.m. All ages. \$10 at door, 619-549-7785. (MIRA MESA)

"Jazz for Babies 2 to 92" promised when Rosemary Watson and Her Healing Tonics are joined by Mike Wofford (piano) on Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m., for Summer Concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free tickets issued at door at 1 p.m. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Tim Conway and Harvey Korman

bring their comedy routines to Pala Casino on Sunday, June 25, 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find casino five miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. (PALA)

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Legendary South Indian Classical Composer, Poet, musician, "colossal vocalist" M. Balamurali Krishna in concert, Sunday, June 25, 4 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). He'll be accompanied by Jayadevan Nair (violin), N. Ramakrishna (*mridangam*). General admission: \$30. 858-678-0024, 858-483-3400. (ENCINITAS)

Southern California Espionage Expert and author Gayle Lynds visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to discuss, sign *The Last Spymaster* on Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Acoustic Guitarist Richard Smith, winner of finger-picking guitar championship in Kansas, plans concert Sunday, June 25, 7 p.m., at Foothills United Methodist Church (4031 Avocado Boulevard). Smith joined by violinist Aaron Till and (Chet Atkins specialist) Tom Boyer. \$15.619-670-4009. (LA MESA)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Trials and Rails, June 25, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Fingerstyle Guitarists Jim Earp and Ben Owens in concert, Sunday, June 25, 5:30 p.m., in amphitheatre at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Offbeat Open Mike hosted by Terrie Relf, Sunday, June 25, 5 p.m., at Rebecca's Cafe (3015 Juniper Street). Featured poet: Greg Gerding, followed by open mike. Free. 619-284-3663. (SOUTH PARK)

"Poetry Is Brewing," Cynthia K. will read her poems about relationships, weaving, and transitions, Sunday, June 25, 1–2 p.m., Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). Bring your favorite poem to share. 858-450-6500. Free. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Pops Concert by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Tickets: 760-436-6137. (ENCINITAS)

"Spit Your Best" or be part of the judging corps for San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, June 26, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Spectators: \$2, competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open-Mike Poetry Night, Monday, June 26, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series promises big-band music by Ron Jerman on Tuesday, June 27; big-band jazz by Jazz Xpress on Wednesday, June 28; United States Navy Band takes tage on Thursday, June 29. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

BAGPIPING, DOG RUNNING,

caber tossing! Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, Saturday and Sunday, June 24–25, Brengle Terrace Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Victorian London is setting for local author Courtenay Harrold's book *Rose Doyle*, which she'll discuss and sign, Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

"The Show" presented by DJ Pokey, Wednesday, June 28, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Live DJ, MC, breakdance battles. \$5.619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Telling It Like It Is — single mother Janet Mast shares *You Can't Love Your Children Too Much!* Thursday, June 29, 6:30 p.m., at

Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

Stand-Up Comedy Maestro Jerry Seinfeld performs on July 7 and 8 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$45–\$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

In a Galaxy Far, Far Away, Canadian writer and solo performer Charles Ross presents his "One-Man Star Wars Trilogy," July 19–23, at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Ross plays all characters, recreates effects, sings music, flies ships, and fights both sides of battles of first three *Star Wars* films. Tickets: \$12.75–\$37.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Boys of Summer! San Diego Padres are in Arlington to meet up with Texas Rangers, Thursday, June 22, 11:05 a.m. Pads head back to Petco Park to host Seattle Mariners, June 23–25, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Oakland Athletics arrive for games June 27–29, 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 the Chico Outlaws on Thursday, June 22, 7:05 p.m. The Long Beach Armada arrives for games, June 23–25, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Dawgs host Yuma Scorpions at 7:05 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, June 26 and 27. Games played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

Visit Carlsbad with Bicycle Touring Society riders on Saturday, June 24. The 48-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Bring money for lunch stop. 619-255-4194. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Ramona Ramble, explore San Diego Country Estates and local area during bicycle ride hosted by Knickerbikers on Saturday, June 24. Join group for 30- or 35-miler at 9 a.m. at Collier Park (626 E Street). Free. 760-518-1404.

22nd Annual Bonita 5000, hosted by Bonita Road Runners, with 5k run/walk (7:30 a.m.), 1k kids' fun run (8:30 a.m.), is Saturday, June 24, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Race-day registration: 6 a.m. 619-421-4562.

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Explore San Luis Rey Bikepath with Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, June 25. Moderate hills, social pace. Riders visit Guajome Park, lunch at Oceanside Harbor, more. Forty-sixmile loop ride starts at 9 a.m. at Harvest Ranch Market shopping center (on Encinitas Boulevard at Rancho Santa Fe Road). Bring money for lunch. 858-456-7849. (ENCINITAS)

John Collura Cup Finals Competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, June 25. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Face-to-Face Mask, seek garibaldi, lobsters, and octopuses when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts snorkeling at La Jolla Cove — part of La Jolla-San Diego Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve - Sunday, June 25, 8-10 a.m. \$30. For those ten and older. Reservations: 858-534-7336, (LA JOLLA)

Swim, Bike, Run, San Diego International Triathlon is Sunday, June 25, with international and sprint courses. Racing begins at Spanish Landing Park (on Harbor Drive, across from Lindbergh Field), 6:45 a.m. Registration: 858-268-1250. (DOWNTOWN)

SPECIAL

"Shift Change," over 30 photographs on the working waterfront by Ming C. Lowe will soon be on exhibit at San Diego Maritime Museum. See the phoROAM-()-RAMA

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ombining beach, lagoon, crest, and canyon, this looping hike touches upon every natural landscape the community of greater Del Mar (the west-of-Interstate-5 part, anyway) has to offer. On a typical early-summer day, with a tepid temperature and a good breeze, the journey of six miles is a one-waterbottle effort. Hike or run as you see fit, and be aware that early Sunday morning is great if you like solitude.

Start off at Durango Drive and Del Mar Heights Road, four blocks west of Interstate 5, where plenty of curbside parking is available on Durango or any other nearby quiet street. Head 0.3 mile north on Durango to where it curves right and becomes Lozana Road. Take the steep, eroded path on the left



Torrey pine bough, Crest Canyon

descending into Crest Canyon Open Space Park. In barely a hundred vards, at the shallow bottom of Crest Canyon, pick up a wide path heading north and gradually downhill. Note the elaborate drainage systems along the sandy canyon bottom, which have solved erosion problems of the past. A number of large Torrey pines grace the slopes of Crest Canvon: long needles in bundles of five give their identity away. You'll see plenty more of these pines near the end of the hike.

At the 1.0-mile mark of the hike, you reach Racetrack View Drive, across from the southern arm of San Dieguito Lagoon, a tidal basin currently undergoing an elaborate restoration. Make a left, and soon you'll be on San Dieguito Drive, a sparsely traveled road-

way edging along the scenic lagoon. Be cautious — the road is narrow and you must share space with cars.

When you reach Jimmy Durante Boulevard (1.75 miles into the hike), turn left, follow it and then Camino Del Mar ahead to 15th Street in Del Mar's business district. Hang a right and descend to the adjacent Seagrove and Powerhouse parks (2.7 miles), where you cross the railroad tracks and get access to the beach. Now go south along the coastline. All but high tides are fine (and low tides are perfect) for the 1.8-mile straight stretch of sand-walking

At 4.5 miles into the hike, turn inland under the Camino del Mar bridge and find yourself in a large parking lot for Torrey Pines State Beach (restrooms and water are here). Walk out to the parking lot entrance on Carmel Valley Road, cross over to the other side, and keep going on Del Mar Scenic

Parkway. In a short while, this residential street ends at the boundary of the Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension. Like the main Torrey Pines reserve just

main trail ahead — the Mar Scenic Trail - or along side trails both left and right. If you stick to the Mar Scenic Trail, you reach the south end of

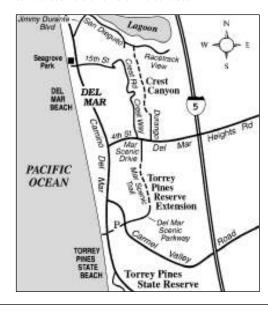
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south, this serene, sagescented patch of landscape harbors scattered but robust specimens of the rare Torrey pine, which can be seen either on the

Mar Scenic Drive at 5.6 miles, and Del Mar Heights Road at 5.9 miles. Your starting point on Durango Drive is just one block east.



20th La Jolla Festival of the Arts, Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at UCSD's East Campus parking lots (at Genesee Avenue and Regents Road). Organizers promise 180 artists displaying their work, food, live entertainment (Doyle Dykes, Wayne Johnson, Mike Keneally Band, Berkley Hart, others), kids'

area. Tickets: \$10 adults, free for

and Sunday, June 24 and 25, at Welburn Gourd Farm in De Luz Canyon (40635 De Luz Road). Gourd art exhibits, gourd crafting area, gourd art competition, live entertainment, demonstrations, classes, kids' crafts, more.

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Pet Fest and Doggy Dash **2006,** Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in Memorial Park (at Park Way and Third Avenue). Music, pet-related vendors and services, adoptions, pet vaccinations. Admission: free.

Two-Mile Doggy Dash run/ walk starts at 9 a.m. Fee: \$12 per entry. All pets must be leashed. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Lavender Days Festival boasting Latin harp music, beekeeping information, lavender oil distillation demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, massage therapy, plant sale, lavender crafting -Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 10 a.m. p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). Free admission. 760-742-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Props and Rods," Ramona Air Show, June 24 and 25, at Ramona Airport. World War II aircraft displays, Air Force A-10 Warthog Heritage flight with P-51 Mustang, aerobatic flying, skydiving demonstrations, forestry department demonstrations, car show, food and product vendors.

Find airport at 2450 Montecito Road. Admission: free for those under 12, \$5 for adults. Gates open at 7 a.m. (for pancake breakfast) both days, close at 5 p.m. 760-522-1777. (RAMONA)

The 27th Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival is Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. 8 p.m., along Newport Avenue (4800-5000 blocks). Chili cook-off (10 a.m.-3 p.m. at foot of Newport Avenue), art, live entertainment on four stages, food, chil-

tographs during reception, Thursday, June 22, 5:30–8 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Free. 619-686-6466. (BALBOA PARK)

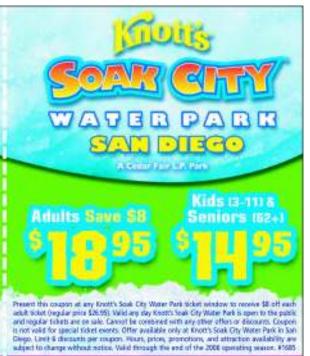
Gem Faire, over 100 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, June 23-25, at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South) and Sheraton Hotel Mission Valley (1433 Camino del Rio South). Show hours: noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. (MISSION VALLEY)

Bagpiping, Dog Running, Caber Tossing — 33rd annual San Diego Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Park (1400 Vale Terrace Drive). Drumming, highland dancing, drum major competitions; guys in kilts, dog trials, kids' athletics, much more.

Admission: \$12 general, \$5 for those 6-16, \$8 for seniors, military. Event begins with free concert, Friday, June 23, 7 p.m., at Brengle Terrace. 760-726-3691 or 619-425-3454. (VISTA)



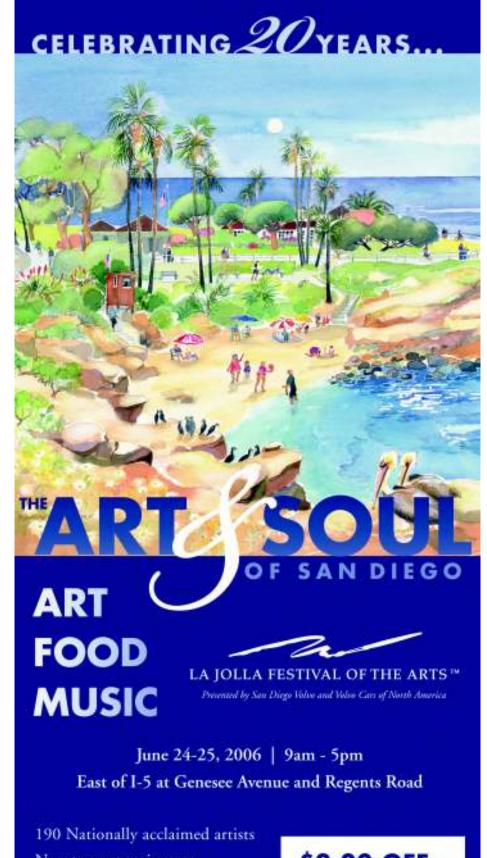
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USNS "Sacagawea" Launches on Saturday, June 24, at 8 p.m., at NASSCO Shipyard. Gate 6 opens at 6:30 p.m. (at 28th Street and Harbor Drive), ceremony begins at 7:15 p.m., with 683-foot-long ship scheduled to slide into San Diego Bay precisely at 8 p.m. Free. 619-544-3400. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

In Rust We Trust, spring harvest fair, antique engine and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. Harvest fair includes blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for those 6–12, and kids under 6 free. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

Botanical Art Club Show, Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Shakti Rising Summer Faire, Saturday, June 24, 1–6 p.m., at Redwood Circle (near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street). Cultural performances, arts, movement, activities "promoting well-being and creativity." Free. 619-501-2746. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Tea hosted by Home of Guiding Hands, Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at agency's office (1825 Gillespie Way, suite

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200). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-938-2856. (EL CAJON)

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day, June 24 and 25, noon-6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psy-

chic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

The House of Finland hosts lawn program at House of Pacific

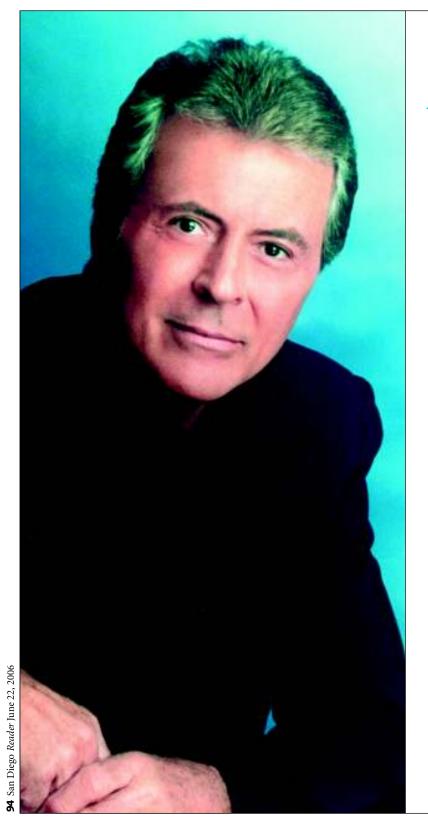
Relations, Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Bombs, Lowriders, Bikes Lowrider 2006 Tour, boasting 400 customized cars and bikes, hits Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, June 25, 11 a.m.—5 p.m. Hydraulics competitions (car hopping), live music by Lil' Rob, Baby Bash; bikini contests. \$30 general, free for kids under 11. 714-939-2441.

"The Fall of Berlin, 1945: I Was There" — discussion starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue)? Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Ride the Tide to Fun, San Diego County Fair continues through 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 (bubblegum blowing, pie eating); many concerts.

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Hawaiian Cultural Workshops planned by Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewitt, Thursday, June 29. Traditional Hawaiian healing using herbs and massage offered 2:30 p.m. at Cardiff Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Road); "Auana Hula" workshop, 6:30 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). \$35 per workshop. 858-509-6411. (CARDIFF, ENCINITAS)

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)

Rocky Road Lunch Break Challenge, scavenger hunt on streets around Horton Plaza hosted by Dreyer's Grand ice cream, Friday, July 14, noon-1:30 p.m. Expect "wacky stunts, crazy clues, racing to find objects." Winning team receives "fully stocked...ice cream freezer for the rest of the year.' Free. Registration: 760-943-2333. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

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hits stage at ipayOne Center, June 22–25. Super Grover loses his "superness," and Sesame Street needs a hero; never fear, your favorite Sesame Muppet friends are here. Healthy habits taught through Broadway-style song and dance.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 22; 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23; 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24; and 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. Tickets: \$13-\$35 general, \$11.50-\$35 for kids, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday, June 22, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Free. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Mother Holly" presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, June 25, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble explores The Magic of Ventriloquism, June 28-July 2.

Showtimes: 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)

Meet Madeline during story time, Friday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166, (MIRA MESA)

"Wind of a Thousand Tales" presented by Pacific Children's Theatre through June 25 at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$9. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

Carnival Puppet-Building Workshops led by Icarus Puppet Company are planned Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. For those seven and older, accompanied by adult. \$10 per person. Required reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

Young People's Beginning Genealogy class taught by Margaret Read, Monday-Friday, June 26–30, 1–2:30 p.m., for North San Diego County Genealogical Society at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). For those 11-17. Free: materials provided. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

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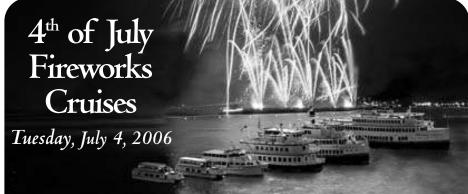
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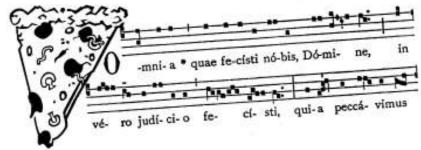


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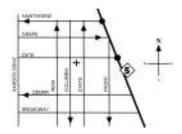
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The Hard Way: A Jack Reacher Novel



by Lee Child Delacorte, 2006, \$25, 371 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

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he'll turn Jack Reacher loose with a vengeance – because Reacher, an ex-military cop, is the best man hunter in the world.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"Best yet...a straight-ahead, high octane thriller." - The Philadelphia

"Takes off like a shot." - The New York Times

"Fans...will find themselves hanging onto their armchairs for dear life." – Denver Post

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Formerly a British television writer, he lives in New York. Child is the author of ten Jack Reacher thrillers. His debut book, Killing Floor, won both the Anthony and the Barry Awards for Best First Mystery.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

Lee Child is the pen name of James Grant, an English expatriate living in New York. The Seattle Times has described his series character as "the thinking reader's action hero," and The New Yorker says he "ranks in the first tier." I caught up with Lee Child in Seattle, on tour for The Hard Way.

"You're reading in San Diego?'

"Just did. at Warwicks." says Child, in his lovely Brit accent.

"They're excellent. You must get to a shop in La Jolla, too. D.G. Wills Books. It's an old-fashioned bookstore. Two books deep on each shelf, and with a secret room."

"Okay. I'll look for it next time."

"This is a difficult question to ask an Englishman: Would you mind bragging about your

"The Hard Way is my tenth. It is number three on The New York Times list.'

"How long have you lived in the U.S.?" I ask.

"Eight years. But I'd been visiting the States extensively for 42 years. My wife is American. I feel a kind of classic immigrant's enthusiasm for the country."

"You seem to prefer it over

"Oh, absolutely," Child exclaims. "I could not wait to get out of England."

I'm surprised at his candor. "Why?"

"Because England is a dull, boring country. I mean, it's got this sort of method operatus like any other state, but for what? It's a small place of no very great importance. So it's like having a board of directors for a candy store. It's just somehow top

Lee Child has personally promoted each of his books. "Do you still enjoy touring?"

"Oh, yeah!" he enthuses. "I mean it's a blast, really, because the rest of the year is spent in solitude. This way I get out and see some real people instead of the ones I'm making up in my head."

Child spent 18 years writing for television in England, working on major productions, and then was dismissed via a message left on his answering machine. It may have been his lucky break, as he gave himself a year to write. The book had to be successful to support his family. It was, and he went on to write nine more and sell over ten million copies, earning over 18 million dollars from worldwide sales. Yet I worry about bringing up the subject.

'Ken Follett [author of Eye of the Needle] once said that he got into writing because he blew out the tires on his car and realized he couldn't replace them. And you sort of backed into it as well. You worked in the golden age of television, in England, and, like many in the global corporate world, you were downsized and laid off."

'Yeah, that's exactly right." "What do you make of television now in the States? Do you think it's coming back a bit with The Sopranos and Weeds and Big

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Creative Writing Mini-Camp

for those 13–17 led by author Kevin Gerard, Wednesday, June 28, 5 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free.

"Seussical the Musical" presented by Moonlight Stage Productions, June 28-July 9, at Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Imaginative journey hosted by Cat in the Hat directed by Kathy Brombacher, with music by Ahrens and Flaherty. Tickets range from \$19-\$34. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

All-American Baseball Bash,

Boys & Girls Club of Vista hosts 100-inning marathon baseball event, July 1-3, at Little Padres Park (410 West California Street). Children six and older may sign up for free to play; they'll be placed onto one of two large teams. Pledges requested. Registration: 760-724-6606. (VISTA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine

Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe

Avenue, 760-941-1791, (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141, (BONITA)

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years

of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated pas-

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776, (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Flying Tigers — The Forgotten Heroes of World War II" documented in exhibit continuing through Saturday, September 9. General Chennault's American volunteer group gave the Curtiss Fighter its moments of glory between December 1941 and July 1942 in China. The P-40s brought down 286 Japanese

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

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

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

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

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn

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

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

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



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An interesting phenomenon has been reported in connection with Lee Child's books. Despite the Dirty Harry vigilante violence of the main character doling out frontier justice, many booksellers have noted that more women than men are buying Jack Reacher novels. And more than half the members of the Reacher Creatures fan club are female. Theories about it abound.

"Your villains are really nasty and seemingly deserving of their violent fates, and Jack readily obliges. But do you get a lot of criticism because of his violence, or maybe your own?"

"It depends. In western Europe, absolutely. In those orderly Teutonic societies like Germany and Holland and so on, they buy the books and they like the character, but they are simultaneously appalled, by the vigilantism I guess. In the U.K. and the U.S. and Australia and other slightly more rugged countries, it's remarkable how many people actually delight in the summary executions. Which strikes me as perhaps readers are taking it as a kind of metaphorical condensation of the judicial process. The other thing I've come to believe over the years is that we read fiction to get what we know we should not have in real life. We live in a gray world, where closure is so hard to get. Your house is burgled. They're not going to catch the guys, you're not going to get your stuff back, and we long for some kind of justice. We know we can't really go around executing people in vigilante mobs in real life. Our consciousness is such that we know that is not permissible. But we yearn for it, and so we find that release in fiction."

"How far afield do you tour? Do you go to England and Germany and Japan and Australia for the books each time they come out?"

"Each territory has a separate publisher. Therefore, there's no global coordination. I always do the U.S., I always do the United Kingdom, and then I will do maybe just one other territory. This time around I'm doing Italy in between the U.S. and the U.K."

"Has the reception been pretty uniform across the globe?"

"No, it's been actually an illustration of how things happen and nobody understands why. Some nations went crazy about it early, like New Zealand. And Bulgaria. Certain nations are just inexplicable. The book will come out. It goes to number one and stays there until the next book comes out. Other countries take longer and are harder to

penetrate. Like the U.S., frankly, because this is now the tenth book before we've had the really solid-gold success. A long, hard process. Other countries are somewhere in between."

"That's got to be much better and more gratifying than, say, what [John] Grisham experienced, which is start at the top [with *The* Firm] and watch your sales fade with each succeeding title."

"Grisham did it with his second book, and it's always difficult when you do it too early. It sounds really tempting, but you're forever on a downward slide rather than an upward climb. I feel better about having done it step by step."

"I read movies are in the works, but you're having trouble casting your hero, Jack Reacher?"

"Yeah, I mean the way the movies work now without a strong studio system, you need basically three people interested at the same lunch: a producer, a director, and a star. They will get

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interested based on the quality of the script and the buzz. Many, many times we've had two out of the three committed, yet it's a question of getting all three."

"And at the same moment."

"Yes, literally at the same moment, and that's a bit of a lottery. As for casting, if there's a big-name director committed, he will cast somebody he likes. If it's a star who likes the script, he will pick out the director. It's all up for grabs still at the moment."

"With your experience in media, are you going to stay involved when the movie is made or are you going to keep distancing yourself, like many sane writers?"

"I'm going to distance myself, not because I have a problem with Hollywood at all. I like Hollywood. But I learned an interesting lesson over the winter, when I wrote a screenplay for Harvey Weinstein. He had a project that

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tured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042.

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)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May 2007), "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 "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream

Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

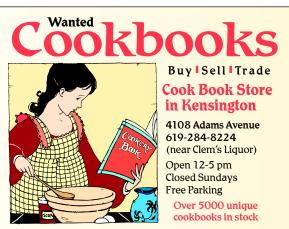
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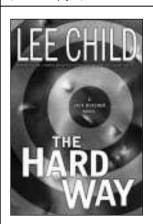


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he liked the concept of, but he did not like the way it was written. So, he asked me to rewrite it. And because I had no personal investment in the original script, no emotional investment, I was able to attack it with something that really amounted to callousness. And that triangulation, the dis-

tance of the screenwriter from the original project, I think is incredibly valuable. So that's what I'm hoping for, for my books a screenwriter who has nothing invested in it, who would be able to look at it with a clear eye and make a great movie out of it."

"After a decade of the series, are you still getting along with Jack Reacher or are you finding yourself in the position of Conan Doyle and wishing he would take a short hike on a -?'

'Down a steep waterfall? Well, I certainly understand why Conan Doyle felt the way that he felt. I've noticed that with all my contemporaries and friends. It's a love/hate relationship with the character. But when I get down to writing a new book, I'm still very friendly with him. Partly because he's so versatile. Conan Doyle, you know, that's clearly the classic series of all time, but it was limited in its scope because Sherlock Holmes was who he was, living where he was living, doing basically the same thing in every story. Whereas, Reacher is completely versatile because he's not tied to a location or a job or anything like that. He's really just a sort of wandering metaphor who can show up anywhere, doing anything. That keeps me from getting bored."

Your friend, Michael Connelly, who has authored a very successful series himself [starring Harry Bosch], boxed in his character in L.A. Homicide for a long time and then finally got smart and had him retire. That sort of freed him. And now the detective has rejoined the force on a cold case squad, which travels all over to investigate."

"That's right. That's a great series, but it does show that even a writer as talented as Michael must have felt a little weariness to have the guy in the same job."

"How do you get in touch with Reacher? I mean, you're working away at the top of the house, six and seven hours a day. In America if you want Batman, you send a signal into the

sky using a searchlight, but when you retire to your room, how do you reach him? Is there a talisman, is there a piece of music, a photo, some way that you conjure him up?"

"Well, in terms of his emotional responses to things, Reacher is largely autobiographical. So, I just try and dream up a scenario that's going to engage him. And I just sort of write it as if this was me. What would I be doing, how would I conduct myself?"

"But he doesn't love jazz, he doesn't drink heavily, what does he do for fun?"

"There's a little clue here and there. He likes some kinds of music; he likes baseball. But, largely, instead of finessing a character by supplying him with various likes and dislikes, I'm trying to leave him vague, because then he turns into what is in fact a historic paradigm, that character who has been around forever. He showed up in westerns a hundred years ago. You can definitely see him in the Middle "She's beautiful and rich: people like that are difficult."

Ages, in the chivalric sagas of knights errant, wandering the land performing good deeds. You can see him in Norse sagas, and all the way back to the Greek myths. If I were to put in jazz or beer or whatever things other writers are bolting on, then that would tend to obscure the fact that he's an empty vessel, ready for readers to pour their own desires and ambitions into."

"You introduce into the very stark landscape of Jack Reacher's world some really gorgeous lines on occasion. In this latest book, Hard Way, they come just in the middle. The line is about a woman's character: 'She's beautiful and rich; people like that are difficult. If it's not happening to them, it's not happening at all."

"I try to build in a little bit of lyricism here and there, and, as you notice, I'm still a bit of a class warrior, and always will be. But if the book starts to read like a political message, the readers are going to lose interest."

"You use it so frugally that when it comes, it really just explodes."

"I suppose the trick is to not overload it."

"It must be hard to keep it in check. Are you tempted to really let loose at times?"

"No, because I've learned over the years to do it sparingly is the most deadly way of doing

- Juris Jurjevics

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 Mas-

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

ters 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)

San Diego Tugboat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and

Valley Center History Museum.

the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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Mainly Mozart Festival 2006, annual musical series closes with concert of Mozart's "Mass in C (Coronation)" and "Requiem in D Minor" performed by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra on Friday, June 23, 8 p.m., at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Segunda and Niños Héroes). Program is repeated on Saturday, June 24, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets, reservations: 619-239-0100. (IJJUANA, DOWNTOWN)

Sunday Soirée, classical "open mike" opportunities with concert

pianist John Danke planned on fourth Sunday of each month, including June 25, 7–8:15 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Performer registration: 6:30 p.m. Offering. 858-717-4320. (CLAIREMONT)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"The First Lady of the Organ," a.k.a. Diane Bish, performs 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Bish is host of international television series *The Joy of Music.* Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

Drawings and Small Sculptures by Mauro Staccioli showcased through Saturday, July 29, at Athenaeum and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Opening reception: Friday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Border Crossings," new photographs by Steven Rubin of human/animal interactions at San Diego Zoo open at Voz Alta Gallery with reception, Friday, June 23, 7 p.m. Artist talk at 8 p.m. Find Voz Alta at 1544 Broadway; 619-230-1869. Through June. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Ocean Pinholes" — Darius Kuzmickas has pinhole photographs created with camera obscura on view through Sunday, July 16, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Meet artist Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m. Also on view: new paintings by Tracey Tarling, Sheldon Greenberg. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Anniversary Gala III," featuring work by Craig LaRotonda and six guest artists, continues through Sunday, July 9, at Limbo Gallery (1432 University Avenue). Reception for artists: Saturday, June 24, 7 p.m. 619-295-5393. (HILLCREST)

"All About Town," recent paintings by San Diego native Michael Flohr showcased on June 24 and 25 at Exclusive Collections Fine Art Gallery (7007 Friars Road #683). Receptions: Saturday, 6–9 p.m.; Sunday, noon–5 p.m. 619-858-3574. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 accel-

erated 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.

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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 lo-

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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.

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

Discover how the introduction of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs." Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Concurrently, see "Today's Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair." Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in Middle East. Both close on Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art,

"San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen" continues through Sunday, August 6. Exhibit features selected works from 16 members of group; merging craft and design, range of work is sculptural, conceptual, decorative, and functional in wood, fiber, clay, metal, and mixed-media. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore "Andy Warhol's Dream America: Screenprints from the Collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation" - through Sunday, September 10 — showcasing 100 of Warhol's prints. Works range from 1960s-1980s, including prints of Marilyn Monroe, Jacquelyn Kennedy, Mick Jagger, and Campbell's soup. Exhibit examines pop art, traditional art practices, and Warhol's "subversion of those practices, which challenged commonly held notions of what constitutes high and low art."

"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.

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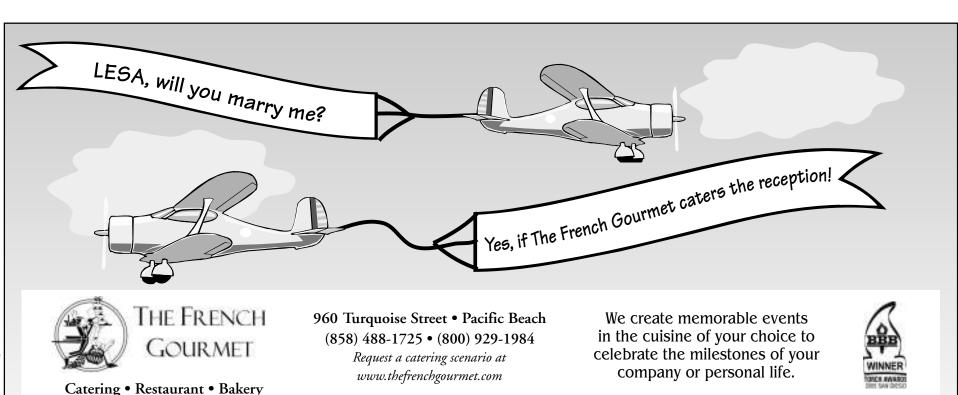
Timken Museum of Art, "Traditions in Transition: Russian Icons from the Age of the Romanovs" illustrates how icons produced during Romanov period (1613–1918) departed from tradition under the influence of Western culture. Exhibit of 45 works follows emergence of decorative oklads (covers) made from precious materials and stones. Through Tuesday, August 15.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)











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Ambition and the Mighty Dollar "I was a successful stockbroker with over a million dollars in the bank," says After the Crash

four members of After the Crash live and travel in a 2002 Dodge conversion van and trailer, purchased a couple of years ago for \$13,000.

"All we own is our wheels, a computer, and our cell phones," says Jake. "We're on the road full-time, booking, promoting, and



singer Jake, "but I lost it all on April 4, 2000, as the market was having its biggest merchandising ourselves as we go along by using free wireless Internet in towns as



AFTER THE CRASH: VANTASTIC PENNY-PINCHERS

Jake, once head of Boxwood Capital

point-down day ever."

Management and Boxwood Trading on Morena Boulevard, says he began to use his free time to write songs and tour as a solo act. Eventually, he hooked up with band members via ads placed at Craigslist. Now, the

we go.... We have eight or nine [MySpace] pages and send out over 6000 e-mail notices per town we are playing. It's really increased our turnout."

The challenge, he says, is getting Internet service without paying.

"Places like Starbucks charge, but Panera bakeries, Atlanta Bread Company, and Buffalo Wild Wings, they usually have free WiFi. We also drive by hotels to see which ones have free networks we can use. Sometimes, all you have to do is park near the right apartment complex; they have WiFi a lot, too.'

Jake says the entire band spends \$12 per day on food.

"Kiko, the guitarist, eats a one-dollar side salad from Wendy's for lunch and a dollar bean burrito for dinner (he's vegetarian). Me and the other guys buy sandwich meat and cheese from Wal-Mart for a couple of dollars and put it on bread for lunch, and dinner comes from a [fast-food] dollar menu.... The Jumbo Jack is the most food for the smallest price."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Bootleggers' Bane: The College Guy "At

nine in the morning, I knew all was not well," recalls Detroit transplant Lonnie Goldberg of the 2003 wildfires. He lived in Tierrasanta at the time.

"The air was acrid. It looked like we were right next to a nuclear power plant.... I went out to the deck and saw 50-foot flames 500 yards away. I grabbed the dog and a duffel bag.... Based on the watches we recovered after the fire, we could tell the place went two hours after we left. When I came back, the place was like a sunken ship. There was two feet of debris."

Goldberg's insurance company paid him for the loss of personal items, but they couldn't replace his record collection.

"I'm 39. I've been collecting since I was 15." Goldberg says half of his 300 disc collection (which was mostly vinyl) "melted like candle wax"; the rest were



GOLDBERG DOESN'T LIKE "B" WORD

unplayable due to heat, smoke, and water damage. His collection included Led Zeppelin, Doors, and White Stripes concerts, and "the Rolling Stones at the Sports Arena in 1969.

Since the loss, Goldberg has replaced every recording he lost in the fire and resumed collecting bootlegged concerts. This time, though, they're digital files on his computer. He downloads the concerts free of charge — from websites such as dimeadozen.org and thetradersden.org.

"[The websites have] saved me thousands of dollars," says Goldberg. Though such sites are free, "They will boot your ass if you take more than you give.... I don't like that word 'bootleg' because it implies people are profiteering from music recorded at live shows, But these websites specifically say to not sell these [downloads] for profit."

Goldberg says he has taped about 12 concerts, including the Rolling Stones at Petco Park last November. He has never been caught.

"You have to make certain sacrifices. You can't drink because you can't break to go to the restroom. You can't clap, and you have to stay away from people who yell, away from college guys."

Goldberg uses two dimesized microphones he clips onto a black shirt; the recording device he smuggles in his pants.

— Ken Leighton

He'd Rap a While for a **Camel** Ocean Beach resident Brendan B, a 25-year-old rapper from Chicago, has no record label,

out a few hundred copies.

"I know a few of the Camel [cigarette] reps," says Brendan. "This kid, Chris -I call him 'Camel Chris' — I gave him a copy of my CD, and he told me that [Camel was] doing a show with Mix Master Mike [last Wednesday at On Broadway]. So, they just asked me if I wanted to [perform].

"The place was packed," says Brendan, who shared the stage with DJ Phobik and Apoc. "They gave away 3000 tickets and only allowed 600 people in. I was nervous at first, but once my name was announced I just bumrushed the stage and rocked the house.... Hopefully one day I'll be the headliner and I'll get paid more than \$33 for a show.'

— Dryw Keltz



BRENDAN B (RIGHT) AND KRS ONE

no management, and no airplay for the 13-song demo he's been handing out.

"I work at Sunshine Company in Ocean Beach," says Brendan. "When I'm working the door at the bar, I'll check an ID and then I'll give them a CD. Right now, no one knows me and it's hard to sell a CD, so I'm just giving them away, trying to spread the word." Brendan estimates that he has given

Not So Smooth On June 7, smooth-jazz KIFM morning host Melissa Sharpe said something on the air that caused her to be fired in the middle of her shift.

"My general manager said I don't connect with you and you don't connect with me," she said. "That I'm not 'being real' with you on the air. I don't think that is true. If you disagree with him, e-mail





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him and tell him."

On the air, Sharpe said she'd met with KIFM general manager Darrel Goodin the day before. After Sharpe rallied her listeners to contact Goodin, and after airing listeners' calls of support for over an hour, the station's engineer and business manager entered the studio and asked her to leave.

There are many questions about the episode that neither side will answer. For instance, why would KIFM management want to retool her show? The station is experiencing a surge in ratings; Sharpe's show is one of the top five most successful morning shows in local radio (which include KGB, KSON, Star 94.1, and KYXY) among the most desired age range of listeners, 25-54. Unlike the other toprated morning shows that have staffs of five or six people, Sharpe does her show alone, without a sidekick or a producer.

Sharpe wouldn't comment about rumors that she may take legal action. Some radio veterans say her on-air plea for support constituted a substantial break in KIFM's format, which may not help if litigation does occur.

KIFM's Goodin responds: "All of us here at KIFM are very surprised by Melissa's comments, many of which were inaccurate. She had a reaction to a very standard programming discussion about how our air staff could better relate to our listeners. Given the need for confidentiality in matters of our employees, we find ourselves at the disadvantage of not being able to tell our story. I hope that people will not rush to judge KIFM or me based on hearing one side of the story."

The last time a DJ



SHARPE'S TONGUE CUTS HER LOOSE

precipitated his termination while on the air was in December 2001, when Matty Keating (of former alternative North County station 92/1) played songs with off-color lyrics and put callers on the air who used obscenities.

"I snapped," Keating said at the time. "I played stuff that was not exactly FCC friendly."

– Ken Leighton

"She thought I was Bono," says Pavel Sfera of Ireland's president. Sfera met her at a public appearance he made in Dublin last month. Sfera was in high school in 1982 when he started hearing the Bono comparisons, "But it really started happening in the last five years."

Sfera has an SDSU degree in city planning that he has

never used. He works in property management and real estate and with Desire, San Diego's first U2 tribute band, which he started a year ago.

HIM AND

BONO, HUH?

DID YOU HEAR

TOM DELONGE ANNOUNCED

HE MIGHT BE RUNNING FOR

POLITICAL OFFICE?

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: HOUSE OF BLUES

Sfera's gigs as a celebrity impersonator earn him the biggest paychecks. He retains an agent and a manager who have obtained work for him in TV and landed him public appearances in Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, and L.A. He earns



MORE THAN ONE BONO (SFERA)

between \$200 and \$600 per walk-on.

"I have done eight TV shows." On the Carson Daly

show, he and other celebrity impersonators were rated on a scale of one to ten; Sfera received a ten. He characterizes his experience on Chelsea Handler's show as "crude and cheesy."

WITH SO MANY ACTORS IN

POLITICS, IT KINDA

MAKES SENSE

Sfera estimates there are at least a dozen Bono impersonators in U2 tribute bands.

"Sonically, I think some of the other singers do it better than myself," admits Sfera, who emigrated from Yugoslavia with his family.

"I never tell people that I'm Bono; I actually have a life. I don't do the Bono thing 100 percent with the exact same jacket, earrings, and haircut." Sfera says he's 5'8", two inches taller than Bono. "I'm 40 and he's 45." Similar to Bono, Sfera says he has been doing humanitarian work since high school.

"I spent the summer of '91 working with handicapped orphans in a Romanian village called Rimnicu Vilcea. I designed and built a playground using a student loan.... I helped build bathrooms for farmers in San Quintín [in Baja]."

Desire appears July 1 at the Dublin Square Pub downtown.

— Ken Leighton

Drummer's Girl Spontaneously

I DON'T

REALLY WANT MUSIC

STARS TELLING ME WHAT

I SHOULD THINK.

POLITICS HAVE BEEN A FREAK SHOW SINCE MARY CAREY.

Combusts! Before he joined a Scribe Amidst the Lions, drummer "Nate [Ball] was more or less using his drum kit for dirty laundry bins," says singer Kristofer

around his feet. After refusing to leave, she proceeded to lock herself in the hall closet for the next 20 minutes with someone else's half-finished wineglass. No one remembers what happened to the glass.... Some say they heard it break

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

THEY CAN

SOUTH POLE.

IF THE DIXIE

CHICKS WANT A SMALL

AUDIENCE WHO ARE

COOL ENOUGH TO

"GET IT".



NATE, A DRUMMER AMIDST MAYHEM

Towne. After their first practice session with Ball evolved into a house party, says Towne, "The old drummer's intoxicated girlfriend showed up and started causing a scene...flashing people, running around the neighbor's yards shouting obscenities until the cops

"Upon spotting Nate and hearing what was going on, she started breaking bottles on the kitchen floor, all inside the closet, prompting suicide [worries]. Some say it just disappeared like she should have, and just the other day someone said that it was probably still in that fucking closet because us guys never cleaned anything."

— Jay Allen Sanford

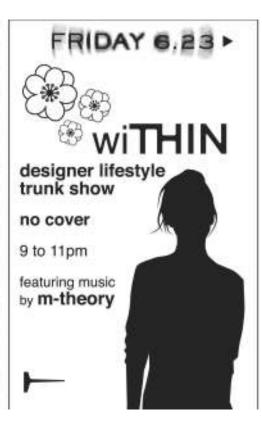
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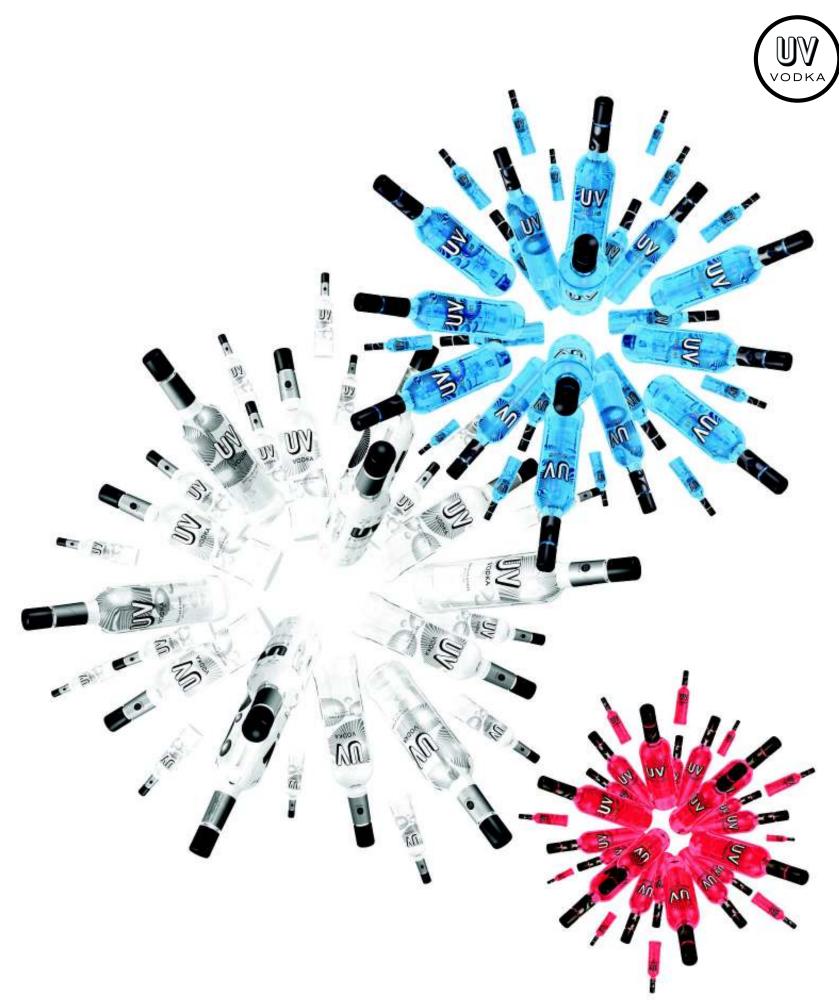












CELEBRATE



Monster Megamix

"Everyone else in the band had their own problems - cancer, kids, wife."

ow did The City's Finest meet? "I've known Brian and Robby since we were in middle school, although I didn't join the band until just before college," says rhythm guitar player Chris Lenz. "I used to hang out with

them while they were practicing, thinking about how cool it would be to be in a band, while they were jamming along to the likes of Rufio, Yellowcard, and New Found

Glory. I think I had only owned a guitar for about six months at this point and hardly knew how to play the damn thing, but I can still vividly remember the first time Robby had temporarily switched from bass to vocals, and the band asked me to step in to replace him. For a 16-year-old kid like me, it was like winning American Idol."

'Robby and I have been in bands together since we were 15 or 16," says singer Brian Grider. 'We were Strave for the longest of all our bands, about three years."

'I have been in a bunch of bands with Brian and Chris," says bass player Robby Powers Davis, "with ridiculous names like Luigi's Sorrow, but they were really all the same band — we just hadn't gotten our style down yet.'

"I play guitar and sing in the acoustic-techno monster megamix band the Dateless Losers," says drummer Tim Curns. "Our lead guitarist is pretty busy with grad school, and I wanted to get back behind the drum set, so I found these guys.'

"A little over a year ago I was in a band called Nicollen," says lead guitarist Andrew Stone. "It was my first real band that actually tried to get somewhere. It was a great experience, even though I had to drive about two hours, two to three times a week, for practice, and everyone else in the band had their own problems - cancer, kids, wife. I started looking through Craigslist for bands wanting to jam, and I found a couple bands that were cool, but nothing really struck me. I got sick of

looking and just put up my own ad in Craigslist, and Brian e-mailed me a few days after...we got together, and I really loved the sound he was going for."

INSTRUMENTS USED?

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

Brian "I use a TC-Helicon VoiceLive vocal processor. I play a bit of keyboards live as well.

Tim "I bought a used Pearl Session kit from a guy who refurbishes drums. They are fairly new in my hands, but I'm rocking them as much as possible. It's like driving someone else's car for the first few weeks...then you can't imagine how you lived without it."

Chris "A special-edition Ibanez that I bought at Guitar Center about two years ago. It was my first 'real' guitar, so I have a real sense of affinity toward it. I must have tried out at least 30 guitars with our singer that day, but nothing seemed to fit. We were actually on our way out when he saw it hidden amongst a stack of promotional items they had piled at the front of the store. 'What about that one?' he said, and from the moment we plugged in we knew it was the one."

Robby "My bass was presented to me in a dream. The next day, as I was walking through a deserted house, I found it leaning against the wall."

EARLIEST MEMORY?

Chris "I climbed onto a chair to try and reach the



The City's Finest

countertop in the kitchen of our first house but ended up slipping and accidentally grabbing my mom's miniature cactus to try and halt my fall. I actually remember being blown off by some magical gust of wind, but that's probably just my subconscious compensating for my childhood stupidity. My aunt was pulling those needle things out of my hands with tweezers for hours."

Brian "I remember sleeping in my bed when I was about four years old. Someone grabbed my foot, so I woke up and said, 'What do you want?' There was no answer, so I opened my eyes...I looked around and saw nothing. At that point I was incredibly scared and just dived under the covers. I've been scared of ghosts up until about three days

Tim "I fell off a stool when I was little and chipped my gum. My tooth came in gray, and I had to deal with that for a few years.

Andrew "When I was a kid my four sisters lis-

tened to a band called Depeche Mode. It's all they would ever listen to, so I totally got into it. My parents hated it. I remember them calling it Depressed Mood. I got so into it I would put it on and dance around."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO NEIGHBORHOOD?

Tim "I like downtown a lot. It's pretty clean for a downtown metro area, and it reminds me of our music in a certain way.'

Andrew "Fallbrook. It's a little outside of San Diego, but I met some of the greatest people in the world from that small town.'

Brian "La Jolla. I'm very used to organization and rich people.'

Robby "South Park. It's just a cool place to hang

Chris "South Mission Beach is where it's at. I lived there during the school year and was within walking distance of, like, eight different bars." ■











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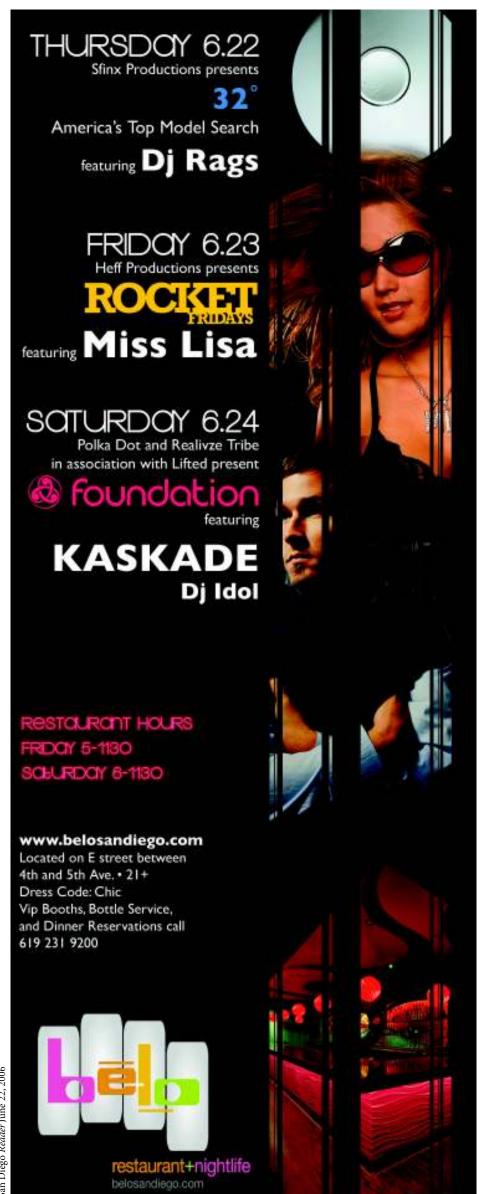
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India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

FRIDAY

Styx: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar 858-755-1161

Rosie Flores and Cindy Lee **Berryhill:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Fiona Apple: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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Pink Martini: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island SUNDAY

Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

Il Divo: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, June 25, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Donna Summer: Vieias Casino

LL Cool J: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 25, 2050 Entertainment

Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600. Les Claypool: House of Blues, Sunday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

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Radiohead: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Monday, June 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

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TUESDAY

Melissa Etheridge: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar.

Radiohead: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, June 27, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Built to Spill: House of Blues, Tuesday, June 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

WEDNESDAY

Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 28, 2260 Jimm Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

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Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Sunday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Fairport Convention: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, July 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Reverend Horton Heat: House of Blues, Sunday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Carrie Underwood: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Monday, July 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Pat Green: 4th & B, Monday, July 3, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 4, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rob Thomas and Jewel: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, July 5, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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Brand New: House of Blues, Friday, July 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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John Renbourn: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, July 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Mason Jennings: House of Blues, Saturday, July 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. **Venice:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marc Anthony and Marco Antonio Solis: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 16, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Foo Fighters: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, July 17, Third Avenuand B Street, 619-570-1100.

Nils Lofgren: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, July 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Edwin McCain: House of Blues, Thursday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Church: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, July 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Bruce Hornsby: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Friday, July 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Saturday, July 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray: House of Blues, Saturday, July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Herman's Hermits: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Sunday, July 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Taking Back Sunday: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Robin Trower: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343

Steely Dan: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Monday, July 24, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Duncan Sheik: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, July 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Santana: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Thursday, July 27, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Terri Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jurassic-5: 4th & B, Thursday, July 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Al Green: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Sammy Hagar: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Manu Chao: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 30, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Bruce Cockburn: House of Blues, Monday, July 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

AUGUST

619-671-3600.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pete Yorn: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Rollins Band and **X:** 4th & B, Tuesday, August 1, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Sean Hannity, Hank Williams Jr., and Lee Greenwood: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

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Julio Iglesias: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Ramblin' Jack Elliott: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Ben Harper: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, August 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Lonestar: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Hal Ketchum: Belly Up Tavern Sunday, August 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Death Cab for Cutie: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, August 15, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Neville Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Buddy Guy and **Robert Cray:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

Los Lonely Boys: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, August 16, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Shakira: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, August 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Cracker and Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The John Jorgenson Quintet: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, August 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay. Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dennis DeYoung: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island The Dave Brubeck Quartet: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island

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2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Mars Volta: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and Chris **Botti:** Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, August 22 Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters and Toad the Wet Sprocket: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Def Leppard and Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista 619-671-3600.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

Al Jarreau and George Benson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.



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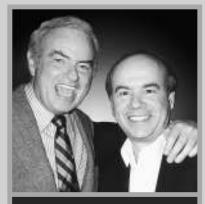
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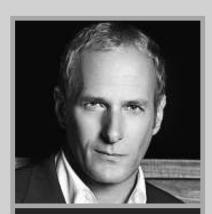
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Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"American Idols Live 2006": San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Richie Havens: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, August 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Roseanne Cash: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

John Fogerty: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Little River Band: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

SEPTEMBER

James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown 619-235-9500. Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by

the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. **Brian Howe:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 7, 143 South

Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Linda Eder: San Diego Civic Theatre, Saturday, September 9, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

The Wailers: House of Blues, Sunday, September 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes and The Fabulous

Thunderbirds: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Matisyahu: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 12, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Bonnie Raitt and **Keb' Mo':** Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, September 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dwight Yoakam: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Albine. 619-445-5400.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 17, 2050



BY DAVE GOOD

If there is genius in the Hacienda Brothers, it is in their ability to sound like a very old band. The Brothers' music has a patina of age not often courted by modern country. Chris Gaffney and Dave Gonzalez can sing like bourbon-soaked geezers with rusted voices who were rescued from oblivion by a record scout on a tour of lost Texas bars. They are not. They are relatively young men (Gaffney is a veteran of Dave Alvin's Guilty Men; Gonzalez is a member of the Paladins) with an ear tuned to history. Even the title cut from What's Wrong with Right, the Brothers' sophomore release, sounds like something Hank Williams might have found scribbled on a cocktail napkin one hung-over morning

That Gonzalez and Gaffney hooked up

with **Dan Penn** couldn't have hurt. Dan Penn and Spooner Oldham are the Gamble/Huff of blue-eyed soul. Penn and Oldham shared more than a few stages with Gonzalez and the Paladins over the years, and when the Hacienda Brothers project firmed up, Penn was tapped to help write songs and produce the band's first two CDs.

The result is a blend of R&B and country they call western soul, and it works — not that the two genres are that different at their respec-

tive core in the first place. But the blend of country sensibilities and urban rhythms has helped the Hacienda Brothers master the sound of sad. Almost every one of their songs tugs at heartstrings of one kind or another. "Midnight Dream," "Keep It Together," a cover version of "Rebound," and a cover of Penn's "Cry Like a Baby" — the tone caters to the sometimes darker human emotions we often ignore, at least until they



come to visit. Measured out in country haiku with pedal steel flourishes and a solid R&B grounding, the Hacienda Brothers may be a contrivance, but they sound more real than anything Nashville has promoted for decades.

HACIENDA BROTHERS, The Casbah, Saturday, June 24, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355.

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

Brian Culbertson and **Keiko Matsui:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 21, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ani DiFranco: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, September 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 619-235-0804.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Mayer and Sheryl Crow: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South. 619-445-5400.

Engelbert Humperdinck: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Venice: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, September 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Na Leo: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ellis Paul: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Mariah Carey: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171. **The Young Dubliners:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Larry Carlton Blues Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

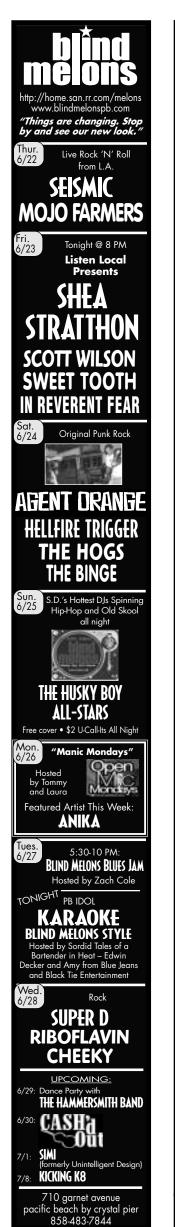
Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600

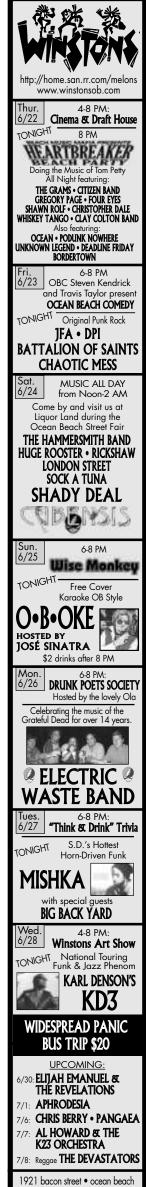


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Frank Black: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marta Topferova: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Susan Werner: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

DECEMBER

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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DJ EVENTS

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or fax information to 619-881-2401 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and electroclash/minimal techno with Mono Mono, Wero, and DJ Sonico. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 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. Gogo 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 postpunk. 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, DJs Veep Reekins and friends spin underground and classic hip-hop. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:

Thursdays, Mundo Caliente, DJ Sambo spins reggaeton, merengue, and salsa. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Sundays, Hot Summer Sundays, hip-hop and R&B with guest DJs. Wednesdays, Bay Area, dance and old skool with DJ Kool T. 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.

Mashed-Up Wednesdays:

Wednesdays, mashups, breaks, and house with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 21 and up. Dino's 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hiphop, 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.

and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Tap 40/pop

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Offbeats*, rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road,
Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Saturday,
8 p.m., *the Hank Show*, country.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Radiohead is one of the few acts around today that is defined by its albums. For a band that prides itself on its modernism, it's a surprisingly old-fashioned situation: In an age of downloads and iPods, bootlegs and mash-ups, you can still find people who will fight over the relative merits of OK Computer or The Bends. You can name any number of bands that took their inspiration from one of those albums or the other (interestingly, rarely from both). And you'll find many people who think of Radiohead albums as important milestones in their lives. In his rambling book Killing Yourself to Live. rock critic Chuck Klosterman devotes much of a chapter to dissecting the ways in which Kid A predicted the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks a year before they happened. No doubt he's working on a follow-up about how 2003's *Hail to the Thief* predicted voting irregularities in Ohio in 2004 and the government's poor response to Hurricane Katrina.

But alongside all the album worship, a huge constituency will tell you that Radiohead is, above all else, a great live band. Probably even the members of Radiohead will tell you that. Singer **Thom Yorke** recently told *Rolling Stone* that the band decided to go on tour this year, despite not having a new

album — or at the moment, even a record contract — in order to get back to basics and "remember what the f— we do it for."

Yorke's first solo release, the electronically based album *The Eraser*, comes out next month, but the band isn't playing any songs from it on the current tour. Instead they're playing several new, more guitar-ori-



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ented songs and lots of old crowd favorites. (To hear a sample of **Radiohead**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then

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Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Mother Funk*. Saturday, *Synygy*, rock.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, acoustic

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. Friday, Beautiful Trouble, Terna Incognita, and Falling from Planes. Saturday, Throw Rag, Instigator, Daredevil Jane, and the Wrecking Crew. Sunday, My Waking Dream, the Rescue Plan, Yesterday's Rising, Fairlane, and the Burning of Rome. Tuesday, Mike Officer, Spud Davenport, Josh Damigo, Barbara Nesbitt, the Lost, and IU. Wednesday, Hot Like a Robot, Tailgunner, Damiera, and

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, Chill Boy, blues. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat, classic rock. 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., *Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Heartland*, pop.

Le Papaguyo, 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-944-8252. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Flounders*, surf roots.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk

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., X-Factor, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Surge. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Cradit Union, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz.

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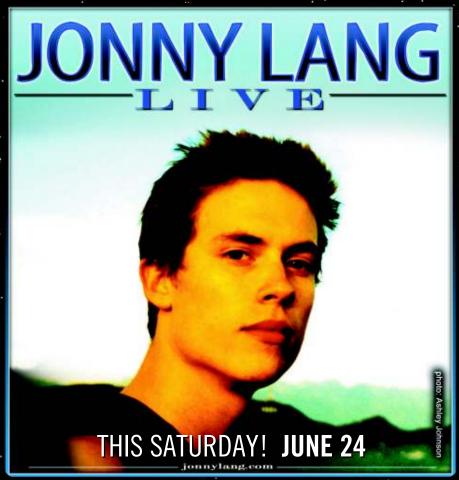
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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 9 p.m., Seismic, and the Mojo Farmers, rock. Friday, 10 p.m., Cathryn Beeks, Shea Stratton, Scott Wilson, Sweet Tooth, and In Reverent Fear, rock/alternative. Saturday, Agent Orange, Hellfire Trigger, the Hogs, and Binge, modern rock. Sunday, the Husky Boy Allstars, Monday, open mike. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, Super D, Riboflavin, and Cheeky, 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, Johnny Different, Ten Mile Dive, Unbeknown, and Seventimes. Friday, the Expendables, Mystic Roots, Split Finger, and the Stone Senses. reggae Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, Modessa, Crimson Knight, Necrocide, and Broken Foundati Wednesday, call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney, solo/blues, Friday, Charles Burton, blues. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, Gasoline Chicken, Slow Car Boost, and Milestone Friday, Vocoder, Orion Frequency, Ketchikan, and Vintage Honey. Saturday, Funktuation, Day One, Lil' Joe, and Blacktooth Grin, and Requiem

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-0541, Friday Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, live

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert* Castellanos, jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant and Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind, global jazz. Friday and Saturday, call club for information

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Live rock, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *Material* Witness, rock.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111, Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Soul Seduction, jazz.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Barry Levich, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, Rick Ross, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. Thursday and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Joe Marillo*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information.

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., *Yvette Stewart* and *Jim* Hughart, traditional jazz.

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, Wonka Bar, rock. Saturday, Torpedo Betty, swing. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Big Backyard, rock. Wednesday, call club for

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Tom Petty tribute night. Friday, *Battalion of* Saints, D.P.L. and I.F.A., rock, Saturday, Sockatuna, Brain Buckit, the Hammersmith Band, London Street, Rickshaw, Huge Rooster, and Cubensis, rock. Sunday, Wise Monkey, groove. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Big Backyard, rock Wednesday, the Karl Denson Jazz Trio.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted Thursday, Junkies and Thieves and Blue Tendryl. Friday, the Accident Experiment, FM Revolver, the Blackletter Days, and Arm the Angels. Saturday, C-Clan and O.P.M. Tuesday, Shaimus and Gilly Leads. Wednesday, Knife Fight, Head to

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Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, '80s/house/hip-hop. Saturday, alternative music. Tuesday, *DJ Carlos Culture*, reggae. Wednesday, *DJ Jack Tripper*, house/progressive.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Thursday, Your Favorite Something, Pillars of Autumn, and Forever Embrace. Friday, Gatsby's American Dream, My American Heart, Waking Ashland, and This Providence. Saturday, 7 p.m., Neighborhood Concepts, Old English, hip hop, and Continental Kit, jazz/funk, and the Undersea Collective. Sunday, Underminded, Sever Your Ties, Trigger My Nightmare, Thieves and Liars, the Human Abstract, This Is the Hospital, the 25th Hour, and Of Hearts and Shadows. Wednesday, Bane, Modern Life Is War, This Is Hell, Outbreak, and Last Priest.

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

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, wn, 619-238-2389, Thursday Flock of 80's. Friday, DJs Tony Aguilera and Nick Shakes, dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Quinazo*, soul/rock/reggae. Friday, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown. Saturday 9 p.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jeanette Harris, smooth jazz. Monday, 9 p.m., Ronnie Baker Brooks, rockin' blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Jackie Allen, jazz, Wednesday 8 p.m. to midnight, the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is heavy rock/metal/alternative. Friday, the Creepy Creeps, Monsters from Mars, and the Mothballs. Saturday, Emery Byrd, Roman Spring, and the High Rolling Loners. Sunday, Chinese Telephone and

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, *Sven*-Erik Seaholm, Rusty Jones, and Patti Zlaket. Friday, Evan Bethany, Molly Jensen, and Saba. Saturday, Robin Henkel, blues. Sunday, Reeve Oliver. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Rob Deez, Patch, and Robert Hemmi.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue. San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.



Album: Tripping the Breaker (2005)

Artist: Ten Mile Dive Label: self-released

Where available/price: Free at tmdtunes.com or

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Songs: 1) Opaque 2) Lies 3) Too Late 4) Believe

Band: Chris Boggeln, vocals, bass; lan Gladd, guitar; Noblik

McArthur, drums

Extra info: This promo album was produced by Rob Hill of Powerman 5000. A full-length LP is scheduled for release later this summer.

Ten Mile Dive is a mixture of pop punk and mainstream emo, yet the sound is heavy at times. The pop punk and emo nuances come from the lead vocals; they aren't whiny or high

register, they're more like Tom Delonge from blink-182 or Paul Reubens (when he's not doing Pee Wee Herman).

What's a little more mainstream emo-ish is the pace and rhythm of the guitar

work. "Opaque" is reminiscent of Jimmy Eat World's "Sweetness." In "Believe," the guitar drifts to the heavier side but never treads into, say, Tool territory.

One other thing about the band: they are freakin' talented. Every note is crisp, every mark is hit, and the drum work is precise and in a few instances as quick as an assault rifle. The pace is sophisticated, with stops in the beat, lowered talking voices, and quiet moments that give way to the quicker, louder guitar and drums.

Unlike the pop-punk and mainstream bands mentioned above, Ten Mile Dive doesn't have catchy hooks in their songs. There are choruses, but they don't stand out as noticeable or something to



sing along with. To break into a bigger scene, they'll need to punch up the hooks and differentiate their sound from that of other low-level national bands. But, they've put together a nice group, and if they keep it together and mix some things up, they could open for big acts.

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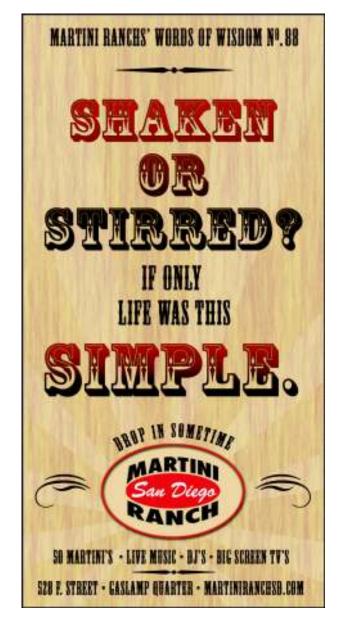








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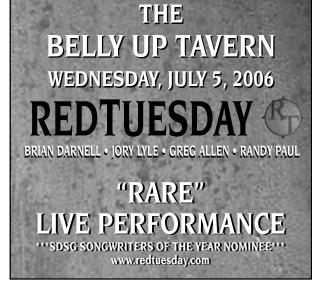




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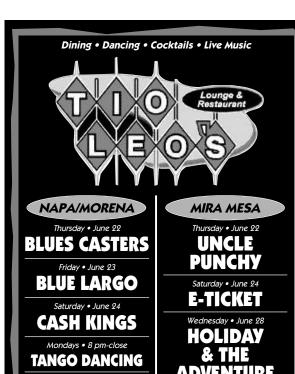
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Confidential is the leader of this global tapas pack. Its chef is Chris Walsh, who showed great promise at California Cuisine and later at his own Cafe W, both in Hillcrest. Now Walsh has resurfaced at this atmospheric Gaslamp lounge and is no longer merely promising — he has achieved liftoff. His grazing menu offers something for every taste, from the barely legal blonde at the bar, nibbling spiced cashews behind her Cosmo, to the culinary adventurer looking for cuisine, not a scene.

The restaurant occupies a historic brick building with Roman arches supporting the windows. Giant round chandeliers hang overhead, lending the effect of a chic, updated '70s disco (minus the spinning lights). Seating is on comfortable white leatherette couches and square ottomans along the window's edge and at a high white banquette facing tall barstools along the side-wall, opposite the long bar and a large blue screen pendant from the soaring ceiling.

There are several DVD screens around the room: At our first visit (which coincided with a "handbag show" by a local young designer), the one nearest us ran a silent documentary that depicted Khmer Rouge atrocities, including piles of skulls. That seemed odd in the context of the loud techno music with booming bass, and the evening's louder-yet twentysomething crowd, too busy waving, chatting, and table-hopping to give the screen a glance. A balcony-level loft with more tables looks down on the action. That and the outside patio seem to be the primo spots for peace-lovers when the house is full. Happily, not all nights are so frantic — another weeknight visit at an early hour found the room quieter and the vibe mellow.

The loose-sheet menu printed on fuchsia copy paper (so you can check off your choices if you have a pen on hand) includes 30-odd items. The first menu section is called "Shooters, Spoons and Demi Soups," most of these furnishing about four bites total — but those bites are intense. Take the dish described as "Diced Maine Lobster-Passion Fruit-Ginger-Grapefruit-Ponzu." A glass cylinder arrives filled with a mysterious col-



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loid that proves a brilliant way to present (or disguise) the bulk lobster knuckle meat that has been showing up everywhere. This bracing mixture contrasts the dark flavor of passion fruit and the tartness of citrus against the lightest touch of soy.

You get a small spoon, but after the lobster bits were gone, we simply chug-a-lugged it like a sushi bar's honeymoon oyster.

Crispy veal sweetbreads are another dish that meets the challenge of a difficult ingredient: Sweetbread (cow pancreas or thymus) is so unctuous that it's too filling for a full entrée. Here, you get a fried morsel, crisped on the surface, complemented by diced candied quince (very sweet), a mini-frizz of peppery "rainbow sprouts," and a crowning touch of savory Banyuls gastrique, a light sauce made from a young red Provençal wine. It's a great dish to introduce this seldomseen delicacy to people who've never tried it.

This menu section also yields a jumbo sea scallop sashimi — three paper-thin slices of silky sea scallop topped with three fresh blackberries, dressed in Kaffir lime-infused olive oil and garnished with micro mint sprigs. The combination is fresh, subtle, unexpected. Then there's the most substantial choice, a small cup of lobster bisque, sweetened with a touch of Tuaca citrus-vanilla liqueur and topped with a puff of vanilla whipped cream. It resembles a cup of hot cocoa made with

lobster instead of chocolate, and in place of a cookie, it comes with a crostini of lobster meat and mascarpone cheese. The soup was too sweet for my partner's tastes,

but I found it a kick.

"Small Plates Cold" are next on the menu. These include bar nibbles like marinated olives, fried almonds, spiced cashews, and house-made soft pretzels, followed by several salads. The cheese plate (with fruit conserves and spiced walnuts) makes a sophisticated final course in lieu of dessert. We also enjoyed a roasted white corn pancake (served hot, not cold), slicked with a spicy pepper purée. Crowning the pancake is a chilled curl of spicy salmon gravlax — house-cured in tequila, cilantro, and powdered pasilla chile — girdling a palate-cooling dollop of crème fraîche.

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pink page. These tapas aren't all that small. We found them substantial enough to share between

Not to be missed is a summertime specialty: BBQ Sugarcane Shrimp Adobo. At first bite, my inner Little Richard wanted to burst into screams of jubilation: "He's got it! Yeah-eah he's got it!! Whop bobalula, a whomp bam boom!" Two jumbo shrimps (each skewered on a small stick of sugarcane) are rubbed with Mexican-style adobo paste and briefly cooked on a very hot gas grill. The adobo caramelizes to a sweet, smoky char, especially on the tail shell, while the prawn meat



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emerges tender and juicy. The shrimps are perched on a martini glass, atop a haystack of crunchy jicama sticks with a light Meyer lemon dressing, covering a scoop of pineapple-Scotch Bonnet sorbet icy-spicy-sweet. Scotch Bonnets are the Iamaican variant of the $haba\~{n}ero \, (reputedly \, the \, hottest$ of all chilies) that are not merely incendiary but boast a unique fruity-mustardy flavor. In this dish, all the flavors, textures, and temperatures harmonize but remain distinct — sweet, smoky, savory and spicy, hot and cold, smooth, crunchy, and meaty and you get to participate in the creation of this masterpiece by choosing your sequence of bites.

A similar thought pattern seems to animate the seared foie gras plate, which comes with savory pinot noir onion marmalade and candied apples, along with a glassful of bubbly apple mimosa (champagne and pulpy apple nectar). I loved the mouth-shocking surprise of the mimosa, but the foie gras seemed greasy.

A wilder harmony arises from a quartet of hot bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with Parmesan. A thick, crisp slice of applewood-smoked premium bacon is a delicious foil to each fruit, and the cheese inside is melted to a rich, nutty-flavored goo. I took a couple of these home to gently nuke the next morning, and they were a breakfast of champions — or at least a champion breakfast.

Asian flavors are represented in several seafood dishes. Black mussels in Thai red coconut curry make a full entrée for one

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(or even two, if you've been noshing through the menu). The mussels were pristine, every single one clean-smelling, open, and tender. The curry is light, thinned with sake and sweetened with a simple syrup infused with Kaffir lime leaves. The dish is decorated with spinach leaves, deep-fried to crisp, translucent green lace (a technique Walsh borrowed from Nobu — the famous New York Nobu, that is). Alongside are crostini to dip in the sauce; ask the waiter for more if you need them.

Vietnamese braised jumbo sea scallops — another substantial portion — were instantly recognizable as a piscine spin on Vietnamese shaking beef — very specifically, the shaking beef cooked by Charles Pham at San Francisco's famed Slanted Door, where both Walsh and I have enjoyed the dish. The tender scallops are robed in a sauce of caramelized sugar, ground star anise, and plentiful black pepper, with additional spice from Thai basil and togarashi ("seven spices"), a Japanese powdered blend that includes hot Asian chilies, orange zest, ginger, and nori seaweed. The dish has plenty of kick, and the star anise and citrus peel keep drawing you into it with their seductive fragrances. Alongside is a mound of spice-sprinkled jasmine rice and a slice of starfruit (carambola). Crisp and tart, the fruit is good for nibbling between bites to "cool" the sugar and heat.

Less successful, we thought, was a miso-glazed salmon medallion with palm sugar vinaigrette and fried pea-shoot leaves. Nothing seriously wrong there (although the fish may have been cooked a few seconds too long), but it was

less jazzy than our other dishes. There's also a plate of jumbo shrimp tempura with garlic fries and chipotle aioli. We didn't try it, but as a familiar-sounding dish among the exotica, it was a clear favorite of the hard-drinking young crowd at the designer pocket-book show.

The same crowd went for the Mexican-influenced dishes, I noticed. Trying some ourselves, we loved the mini-quesadillas of folded-over small corn tortillas (themselves remarkably full-flavored) filled with squash blossoms, huitlacoche, and queso fresco. The secret is: split them open and insert some of the savory roasted tomato salsa served alongside, which completes the chord. But I found a rock shrimp tostada dish rather ordinary, dominated by the bean component.

Still hungry? A good choice to cap off a grazing dinner is the beef tenderloin skewer, featuring superb rare meat with a double-dip: a gorgonzola fondue made with a fine grade of cheese and a rich dark red port wine reduction. The two invariably flow together. You can even play fancy chef and paint psychedelic squiggle patterns with the sauces on your plate.

"Sliders" is the final menu section, consisting of four hot mini-burgers, plus a grilled baguette with Fontina cheese, turkey, et al. The sliders come in choices of Indian spiced lamb, Angus beef, or duck confit, all served with garlic fries. We tried the duck, its bun garnished with a sweet honey-rum glaze. Given a limited appetite, I prefer to spend mine on the more original and venturesome dishes here, but the sliders are mainstays of the cocktail crowd. The garlic fries proved quite garlicky, but otherwise,

they're McDonald's-style, slim and pale with pulpy interiors. At a restaurant as good as Confidential, I'd have expected double-fried *frites* with melting interiors, or crisp, skinny strawfried potatoes — in short, something more spectacular. Odds are, the club kids prefer them as is.

Finding beverages to go with such a range of dishes and flavors was a labor of love and laughter. The house cocktails I tried mainly ran sweet for my tastes (with the exception of the stately \$14 Millionaire Margarita, made with anejo tequila and fresh-squeezed lime). I usually match fruity white wines with spicy ethnic foods, and a selection of non-Chard, non-Sauv vintages, labeled something like "Good to Know," held suitable choices, including a Riesling, a Gewürtz, a Viognier, and especially a lyrical Marsanne-Viognier blend. Headwaiter Sam (he's the tattooed guy) displays excellent taste in both the foods and wines here and dispenses reliable advice; the second evening I followed his suggestion of a glass of Chalk Hill Chardonnay. It truly had the "right stuff," a blend of butter and oak with a strong enough backbone to stand up to every storm of seasonings.

Desserts seem aimed at the younger crowd, with choices like vanilla bean crème brûlée and white chocolate brownies (with an option for gooey sauces). I tried the one grown-up possibility, crustless Meyer lemon cheese tart with fruit confit. Not bad, but I think Walsh's pronounced sweet tooth is better expressed when he uses fruits and syrups as grace notes for savory and spicy dishes — a skill he's mastered. Since he changes the

menu with the seasons, I can hardly wait to come back and see what he'll invent next.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I started learning to cook at a very young age," says chef Chris Walsh. "My mother was a good cook and had been a restaurateur before I was born, and she looked back on it with a certain remembered glamour. I was just naturally curious about cooking. I never intended to become a chef, yet my first job was in a restaurant when I was 16 - washing dishes. I enjoyed it, oddly enough! They let me start cooking three months into the job. Because I cooked at home, I already knew how to use a knife and to cook simple stuff. By the time I was 17, I was actually the sous chef of a small Italian restaurant, Ristorante Gallileo, in Poway, my hometown. I studied for a year at Mesa College's Culinary Food Service Program, but I found I was learning more from actually working in restaurants.

"I was sous chef at La Jolla Village Inn, and then I worked in New York for about two years. Then I went to Gustav Anders [a famed San Diego restaurant that, before it moved north to the L.A. area, was the "alma mater" of, among others, Laurel founder Douglas Organ and Parallel 33's Amiko Gubbins]."

After cooking for nearly a decade at California Cuisine on University Avenue, he opened his own Cafe W in the fall of 2001. There he pioneered his small-plate menu until a kitchen fire closed the doors. "It wasn't really a bad fire, and it looked like we could reopen in about eight weeks," says Chris. "But the landlord dangled us along for about eight months

before we finally said, okay, we have to move on. During that time I burned up most of my savings. I did little odd jobs cooking dinner parties until this [offer] came along. When I met with the owners of Confidential — they're an investment group — I was involved in the design and planning of it for six months before it opened.

"This sort of menu really came from my experiences in New York and San Francisco. It led me back to when I was much younger, in the '80s, when there was a trend called 'grazing.' For me, it was a great thing. A group of us would go to three different restaurants in one night and just eat appetizers. It was such a fun way of eating. Then the '90s came, with the trend to more rustic food. So when I saw that grazing was a potential new trend again, I just jumped on it, because I love it so much. I think it's a healthier way to eat. And the tapas concept works well for people to try foods they've never eaten before. Like the sweetbreads — it's not too much of a commitment to put down \$7 for a little spoon of it to see whether or not you care

"It's definitely more laborintensive to do. I need 50 to 75 percent more kitchen staff than if I were doing the same number of \$30 entrées. It works out in the end — it's a little more cost at the food end, but we try to make it up on cocktails.' How does he come up with new recipes? Eating out (particularly at Thai and Vietnamese restaurants) on his nights off is one influence, cooking magazines provide seasonal inspirations. and sometimes he literally dreams of new dishes in his sleep. His future plans? That's strictly confidential! ■















Magic Market

"If you're from Bosnia, why do you call it Greek food?"

kay. Watch my hand carefully," says this guy Rafael. Me and a bunch of kids follow it like eagles. He slowly unfolds the two single dollars he started with, and — whack! — they've become one ten-dollar

bill. He hasn't moved, and there's nothing up his sleeves, 'cause he don't have no sleeves.

Now he gets a kid to choose between a silver quarter and a black-and-gold Chinese coin with a hole in the middle. No way to confuse the two. But before you can say "Jack Robinson," the quar-

ter has changed into the Chinese coin.

While I'm scratching my head, a woman from the Greek food stall next door stretches out a fork with a piece of gyro meat on it. "Like to try a sample?"

This is happening halfway down the alley of tents and tables at the farmers' market on Center Street in downtown Chula Vista, around dusk. Mmm. That gyro meat sure tastes good. While Rafael shows the kids how he can levitate two inches off the ground — truly! looks real to me — I check out the tent. The gal, Vahida, has a bunch of pastries wrapped around meat, spinach, chicken. "Greek Food," says a sign. What the heck. I may as well chow down here. Carla's eating her special diet food with Linda tonight (they're into losing 20 pounds for summer). The choices are simple. Eggplant "sandwich," \$5.55; chicken sand-

wich, \$6.00; chicken plate (with greens), \$7.00. The gyro plate is also \$7.00, and so is the sausage plate. They also have a Greek salad for \$6.00, but maybe that's packed away already. What attracts me is the way the flaky pastry curls around the meat

but doesn't cover it.

"Which one's best?" I ask.
"The beef sausage one," says
Vahida's offsider, Aldo.

So heck, I order one and add a "European fruit pie strudel" (\$3.00) that I see sitting on the counter, with bits of strawberries and apple popping through the

pastry fingers.

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I go sit down at their lone table. It's metal, classy with a mosaic of red roses designed into a cream ceramic-chip surface. When Vahida brings my two orders, they're piping hot, heated in the wok she has on a small gas stove. Great, 'cause there's a cool evening breeze. I order a (\$1.00) soda. Mountain Dew.

So okay, my meal is in a polystyrene box. But, oh man. The flavors. They're beautiful. The chunked-up meat and pastry sit on a bed of lettuce and tomatoes, scattered with olives, topped by swirls of white tzatziki sauce and more swirls of a sexy red sauce that Vahida says she makes from roasted eggplant and bell peppers. That's the point. She makes everything. "The only way you'd know you weren't eating this in Sanjak, where I come from, near Skopje," says Vahida, "is be-

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cause I added some potatoes and onion and garlic, to make it softer."

Actually, Vahida's lucky to be here at all. She's from Bosnia. In the early '90s, when she was twenty, she got caught up in the whole horror of the civil war.

"I couldn't stand it," she says. "I had to leave." She escaped to Germany and in 1998 made it

She says the sausage I'm eating is famous in the Balkans. It's called the *Burck* or *Chevapchichi*, made like the sausages of the city of Skopje. She's chopped them into the pastry she whipped up this morning, mixed them with kalamata olives and salad — and a feta cheese that comes all the way from Bulgaria.

"I get it because of the flavor," she says.

The cheese comes from free-ranging ewes — female sheep, not goats — eating up in the, uh, Rodopi Mountains. It's as strong as regular feta, only softer, not crumbly, less harsh.

I swear, some of the best food in town is at these farmers' markets. Plus, they're always changing. Last time I was here Afghans, Argentineans, and Tunisians were cooking up a storm.

"So if you're from Bosnia, why do you call it Greek food?" I ask Vahida.

"Greek, Bosnian, Turkish, it's all the same. But people here are familiar with Greek food, so we call it Greek," she says.

Rafael and his trim girlfriend Jeanelle come over. They've wrapped up their magic act. He's a schoolteacher at Rancho Del Rey Middle School in Bonita. He lives nearby, so he comes to hone his act, and, yes, they eat here a lot. 'Specially Vahida's chicken gyro. "This is good food," Jeanelle says.

Which is great to hear, because she should know. It turns out Jeanelle is a weight-loss consultant for Jenny Craig. In light of this, I decide to take my strudel home and have it later. Guilt, I guess. Don't want to seem like a garbage-gut.

Besides, Aldo's taking the canvas tent down. "Vahida's got to be up baking at three tomorrow morning," he says.

"And I've still got gym tonight," Vahida says, "and four kids at home. I tell my relatives in Bosnia, 'I work harder in America than I ever did in Bosnia or Germany.'"

I check my watch. Seven. Before I go, I've got two questions for Rafael.

"Where can I learn to do what you do?"

"Easy," he says. "The library, or Penguin-Magic.com. They're good."

"And, uh, can you levitate one more time?"
And dag-gone it, he does, for all I can see.
Two inches off the ground. Yes, there's probably
an explanation. But that would spoil it. I like to
keep these markets the way they are: magic. ■

The Place: Vahida's Healthy Choice, at Chula Vista Weekly Farmers' Market, Center Street, between Third and Del Mar Street, 619-962-9925. Also at other county markets

Type of Food: Bosnian-Greek

Prices: Gyros, \$6.00; spanakopita, \$6.00; eggplant sandwich, \$5.55; chicken sandwich, \$6.00; chicken plate, \$7.00; gyro plate, \$7.00; sausage plate, \$7.00; Greek salad, \$6.00; vegetarian dolmas (grape leaves), 12 for \$5.00; fruit pie strudel. \$3.00

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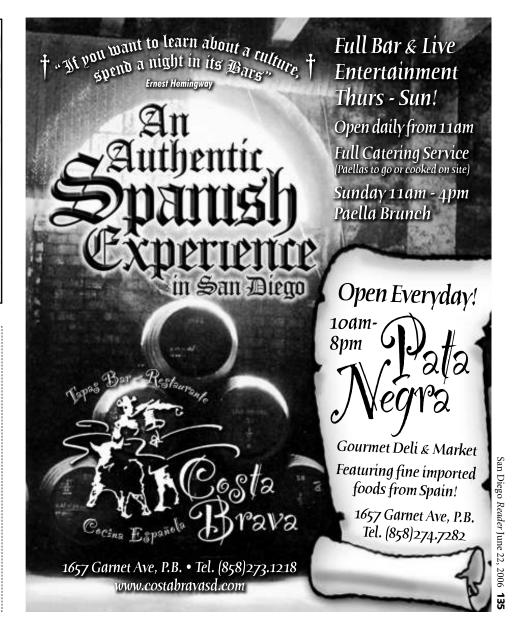
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The Right Thing

"I love my 25-year-olds. They're just learning, and they come in all the time."

here are three Starbucks Coffee stores on Fifth Avenue between Laurel and Washington. There is another a few blocks down at University and Richmond. That's a lot of beans, but it gets beanier. There's a Coffee Bean & Tea

Leaf splitting the distance between two of the Fifth Avenue Starbucks. There's a Peet's Coffee & Tea at University and Fourth. And there's a Diedrich's Coffee bumping up against that University and Richmond location. Corporatechain coffee is king.

That may be part of the reason why WineStyles founder Brigitte Baker would not be at all upset to have her chain known as the Starbucks of wine shops. Because Starbucks didn't get to be Starbucks just by selling coffee. It sold a lifestyle. "Years ago, Americans didn't sit in a cafe and have a latte," says Baker. "We'd get coffee in a Styrofoam cup and take it on the run." Starbucks changed all that. "In Italy, you can't even get coffee to go." Baker thinks of France, "its *joie de vivre*. Taking a little time out to enjoy life. I think we're finally starting to do that in our country, and I think that's why Starbucks is a big success. Everybody sits at Starbucks and meets their friends there.'

And if they'll meet for coffee, then why not for wine? "I think drinking wine is sort of a reflection of a lifestyle. I think wine is the next thing. Spas are trending up. It's really about taking a moment to enjoy your lifestyle, and I think the timing is perfect. It's a destination, a place people want to come to, not just to shop, but also to sort of hang out. I think people are getting sick of the whole Costco/Wal-Mart mentality. They

want to go back to something like the Cheers song — 'where everybody knows your name.' I think it's nice to walk into a place where you get to know your customers and they become friendly with you. Then they invite their friends, and it just becomes like a fun neighborhood spot. Even though

we're a franchise. I never want it to feel that way.

James Castillo, WineStyles' area developer for San Diego County, also runs the Encinitas franchise with his wife Mary. He seems to be proving Baker's point. "This is the first franchise in San Diego, but I've already sold two more. We could easily do ten in San Diego County. These are neighborhood stores. A population of 50,000 could support one. We do our tastings every Wednesday night. We've had 50 or 60 people. We did BBQ wines, and we put out a big plate of messy barbecue, and people liked it. We're going to start duplicating the tastings on Saturday nights as well. My business partner is going to be opening up a store down in EastLake. He's got several hundred square feet outside of his shop that he's going to fence in, and he's going to do a full wine bar. People who come through the door want to

be here. They're happy to be here. I think of shopping as having to go out and buy a pair of shoes — I hate it. I dread it. This is the other side of that. This is shopping that people like to do.'

Part of it is the product, but part of it is the atmosphere. WineStyles aims at an appealing decor — attractive but still casual, a standardized look reminiscent of an Old World winery. (Baker thinks the look may account for some of the franchise's appeal to owners. "Part of the American dream is to have your own business," she says. The thought of owning a winery may be a sort of

ultimate fulfillment of that dream — the businessas-lifestyle. "That's unattainable for most people, but this is a little piece of something that you can actually do.") The store also offers a user-friendly setup, with wines grouped by flavor profile. "The ironic thing," says Baker, "is that people don't really have to have a knowledge of wine" to open a franchise. A standard bottle shop depends, at least to some extent, upon the staff's knowledge — of the wines and of their customers' palates. But at WineStyles, "The idea of our stores is that you can really guide yourself through," even if you don't recognize a lot of the labels. "Of course, our training includes wine education, but it's a basic wine education, because that's all you really need. We never want to turn into wine snobs. We're trying to be the antithesis of that. The key thing is that they have to have a passion for wine.

Baker grants that her model isn't likely to drive a monster discount warehouse like the Wine Ex-



Luncheon of the Boating Party, Pierre-Auguste Renois

change out of business anytime soon, but she adds that she's not necessarily going after the same customer base. "Usually, the core wine consumer was thought to be 40 to 60, but we see the trend getting younger and younger. The people who are just getting into wine and making it part of their culture and their lifestyle — they're the ones we're capturing."

Again, Castillo backs her up. During the initial discussions of demographics, "We were talking about primarily 40-year-old women who were primary decision-makers when it came to lifestyle stuff — wine and things like that." Two years later, "That's a nice part of our demographic, but the overall demographic is younger. I love my 25-year-olds. They're just learning, and they come in all the time. They're more sophisticated than we were at that age — they don't want to just sit back and knock back tequila shooters. What I really like about them is, there's no pretense. They're

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anxious to learn, they're really pleasant, they're fun to have, and they add some life.'

Adds Castillo's wife Mary, "We should have known it would happen. Our son is young, and he's in wine clubs. Our daughter as well."

In short, Baker believes she has seen the future. "People say, 'Oh, my God, Starbucks has all this competition now.' To me, that's a good sign, because that means you're doing the right thing. I see the same thing happening now — there are other wine franchises or corporate businesses opening, and I think that means we're on the right

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex - no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, iust north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers

both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accom-plished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. - N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored vellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink pep percorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity, Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or







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expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tor-tilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive.

— N.W. (5/05)

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632, Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork

ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever "fruit creation" is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Trac ton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroonand-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off). 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boule vard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, worldbeating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower

tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. -N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-vou-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Inexpensive, — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with mezedakia, a big oval sampler of dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanakopita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cu-cumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too.

Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. EB (1/06)

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414, You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables. with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — Escondido, with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foothigh pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (12/04)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English

garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème frîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. - S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what s the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don t fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting. but lots of items have that lentil-y, beany feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste - but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade.



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The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrev Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. - N.W. (9/02)

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday). Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colo nial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. The synergy between Executive Chef Jason Knibb and Dessert Chef (and cheesemaker) Jack Fisher has taken this restaurant to a new level of craftsmanship, with a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flaw less. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reserva-tions urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Ave nue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (al-though older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Cucina Italiana Clairemont Square, 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Chef Jose Flores, who owned the much-missed Trattoria Nostrana in La Mesa, went back to his alma mater, Via Italia — and bought it. Under the new name, the menu is much the same as at Via Italia: multi-regional authentic Italian cuisine, including won-derful thin-crust pizzas, available only by the ten-inch pie, not by the slice. The restaurant is in a mall but doesn't serve mall-grub. The fresh pastas are made inhouse and rolled thin, so raviolis have more filling than skin and the rich lasagna won't send you out waddling. The numerous daily specials are the most rewarding dishes and keep dinners interesting for the many neighborhood regulars. Desserts and espresso are good; save room for *millefoglie* and *torta della nonna* when they're available. Plenty of wines by the glass. Reserve, especially for weekends and large parties. Heated patio dining in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pastas and pizzas) to expensive (meat and seafood entrées).

— N.W. (1/06)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above

average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero - its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with pro-volone is more likely to seduce the innocent, "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nos-talgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/04)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street,

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eyecatching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vege-

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tarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot

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Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here in-clude a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. - N.W. (2/02)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985, Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is

relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling - it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. -N.W. (2/06)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday: dinner only Sunday; closed Monday Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N. W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small. rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to sim ple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — 11 p.m. I N.W. (10/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other location at 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of nuez (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through dinner, closing at 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (11/00)

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesserknown delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, escovitch (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake' time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, parmesan, and cream) Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — E.B. (5/05)

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" - homemade

corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day - you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eved peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the papa rellena (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberiacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Sunday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; phone about lunch. Full bar including mojitos, Mexican beers mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. — N.W. (1/06)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia, Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and cancha, smoked hominy corn kernels. The anticuchos (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the lomo saltado (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy carne asada meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate.
— N.W. (10/04)

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, mous-saka, dolmades. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro*









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Carlsbad 7720 El Camino Real, Suite B • 760-632-8787 **San Diego** Little Italy 1608 India St., Suite 101 • 619-237-7878 (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rate well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey wholemilk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty

standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Sa-

loon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honkytonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian-American goodies include the Italian (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdavs. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in Moonstruck retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalac-chi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for liaisons dangereuses, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like insalata di fileto with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with spaghetti della casa. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eelectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splended appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh

fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking, Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Brunch Saturday and Sunday. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., bar menu until midnight or later. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — mezze spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a baconcured salmon sandwich and pantelleria, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-

owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Caion), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out di-vine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday).





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Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beefis served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — NW (403)

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B.* (4/05)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asiantouches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana tres leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrellatopped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus in spired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a wellpriced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W.* (1/05)

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper.

Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconutshrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of sub-stantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioneers' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park

It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly.

— N.W. (9/05)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers nononsense Italian-American food, And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisianastyle sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklynor Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pau hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi An-nan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even further. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/06)

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fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edgeburnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with freshcut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lob-ster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An im-pressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of firstgrowth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. -N.W. (12/01)

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India

729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are

indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — N.W. (10/04)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "is-lander" cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-en-dangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11:30 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W.* (10/04)

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-op-











erated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special" which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean macchinettas make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. -N.W. (2/06)

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Salt-and-pepper shrimp, tofu with eggplant, and meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seat-ing in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — N.W. (1/06)

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a blackand-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinderblocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/05)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. Ama ebi (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped agedashi (lightlyfried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. -N.W. (7/04)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all

their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa*—ground corn meal—chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B* (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

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El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with chancho, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/04)







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The Family House of Pancakes

562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Guayson's Hot Dogs 2941 National Avenue, 619-232-0029. Hector and Becky's hot dog place used to be a cart on 25th Street. Now they have a real shop. Some might mourn the move up, but the essentials haven't changed. What they sell is Tijuana-style hot dogs — that is, sausages wrapped in bacon. The only difference from what you get on Avenida Revolución: these are bigger, and they're turkey meat, but just as scrumptious. Squishy, rich, flavored with jalepeño, ketchup, mayo, onion, roasted chiles. Also delish: elotes (shucked corn, melted butter, mayo, cheese, hot sauce, lemon). Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/06)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary I and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island, G19-243-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you

order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music during summer, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto - here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Ouixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) a la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al mojo de ajo), or venison, especially the savory machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the

mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *NW* (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtvard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (1/02)

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the huazontle branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak: torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oax aaueña is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, mole poblano (chocolatev chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious chile en nogada (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too - built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — E.B. (2/05)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea mar-ket that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (borrego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hot-cakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. - N.W. (4/03)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp oysters, scallops, and clam strips. An thony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. – É.B. (12/05)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes

a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3004)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor

Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding - and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. -NW (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mindblowingly knowledgeable. Moderate.
— *E.B.* (1/02)













THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Amadeus

Lamb's Players Theatre celebrates Mozart's 250th birthday with Peter Shaffer's tale of "genius, envy, and betrayal." Kerry Meads directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 23; TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR- DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

The Blue Room

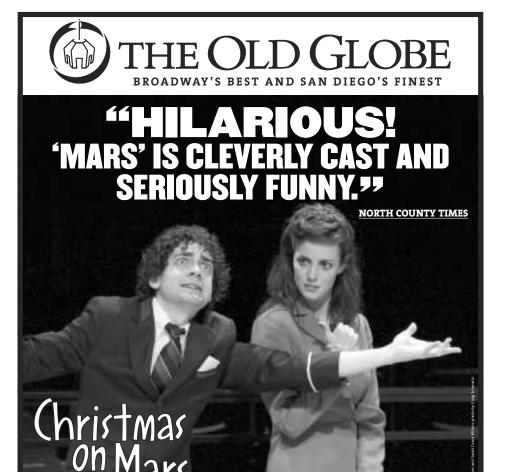
Gin & Hamlet Productions stages David Hare's adaptation ("ten intimate acts") of Schnitzler's *La Ronde*.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-692-4150.









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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, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JULY 9; TUESDAY, WEDNES-DAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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Ira Aldridge Repertory Players pre-

Five Shades of Blues

Hannah and Martin

Laterthanever Productions stages the Southern California premiere of Kate Fodor's drama about the unthinkable love between Hannah Arendt and Martin Heidegger. Francine Chemnick directed. LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 2; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

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Laughter on the 23rd Floor

The Sullivan Players present Neil Simon's comedy about Sid Caesar's famous writing team (Simon, Woody Allen, Mel Brooks). SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH, 1531 TYLER STREET, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 25; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY. JUNE 25, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-274-1731

Mother Courage

Bertolt Brecht's theatrical parable

Written & Directed by

James Pascarella

about life, war, and loyalty. Lisa Peterson directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, THROUGH JULY 23: TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

My Fair Lady

858-550-1010.

Welk Resort Theatre presents Lerner and Loewe's classic about a Cockney flower girl becoming a British sophisticate. Jon Engstrom directed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 27: TUESDAY. THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 888-802-7469

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags") National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The Real Thing

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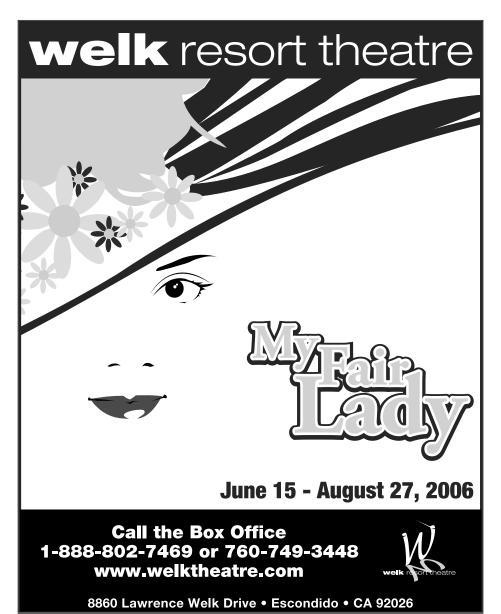
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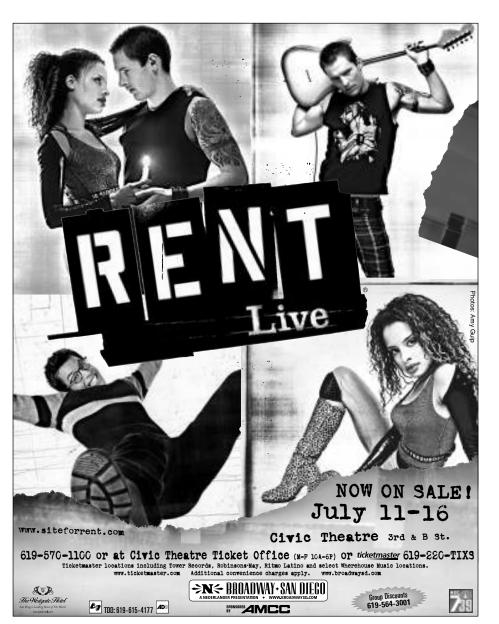
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Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH JULY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY, JULY 9, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

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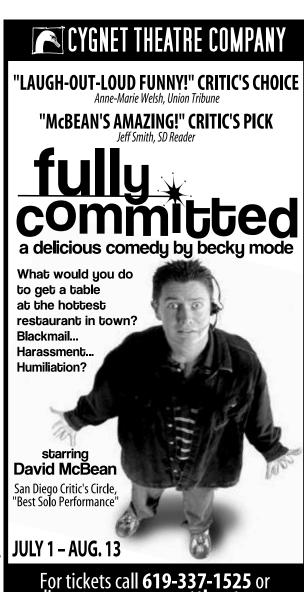
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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

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 member have been replaced.)







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Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

The Violet Hour

Most scripts play better than they read. Richard Greenberg's comedy/sci-fi/literary salmagundi's an exception. It's a fun read: notions about time and human effort jump around, as do in-jokes for the literati. Onstage, however, it unfolds like a 90-minute chamber piece expanded, with filler, to two and a half hours. And throughout, Greenberg keeps pumping the brakes when he should be hitting the gas. The idea's a grabber: what would you do if you knew how your life will turn out? John Pace Seavering, budding publisher, reads not the book of his

life, but books and articles about it (some of which are wrong): what's he to do? The play's obvious answer's much less interesting than the question. Violet Hour tries to yoke antithetical canvases together. Given these tuggings it's a wonder that director Carolyn Cantor, and a game young cast, 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 era but with a flashy warp. His has only two walls. Another corner bullies into the audience. in effect combining design elements a century apart. Matthew Richards's lighting streaks golden sunsets across a New York skyline.

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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 heroversus-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, Russiantinted 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 nonsinging 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 summerblockbuster volume.

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Timing Isn't Everything

Even the most minimally attentive viewer will be able to see where events are headed.

o say that *The Lake House* and *Nacho Libre* appeal to different audiences is just to say they appeal to different facets of oneself. I enjoyed both of them as far as I was able.

The first, a remake of a South Korean film with the Italian name of *Il Mare*, takes place

in a Lifetime Channel fantasyland where every romantic hero is an architect (the artistic businessman), every romantic heroine is a doctor (the nurturing career woman), and every dream house is on the water (the boundless homestead). Into this boilerplate is introduced what we must call a time wrinkle. Our secondgeneration architect moves into a see-through house on stilts -"Le Corbusier meets Frank Lloyd Wright" — built on the shores of Lake Michigan by his cold-fish father: "Dad knew how to build a house, not a home." With the certain knowledge that it has stood empty for years, he is puzzled to receive a note from the

"previous" tenant, an opposite-sex tenant, giving him mail-forwarding instructions as well as an apology for the paw prints that already led to the front door when she moved in. "What paw prints?" he wonders

prints?" he wonders aloud. But he really has to start wondering when a stray dog blithely pads through his do-it-

yourself paint tray on the boardwalk and leaves an indelible trail to the front door. And he has to continue wondering when he tries to hand-deliver a letter to his predecessor's new address in downtown Chicago and finds the site to be still under construction. What's going on here? Well, what's going on, after a little sorting-out, is that the man is living in 2004 and the woman is living in 2006, and they discover that they are able to correspond with one another, and fall in love without the risk of actually having to keep company, through the agency of the magic mailbox at the lake house.

In the Korean film, as I understand it, the house was christened Il Mare.

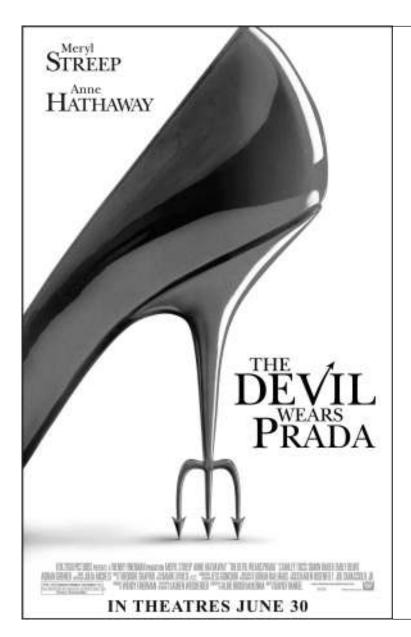


The Lake House

In the remake, Il Mare is the exclusive Italian restaurant at which the hero makes a two-years-in-advance reservation in hopes of arranging a rendezvous in the flesh. That rendezvous doesn't work out, but the difficulties do not appear insurmountable. A two-year time barrier hardly approaches the degree of difficulty which Christopher

Reeve, for example, strove to overcome in *Somewhere in Time*, a film that appealed more strongly to this facet of me, the irrationally romantic, the surreally yearning. These two separated lovers can get through to each other with an almost E-mail or chat-room alacrity. If they happen to be in the right place at the right time, they can

see, before their very eyes, and seemingly without aid of human hand, the red flag on the mailbox go up and down as letters are delivered and collected and answered, although of course they are unable to see the deliverer or collector, and the film hasn't the patience simply to stand there and allow a written dialogue to unfold at



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length. Nor does it dwell on the inconvenience of this set-up for the woman, an overworked resident physician, who must make quite a schlep to pick up or

drop off her mail. Instead, the film takes

out a poetic license to circumvent the mailbox mechanism and to show the correspondents illogically in the same space at the same time, conversing in voice-over or right out loud. Only the most thoroughly enraptured viewer not me - will be able to suppress petty thoughts of stock tips, Super Bowl outcomes, etc., that might have been passed down profitably from the fu-





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ture. It does, however, occur to the occupant of 2006, just to prove her bona fides, to forewarn the 2004 dweller of a late-season snowstorm. It does not occur to her to attempt to raise an alarm over Hurricane Katrina.

Even the most minimally attentive viewer will be able, from far away, to see where events are tragically headed, and to wonder whether fate can (or ought to be) altered, and to brace for the sorts of time-travel conundrums that ultimately seem, well, a waste of time. Still, the initial disclosure and additional development of the situation are smooth and deft, and the glossy photography makes effective if infrequent use of Chicago's architectural glories. The Argentine director, Alejandro Agresti, is chiefly known in the U.S. for Valentin, which is to say chiefly known for schmaltz. He doesn't struggle against his typecasting. The on-screen casting, meanwhile, has been calculated with an eye for publicity — the two Speed freaks, Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock, together again, at around 15 mph — rather than an eye for the actual qualities they might bring to their roles. At this point in their lives, forty-two years apiece, the foremost quality they bring is middle-age denial. Their chemistry, if any, rarely enters into it. It's in the nature of things that their respective chemical components are kept incombustibly apart.

Nacho Libre, to switch facets, is nothing if not esoteric, a backhanded salute to Mexican wrestling movies and, more broadly, the whole southof-the-border wrestling subculture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, followup to Napoleon Dynamite for its director, Jared Hess. Perhaps inescapably, it put me in mind of how the Coen brothers in Barton Fink posited the existence of an established Hollywood genre of "wrestling pictures" in the 1930s. That was a joke. But then again, the actual existence of such a genre in Mexican cinema is scarcely less of a joke: campy superhero adventures of masked luchadores with names like Santo and Blue Demon, in titles like Santo y Blue Demon contra el Doctor Frankenstein and Santo y Blue Demon contra Drácula y el Hombre Lobo. The hero here is a mere wannabe, the potbellied cook in a Catholic orphanage in Oaxaca by day, and by night one-half of a hapless tag team alongside a skin-and-bones petty thief who has been filching the orphanage's donated tortilla chips. Their stage names, or rather their ring names: Nacho and Esqueleto (the Skeleton). The hero's mask and mission will take on Zorroesque overtones when a pruriently interesting nun, immaculately acted by Ana de la Reguera, lays down the law: "These men fight for vanity, for money, for false pride." Better, a lightbulb goes on over his head, to fight for a school bus to take the orphans on "field trips and stuff."

The gags and their laughs are appropriately small — e.g., the pronunciation of "nitty-gritty" with a Mexican accent, or the amorous come-on of a late-night snack of burnt toast, or the Spartan training exercises utilizing such handy resources as a cow pie and a beehive — and Hess's squared-up, flattened-out compositions are the visual equivalent of a deadpan delivery. Fat jokes and fart jokes serve, to a greater extent than I might like, to offset the esoterica. As does that John Belushi-like Joe Blow, Jack Black, working his eyebrows, nostrils, lips, etc., with all the expressiveness, the emotiveness, of a Mexican pop singer, and sporting, in addition to his robin's-egg tights with cardinal trim, a 1970s curly perm and gigolo's mustache. The whole thing might seem mildly insulting of all things Mexican, not just wrestling culture and warped English, but religion, music, food (a corncob on a stick), everything. The sympathetic (while still sardonic) portrait of Napoleon Dynamite's Latino sidekick, Pedro, surely should give the filmmaker some

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Cars — The Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envision a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do

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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. The vision focusses chiefly on a hot-shot 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, 2006.

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Cavite — Microbudget suspense film of a Filipino-American brought back to his homeland for his father's funeral and dragged through hell to retrieve his kidnapped mother and sister from Islamic terrorists. The thrift affords small comfort to the paying spectator who has to peer through the haze of the video image and get bounced around by the hand-held jiggles and push-button zooms. There is plenty of squalor and "Fuck that shit," but overt violence is limited by the limited wherewithal. Written and directed by Neill Dela Llana and Ian Gamazon, the latter of whom also plays the main (and virtually only) role. 2006.

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— Comedy-fantasy starring Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale, and Christopher Walken, directed by Frank Coraci. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN ERAMA 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 PROME-NADE 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; FROM 6/23)

The Conrad Boys - Justin Lo writes, directs, and stars in the domestic drama of a nineteen-year-old who assumes parenting responsibilities for his nine-year-old brother.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/23)

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 exeges s of what the Grail actually is. Tom Hanks, even with longer hair, does not make a credible longhair. Audrey Tautou speaks English well enough to expand the market for her elfin cuteness. And Ian McKellen carries on in the grand tradition of stage-trained British thespians who have fallen in love with the sounds of their own voices. 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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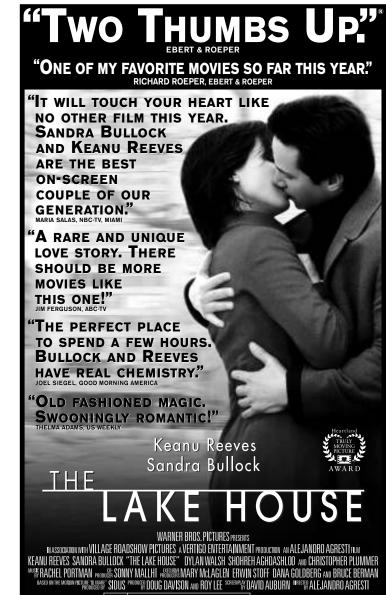
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and a WMD has fallen into the hands of a ganglord. The Hong Kong-style action and MTV-style camerawork fail to communicate the seriousness of the situation. With Cyril Raffaelli and David Belle; directed by Pierre Morel. 2005.

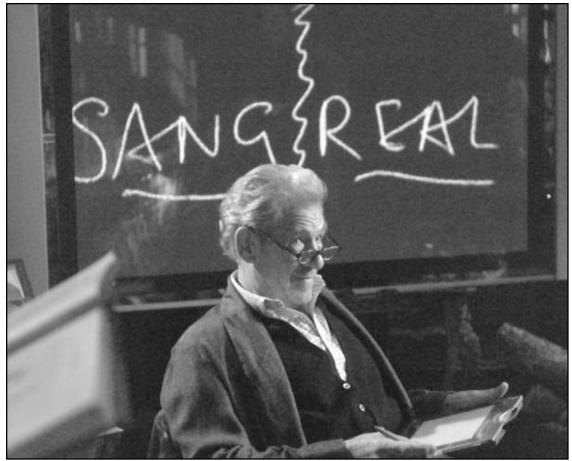
(HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo

Drift — The automotive franchise moves to the Far East, with Lucas Black, directed by Justin Lin.

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Friends with Money — There are, to be exact, three friends with money, and one without, a former teacher toiling now as a free-lance maid, helping herself to the bedside vibrator of one of her employers, and in her spare time harassing an ex-boyfriend with all-hours phone calls and hang-ups. The three with money additionally have mates. One of them, Catherine Keener, is collaborating with her husband on a screenplay, while adding an unsightly ocean-view second story on their home. Another, Frances McDormand, is a successful clothes designer with one child, plus a peculiar aversion to washing her hair, a reservoir of repressed anger, and a Britishaccented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual ("Just because you care about what you wear 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



The Da Vinci Code

haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of Walking and Talking and Lovely and Amazing, is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won't be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can't tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant).

Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from Cusack and Aniston, but the facileness of the latter pair is not the sort of fault that the filmmaker is adept at pointing out. She is adept at minimizing it. 2006.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 6/22)

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)

Happy Accidents — Fey relationship comedy revolving around an unlucky-inlove New Yorker (Marisa Tomei) whose new suitor (Vincent D'Onofrio) claims to be a "back traveller" from the year 2470, where, it develops, he had fallen in love with a photograph of her (how romantic!) and whence he has come to rescue her from an untimely death; or more cosmically, to "break the causal chain." The camerawork of filmmaker Brad Anderson is not as aggressively annoying as in his Next Stop, Wonderland, but it's still restless and rocky enough to make you wish you could get your hands on the time traveller's stash of Dramamine, 2001.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/22 AND 23, 8:30 P.M.)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — Morestraightforwardly, 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 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 — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It 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. 2006.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The King — Volatile reunion of an estranged father and son, William Hurt and Gael García Bernal, directed by James Marsh.

(KEN 6/23 THROUGH 29)

The Lake House — Reviewed this issue. With Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dylan Walsh, Shohreh Aghdashloo, and Christopher Plummer; directed by Alejandro Agresti.

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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 sen-





tentious, 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)

Maxx — Iranian musical comedy starring Farhad Aeesh and directed by Saman Moghaddam.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/23)

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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: VOGUE)

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, THROUGH 6/22)

Nacho Libre — Reviewed this issue. With Jack Black, Ana de la Reguera, Héctor Jiménez, and Richard Montoya; directed by Jared Hess.

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The Omen — Calculatingly released in theaters on 06/06/06 (i.e., 666, get it?), but 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. David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, Michael Gambon, 2006.

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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.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN



LAURA WOODWARD

Employee, Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas

I love Clue on DVD because you can watch it with any of the three endings. It's a great movie that just gets forgotten. It's funny in a ha-ha cheesy way.

The Bia Lebowski is great. I love the extras, like the commentaries, but the best part is the opening with a conservation society talking about what they had to do to save the film. I'm from Georgia, and the film's just what I imagined all the people from Southern California would

Any of the seven seasons of Buffy the Vampire Slaver. It's one of the few TV shows I wanted to own in its entirety. I love it. It showed a lot of character development and had moral lessons but not in a cheesy way. The episode "Hush" in season four is great.

CLUE (USA) 1985, Paramount List price: \$29.99 THE BIG LEBOWSKI (USA) 1998,

List price: \$29.95

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: SEASON FOUR (USA), **Twentieth Century Fox** List price: \$59.98 (six discs)

ALFX PULLIDO

Projectionist, Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas

Almodóvar's All About My Mother is a favorite. In it, A Streetcar Named Desire marks the main character's life the same way that All About My Mother marked mine. He's gay like me, and he lost his mother when he was 17, and I did too.

I like Margaret Cho in I'm the One That I Want and can relate to everything she's saying. I liked her back when she was a fat girl with something to say. Now she's lost weight and she's too political. Unfortunately, I can't watch it with my friends because I quote every

I like the way Life Is Beautiful used comedy in the first half and drama in the second, but you can see each half in the other. I also liked the way Roberto Benigni walked over the seats when he won the Oscar and rambled in Italian.

ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER (Spain) 1999, Columbia Tristar List price: \$29.95 I'M THE ONE THAT I WANT (USA) 2000, Winstar

List price: \$19.98 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (Italy) 1997,

Miramax List price: \$39.99

JENNA MEYERSON

Employee, Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas

Scrubs: Season Three is simply the best thing ever. I like how it goes inside JD's mind and into fantasy like no other sitcom. The DVD has funny bloopers and cast interviews.

I don't like anime and I don't like animation at all, so I was really surprised when I loved Spirited Away. But the animation was very cool. I also liked the idea of this little girl stumbling upon this other world and getting stuck there.

Usually I don't like films based on books I like because the image in my head never matches the one that ends up on screen. So I was amazed that David Cronenberg could turn Naked Lunch into a movie. I couldn't believe that the film's images could gross me out as much as the ones in the book especially the typewriter. It still gives me nightmares.

SCRUBS: SEASON THREE (USA)

2003-04, Touchstone

List price: \$49.99 (three discs)

SPIRITED AWAY (Japan) 2001,

Disney

List price: \$29.99

NAKED LUNCH (Canada) 1991,

Criterion

List price: \$39.95

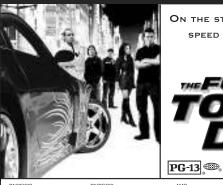
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Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slomo nightmare of a world-class gymnast drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: "This is a service station. We offer service. There's no higher purpose.' The story, from a novel by self-help author

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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)



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A Prairie Home Companion — Its title and its emcee have been taken from Garrison (a/k/a Garrulous) Keillor's weekly public-radio show. But there is no mention 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 Clouseauesque 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.) 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. 2006.

★ (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)

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 Iimmie Blacksmith and Barbarosa. Steer accordingly. Written by Nick Cave; directed by John Hillcoat.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 6/22)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to have his opportunities - wolfman transformations into an itch-scratching, stickfetching, cat-chasing canine — but the circumstances are strained to a point of discomfort: an abducted Tibetan holy dog, animal experimentation, mixed-species mutations. With Kristin Davis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Danny Glover; directed by Brian Robbins. 2006.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Sir! No Sir! — Archive footage and present-day interviews revive the memory of G.I. protests of the Vietnam War. The physical changes in the protesters, between

then and now, add visual interest to an interesting but not very visual subject. The best-known protester to take part is Jane Fonda, who brought the troops an alternative to Bob Hope with her F.T.A. tour (meaning either Free Theater Associates or Fuck the Army), though her partner-inprotest, Donald Sutherland, mentioned but unseen, apparently declined the invitation. Directed by David Zeiger. 2006. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 6/22)

Spellbound — Hitchcock's psychoanalytic murder mystery makes use of the subject, indifferently, just for a fresh new gimmick (a Freudian sleuth played by Ingrid Bergman in eyeglasses) instead of for its real possibilities. Where those possibilities start is in Gregory Peck's private stifled panics about any kind of striation on a white background (the impression of fork tines on a tablecloth, the tracks of children's sleds on newfallen snow), and where those possibilities vanish completely is in the silly dream sequence devised, self-servingly, by Salvador Dali. 1945.

★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/24 AND 25, 8:30 P.M.)

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. (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.

★★★ (LA JOLLA 12, THROUGH 6/22)

Waist Deep — Tyrese Gibson as an excon in search of his carjacked son, directed

by Vondie Curtis Hall. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 6/23)

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: CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS CINEMAS; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; **Cars** (G) Fri. (11:35, 12:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00 Sat. (12:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00 Sun (11:35, 12:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:25, 2:05, 2:40) 4:35, 5:05, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:30 Sat. (11:45, 12:25, 2:40) 4:35, 5:05, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 12:25, 2:05, 2:40) 4:35, 5:05, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:30; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 6:55, 10:00; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40, 10:25; **Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:40, 7:00, 9:35; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; The Lake House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 9:50; A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13) Fri .-Sun (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50. 10:15; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30) 4:45, 7:55, 10:15; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:25, 8:00, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 1:40, 2:30, 3:55) 4:35, 5:20, 6:50, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; **The** Celestine Prophecy (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 1:20, 3:50) 4:45, 7:10, 8:10 10:35; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:35, 2:25, 3:10) 4:20, 5:05, 5:50, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:35, 10:25; Goal (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; The Omen (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 1:45, 2:20, 9 3:15) 4:30, 5:10, 5:55, 7:15, 7:55, 8:40, 10:00, 10:40; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:4 10:40; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:15

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **The Break-Up** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35 Sat., Sun. (10:55, 1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; Click (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20; **District B13** (R) Fri. (11:35, 1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:30; Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:20; **Keeping Up with the Steins** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:45) 6:50; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 9:25, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 9:25, 10:25; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:40, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:30; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:55, 12:30, 1:05, 2:20, 2:50, 3:20, 4:35, 5:05, 5:40) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 11:55, 12:30, 1:05, 2:20, 2:50, 3:20) 4:35, 5:05, 5:40, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15; **See No Evil** (R) Fri. (11:10, 4:20) 9:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 4:20, 9:10; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Su (11:45, 2:10) 4:30, 7:25, 9:55; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Break-Up (PG-13); Cars (G); Click (PG-13); The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13); Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG); The Lake House (PG); Nacho Libre (PG); The Omen (R); Over the Hedge (PG); X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:50) 7:10, 8:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 12:30, 1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:50, 7:10, 8:30, 9:50; **Maxx** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **A** Prairie Home Companion (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat., -Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) The Break-Up (PG-13); Cars (G); Click (PG-13); The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13): Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG); The Lake House (PG); Mission: Impossible III (PG-13); Nacho Libre (PG); The Omen (R); Over the Hedge (PG); A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13); Scary Movie 4 (PG-13); Waist Deep (R); X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **The Break-Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30; **A Prairie Home** Companion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Tom & Jerry: The Fast** and the Furry (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:00, 9:50; Click (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:35, 8:15, 10:40; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo **Drift** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; **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) **The King** (R) Fri. (4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

1040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Call theater for program information

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Cavite** (Not Rated) Fri. (5:15) 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25) 5:15, 10:10; The Conrad Boys (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:00, 2:40, 4:25, 5:05) 7:00, 7:40, 9:25, 10:05 Sat., -Sun. (11:35) 12:15, 2:00, 2:40, 4:25, 5:05, 7:00, 7:40, 9:25, 10:05; **The** Lost City (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:10) 7:20: 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 Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; **Greece: Se**crets 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 (No Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Cars** (G) Fri. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 3:55, 4:15, 4:40) 7:00, 7:20, 10:00, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 3:55) 4:15, 4:40, 7:00, 7:20, 10:00, 10:20; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 11:10, 11:30, 1:35, 1:55, 2:15, 4:20, 4:40, 5:00) 7:05, 7:25, 7:45, 9.50, 10.10, 10.30 Sat. -Sun (10.50, 11.10, 11:30, 1:35, 1:55, 2:15) 4:20, 4:40, 5:00, 7:05, 7:25, 7:45, 9:50, 10:10, 10:30; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 1:15, 4:30) 7:45, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 11:00; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:05, 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:45) 6:30, 7:15, 9:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 11:05, 1:10, 1:50, 3:50) 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9:10, 9:55; Free Family Film Festival Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25, 5:45) 8:05, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; The Lake House (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:25, 4:10) 6:45, 9:20 Sat., -Sun. (10:50, 1:25) 4:10, 6:45, 9:20; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri. (10:15, 11:25, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45) 7:10, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 11:25, 12:45, 2:00 3:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45; The

Omen (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15 Sat., Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; **Garfield: A Tail of** Two Kitties (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:15, 9:20; The Lake House (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:45, 10:10; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:05) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:35, 4:25) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:35) 4:25, 7:25, 9:50; **Cars** (G) Fri. (10:10, 12:45, 1:20, 3:45, 4:10) 6:50, 7:10, 9:40, 10:10 Sat., -Sun. (10:10, 12:45, 1:20, 3:45) 4:10, 6:50, 7:10, 9:40, 10:10; Click (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 1:25, 4:50) 8:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 1:25) 4:50, 8:10; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo **Drift** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:55, 5:25) 7:45, 8:15, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50) 4:55, 5:25, 7:45, 8:15, 10:20, 10:50; **Free Family Film Festival** Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); **Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties** (PG) Fri. (10:20, 12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:05, 9:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35; Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:30; Click (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:30; The Shaggy Dog (PG)

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Click (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45 10:45; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45. 8:15, 10:45; Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) Fri.,-Sun, 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; The Lake House (PG) Fri. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sat., -Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30; The Omen (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10 (12:45, 3:15)
5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Tom & Jerry: The Fast and
the Furry (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; Waist Deep
(R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Break-Up (PG-13); Cars (G); Click (PG-13); The Da Vinci Code (PG-13); The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13); Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG); An Inconvenient Truth (PG); The Lake House (PG); Nacho Libre (PG); The Omen (R); Over the Hedge (PG); A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13); Scary Movie 4 (PG-13); Waist Deep (R); X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707) **The Break-Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:30, 5:15) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:40; **Cars** (G) Fri. (10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 3:55, 4:55) 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 4:55, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Click (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 11:45, 1:40, 2:30, 4:15, 5:10) 7:20, 7:55, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 11:45, 1:40, 2:30) 4:15, 5:10, 7:20, 7:55, 10:00, 10:40; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 6:50, 10:05; **The Fast** and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 11:30, 1:55, 2:25, 4:40, 5:05) 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 1:55, 2:25) 4:40, 5:05, 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:50; **Free** Family Film Festival Tue.-Wed. (10:00): Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) Fri. (10:30, 12:40, 3:05, 5:20) 7:35, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; **The Lake** House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:10, 4:00) 7:05, 10:00; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri. (10:25, 11:00, 12:25, 12:50, 1:50, 2:50, 3:10, 4:20, 5:15, 5:40) 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 9:40, 10:15, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:25, 11:00, 12:25, 12:50, 1:50, 2:50, 3:10) 4:20, 5:15, 5:40, 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 9:40, 10:15, 10:35; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:45; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri. (12:55, 3:15, 5:30) 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 10:35, 5:30; Waist Deep (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:35, 5:20) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:35) 5:20, 7:50, 10:45; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 8:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 6:30, 10:30; Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30; Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:50; **Click** (PG-13) Fri..-Sun. 8:30, 12:25; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:25; Goal (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35

NORTH INLAND

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Diario San Diego

El Buró de Aduanas y Seguridad Fronteriza (CBP), aseguró que han aumentado 20 por ciento los arrestos de personas que cruzan ilegalmente a Estados Unidos usando documentos falsos.

La oficina federal dijo que hasta el pasado mes de abril se han detenido a mil personas, número que contrasta con los 873 arrestos realizados durante todo el año fiscal 2005. Uno de los aspectos más importantes es atrapar a quienes tratan de pasar con documentos falsos y también a narcotraficantes.

Es por ello que en lo que va del año se han logrado detectar a personas que tratan de traficar la droga usando vehículos. Para informes sobre

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Huracán de mujer

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Está en su mejor momento. Atrás han quedado los escándalos, el alcohol y las drogas para una de las mejores cantantes de rock pop de México.

Con una súper figura, atlética e incansable en el escenario, Alejandra Guzmán se entregó en cuerpo y alma a un público que no dejó de corear sus canciones.

Ahora, con una nueva

producción discográfica, 'Indeleble', y disfrutando del gran éxito de su sencillo 'Volverte a amar', demostró en una hora con treinta minutos que hay Guzmán para rato.

Alejandra es una cantante incansable, baila, se mueve y llena cada espacio de su escenario, se entrega a su público y demuestra una gran destreza para el baile; sus clases de ballet no las pasó de noche.

deportes



Viva el futbol

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Muchos lo llaman fana-

Rezar para que una selección meta un gol y gane un partido en el Mundial.

Llorar cuando el equipo que representa a nuestra madre patria pierde un partido.

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Es común escuchar la frase: "por eso estamos

como estamos", cuando México falla un penalti y queda eliminado de una competencia de alto nivel.

Pero la realidad es que para millones de personas el futbol es un desfogue de todas sus pasiones, de todas sus frustraciones, de todas sus esperanzas.

La realidad es que la gente necesita una válvula de escape, una ilusión que perseguir, una meta que cumplir, aunque esta dependa de los botines de once futbolistas.

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Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

Trabajaban al menos desde hace dos años como una organización criminal. Tras la captura de los hermanos Arellano Félix muchos de sus miembros decidieron crear su propia "microempresa criminal", según la Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado (PGJE), esta es una de esas células que se independizó del cártel.

Se trata de una banda de secuestradores que el Grupo de Coordinación de Baja California detuvo la madrugada de ayer jueves en el fraccionamiento Las Huertas, al Este de la ciudad.

Atraparon a cuatro

miembros de esa organización delictiva, que tenía en una casa de seguridad, encerrados como animales salvaies, a dos comerciantes que habían plagiado el pasado 31 de mayo.

El grupo de secuestradores estaba conformado por Sergio Molina García, Óscar Eliazib Varela Burruel, Jesús Alonso Sapién Varela y Félix Zamora Almeida, quienes confesaron haber sido sicarios del cártel de los hermanos Arellano Félix, informó la PGJE en un comunicado.

De acuerdo a la PGJE, los secuestradores pedían a sus víctimas por su rescate entre 200 y 500 mil dólares.

Diversos grupos opositores a migración ilegal realizaron un mitin y procesión masiva para exigir la detención de la invasión de trabajadores indocumentados en Estados Unidos.

La marcha culminó a las afueras del Consulado General de México en San Diego, donde los manifestantes mostraron banderas mexicanas tachadas y su oposición ala migración ilegal.

Líderes de los principales grupos anti migrantes como Proyecto Minutmen, América Despierta Consejo Cultural de América, Frontera Alerta, y candidatos a distritos locales al congreso federal se unieron a la procesión nacional de motociclistas "Paul Revere Ride".

La caravana motorizada, encabezada por Frosty Woolridge y su grupo de motociclistas realizan una procesión a lo largo del país.

"El enemigo esta aquí y debemos luchar para recuperar nuestro país, no es posible que el gobierno no escuche al pueblo norteamericano, si dejamos que pase la amnistía en 20 años la mayoría serán los ilegales", alertó Jim Gilchrist, creador del proyecto Minutmen.

Entre los participantes del foro se encontraban diversos migrantes legales que llegaron de diversos países en busca de mejores oportunidades, y se oponen a la migración ilegal porque aseguran que se están violando las leyes del país.

Aguanta dolor

Estando en Alemania, participando en el Mundial de futbol, el Día del Padre tuvo un significado especial para su portero Oswaldo Sánchez.

mundial

El técnico Ricardo La Volpe había anticipado el descanso de los jugadores con el argumento de que la disciplina no es todo en el futbol y que, a los jugadores, la convivencia con la familia les sienta tan bien como la intensidad de los entrenamientos.

Después de la práctica, los jugadores se dispersaron para celebrar el Día del Padre, que para Oswaldo tuvo un valor especial por la reciente muerte de su progenitor, tres días antes del arrangue del Mundial

de Alemania 2006.

"Tal vez sea un día difícil, porque mi padre ya no está conmigo, pero él está con dios y yo estoy feliz de estar jugando el Mundial", comentó el meta mexicano.

Oswaldo dejó la concentración en Gotinga el 8 de junio y se fue a México para acudir a las exequias de su padre Felipe Sánchez, y enseguida voló de vuelta con su familia a Nuremberg, para ser el titular en el partido ante Irán.

El arquero mexicano se ha mostrado como uno de los mejores de la Copa del Mundo a pesar del dolor de haber perdido a su padre días antes de que arrancara el Mundial.



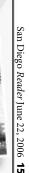




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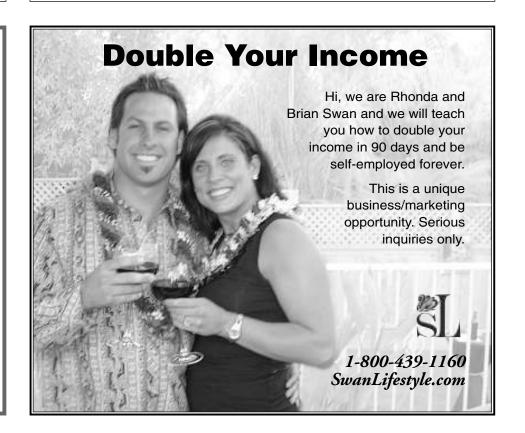
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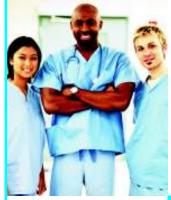
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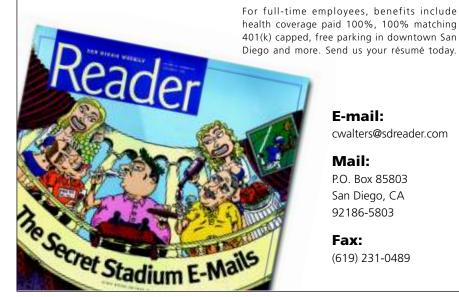
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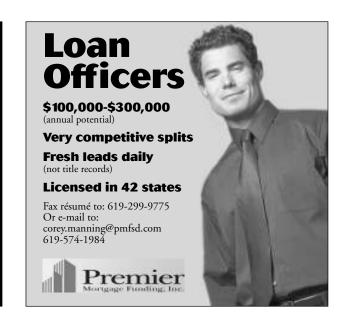
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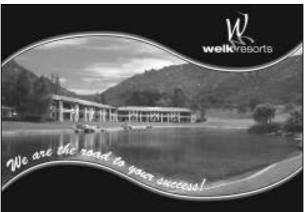


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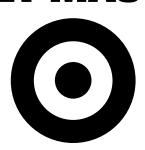
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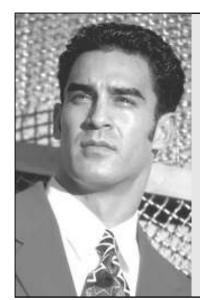
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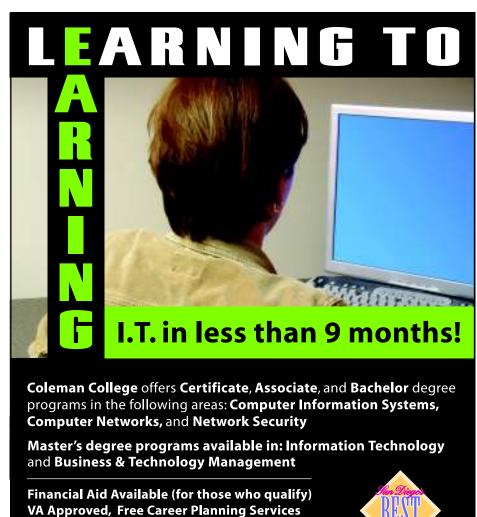
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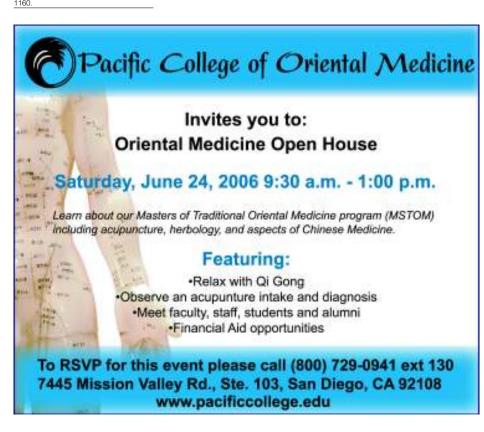
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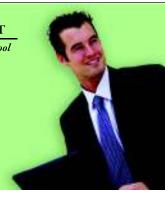
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- 22. Otherwise
- 23. "____ directed"
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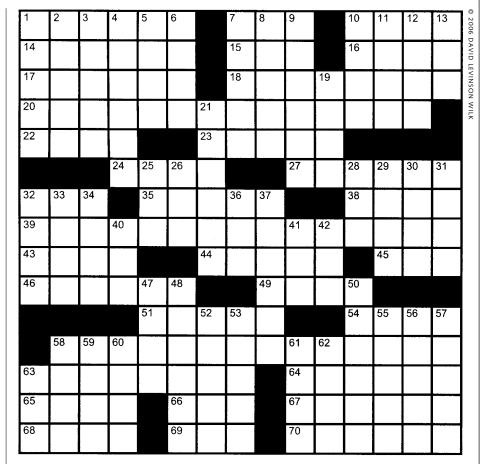
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MIND BODY, exercise, by Clifford C. Oliver, DC, RN, Free. Thursday October 19, 7-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation. 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

MOVIE BUFFS, Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like a book club? Ages 25 to mature welcome. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated, non-profit, supports the repatriation of Mexican Indian immigrants. 4000+ dead. Derechas para los migrantes sin papeles! Amnesty, yes! Wall? No! sancho69ya@yahoo.com.

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bour and none 1/2 bour wist to our offices hour and one 1/2 hour visit to our offices in North County. As compensation for participating, volunteers may receive up to \$100 cash. For further information and to check if you qualify, please call Matt Harper at 1-800-519-8810 or email tracysavra@precisionmed.com.

PARENTS, FAMILIES. and Friends of Lesbians and understanding. Meetings Hillcrest, East County, North County. www.pflag.com. Call for details, 619-579-7640.

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.

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PRAYER WORKS, there is someone here to pray with you. Call Monday through Friday. 7am-9pm. 619-282-7609.

PREGNANT/NEW MOMS. UCSD study. women ages 20-45, not using medication or smoking, are needed for a sleep/light study. Required, 4 evaluation visits +4 study. Required, 4 evaluation visits 4 overnight hospital stays, 619-543-7393.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444. www.recovery.dev. recovery4u.cc.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step felowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.

SINGLE AND SEARCHING FOR GOD?

tion at 5151 Fanuel in PB, Sundays at 11:30am. Call Alvin for details, 619-322-2707.

SURVIVORS OF INCEST Anonymo Free 12-step support groups for men and women molested as children. Call Tim, 619-282-4798; www.siawso.org.

TOUCHED BY ADOPTION? Concerned United Birthparents is a support group for birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents. Information at www. CUBirthparents.org or 619-685-7673.

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free

UNITED INJURED WORKERS, Support group. We are a group of injured workers, meet Saturday mornings, support/dis-cuss problems with the new workman's comp laws, 619-469-4356.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, UCSD's Doula program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special to the special cial time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269x3.

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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.

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.

SWESTHEART, remember that I have TV channel names after me and you. Can watch same anytime your two hearts desire. TMC of Carlsbad.

WAY BACK, "sick" "gods" (ETs), unbalanced, genetically engineered/different human groups into "warriors" to seize/control, kill/get killed; War, only solution to any/all problems. Otherwise, War not normal...

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

SEEKING FEMALE NATURIST., Enjoy sun and fun with single white male, 41, at clothing-free, safe and secure "Sun Islander" resort this summer. (7/5)

WANTED FRIENDS, All ages, middle aged, young, old, for movies, walks, museums. (6/28) ☎50578

other female Charger fans to hang out with, married or single, kids ok. Potlucks, drinks, alternate homes, fun! (6/28)

POLYNESIAN FILIPINO, Male, college graduate from Hawaii. Shy, soft spoken. Enjoys photography, museums, movies, conversation. Desires educated, mature male friend, mentor, 40-65. (7/5)

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

YOUTHFUL 59, Slim, witty, loyal, fun. Looking for Mr. Right: accomplished, physically, financially and emotionally able, personable gentleman for friendship, companionship, good times. Humor A+. (6/28) 🏗 69147

AFFECTIONATE UC GRAD, 49, pretty darn fit, pretty blue eyes. Seeks sorta handsome, kinda successful thinker/creator/adventurer for summer friendship, belly laughs, more? (6/28)

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by white ladv. 47, nature green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (7/5) \$\alpha\$ 69176

FILIPINA WHO'S CARING, Loving, stick to one man, 5'3", 112lbs. Seeking long-term-relationship. Honest, monogamous, stable, 40-55, know how to take

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 51 slightly overweight, sincere, easygo-ing, creative, intelligent, non-smoker. Looking for same for casual compan-ionship. I love cats, cooking, crafts and laughter. (7/5) **2**69157

CUTE, SASSY REDHEAD, Pretty smile. Seekś gentleman 45-55 who is áverage height/weight, intelligent, fun; and en-joys dancing, movies, dining, outdoors, new adventures. Call! (7/5) 269169

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Fun-loving, slim, tall, educated, enjoys, travel, outdoor. Seeking tall gentleman, Caucasian, 52-62, financially secure, companionship and possible marriage to share life together. (7/5) \$\overline{\Overline{

BLONDE, CUTE, OUTGOING, Fit. Like sports, outdoors, music, dancing, fine wine, beer, martinis. You same. Let's get together and have some fun. (7/5) 769162

tian, full figured, 50, 5'2". Śeeking Christian male for friendship, possible relationship, race open, age 40-55. (6/28) 🌣 69145

55. (6/28) ★69145

CLASSY, EUROPEAN, ATTRACTIVE, Warm, sensual, fun, energetic, outgoing, spontaneous, adventurous. Emotionally, financially secure. Romantic, passionate lady. Seeking successful, honest, stable, professional gentleman, 40-50, for romance. (6/28) ★69150

PRETTY, SLENDER, N.Y.C. transplant. Sophisticated, charming, 67, Jewish 5'7' Carlsbad. Seeking sweetheart. Tall secure gentleman. Homeowner only! Enjoy theater, arts, music, fine food/wine laughter. (7/5) \$\alpha\$ 69155

LADY CHARGER FANS, I am looking for

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/non-religious, 35-53, 5'9"+. (6/28) \$\mathbf{\Omega}\$ (6/28)\$

AMPLE, VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTY, Seeks great guy to share life with. Please be 35-45, young professional. Likes should include wine, theatre, travel, outdoor fun, and more. (6/28) \$\frac{1}{26}\$ 69143

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). (7/5)

QUITE ROMANTIC, Black female 46.

Seeks single black male who enjoys going out to dinner, movies and listening to jazz. (7/5) 69154

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, Looking for a

man between 45 and 68. Daughter 5 years old, looking forward to having a good time one day. (7/5) 🏗 69163

North County Coastal. Homeowner with her act together and minimal baggage. Seeking same. Petite, blonde, dog laver. Carpe Diem! (6/28) 26 69149 SUMMER IS HERE! Let's have fun. North County Coastal. Homeowner with

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, love outdoor, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional nonsmoker, 40-45, male. (7/5) \$\infty\$ 69170

VIBRANT, SEXY, Romantic 40s Latina. Seeking Caucasian gentleman, 45-53 for a long term relationship. Summer here, beaches, parks, social events, let's do it all. (7/5) 🏗 69164

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, Sweet, cultured. Enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Wants to meet a nice, white gentleman, aged 30 and up. Nonsmoker. No drugs. (6/28) \$\overline{\textit{T}}69146\$

white FEMALE. Seeking white male for dating. I like movies, dining, the beach. You're attractive, honest, sincere, and are financially secure. I'm slim, blonde, sweet. (6/28) \$\mathbf{\Omega}\$ 69161

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished professional, great body, lively, aware, cultured, communicator. Seeking quality nonsmoking man, financially/emotionally secure, to explore life's possibilities. (6/28) \$\overline{a}\$69144

LOOKING FOR YOU, Funny guy who likes movies, dancing, camping, art, coffee, houses. I'm 5'3', 165lbs, brown hair, North County weekend getaways. Call for details. (6/28) 26 69142

SHAPELY, APPEALING, Blonde hair green eyed, 40-something, confident, professional woman. Seeks educated, secure, good hearted, honest professional man, 39-63, for possible relationship. (7/5) \$\pi\$ 69167

TALL ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, Loving Christian female desires clean cut GQ moral gentleman who enjoys theater, music, dance, sports, between 35-45 lover of children. Nonsmoker/drugs. (6/28) ☎ 69153

tractive white 32 years female, loving, caring, giving. Seeks white male 24-40 years, play no games, serious minded, marriage-minded a must. (7/5) 69175

LOVELY TO LOOK AT, Delightful to hold, healthy, active and bold, loves dancing, laughing and kissing, can you start my heart hissing, 58-68 years. (6/28) \$\infty\$ 69141

PRETTY LADY, Nice figure, no bag-gage photo on line. Seeking tall 60+ gentleman who is romantic and enjoys, dining, hiking, movies, traveling and spontaneous, adventurous. (6/28)

AFRICAN, CLASSY NURSE, 5'6", slender, gorgeous figure; enjoys music cooking, traveling; secure homeowner Seeks gentleman with morals, nonsmoking/drugs. Enjoys music, movies under 50. (6/28) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$ 69160

ONE OF A KIND, 35, Hispanic, 5'8" plus size, green eyes. Loves kids, cud-dling, beach, movies. Seeks male, 35-43, honest; love kids, romantic, cud-dling, sincere. (7/5) \$\overline{\overli

AT 3AM, LET'S SHARE Champagne/peanut butter. On Tuescmampagne/peanut butter. On Tues-day museum, Thursday roller coaster, Saturday Napa winery. Warm, intelli-gent, adventurous, successful blonde. Seeks dynamic equal 55+. (6/28) ☎ 69152



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Steve Guimarin Cell-Phone Technician

Hemet

think it's possible if you have a good-paying job or your parents give you lots of money or if you want to live with 12 of your best friends and all 12 of you finance your one-room condo downtown. I wouldn't do more than 100 percent financing because I'd feel like I'd be paying into a house that I don't have equity in, in a very expensive market. I don't feel like I'd be getting anything out of it. The prices are about the same in the Bay Area [as San Diego], but at least there you can live 15 minutes away and afford a house. If you live 15 minutes from San Diego, you're in the same housing market. As a first-time buyer, it's good to go with a trusted real estate agent that you feel comfortable with. If I didn't have family in real estate, I don't think I would've attempted to buy.



Kim Guimarin

Editor

Hemet

think for a first-time buyer, it's really difficult to get into the market in San Diego; I don't think it's impossible. It takes a lot of budgeting and knowing what your finances are. If you're also going to be spending as much money on your commute as you are on your mortgage, then you have to see if it's worth it...especially now with gas prices like they are. I do about 50 minutes one way on my commute and it's a killer; we actually had to buy a car that gets better gas mileage. I would definitely take the time to get to know your real estate agent. You got to buy, though, because renting is throwing your money away; you have to find a way to buy.



Shelly Barranza Teacher

Kearny Mesa

I think it depends on how you start off. Maybe there's more of a market in somewhere like North Park where you can get into a starter condo For someone like me, who's a teacher and doesn't make a lot of money...with some of the programs that are available through the government, maybe I'd start off with a place like that. You have to have first-time buyer programs, or there's almost no way to get in. I don't know how the whole thing works, but when there's too many houses on the market for sale, it's not good for the market. One of the ways a lot of people got into the housing market has been through loans where for the first five years you only pay interest on your loan, and once those five years are up you have to pay principal and your payment balloons. If these people aren't able to refinance or sell their homes, there's going to be a lot of bankruptcies.



Iason Barranza Military

Kearny Mesa

Not impossible. It's a challenge, and you have to be willing to cut into other areas in order to really concentrate on buying. It's always a gamble anytime you buy a house. If you're planning on staying there for a while, then it's not a gamble in the long haul. Housing is so expensive here, you have to show up with a lot of money for a down payment; you just have to cut into every other area of your life: you can't buy a new car, you have to drive the old car, and you can't go out to eat as much in restaurants, and you have to be willing to make that lifestyle change. In the Midwest, it's not that big of a deal. Out here, you have to change your life to buy a house. In California you pay a sun-tax; places like Florida are cheap because you have to worry about hurricanes and humidity. In California, it's a different lifestyle; there's a lot more people, and things aren't as slow. San Diego is a great town; I love San Diego.



Chris Moser

Military

Pacific Beach

Yes. Everybody rents because it's just ridiculous. There's government housing, and you can save money until your pay rank increases. A lot of military lives in Imperial Beach. I'm from Texas, and there's a lot more land down there, so it's not bad to get into real estate. It's worth it [living in California], that's why people get stationed out here. Great beaches and great bars. I'd like to get into some real estate out here because the value is just going to keep going up.



Dustin Elliot Grocery Clerk

Kensington

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m F}$ or a working-class person, I'd say yes. Down the line, I haven't really thought about it. The prices would obviously have to be lower. They're artificially high right now. Hell, no, can I settle down in San Diego; I mean, if I could afford it, I would. I'm from Austria, and I don't think I'll end up settling down in the United States. It depends how safe this country ends up being; there is a difference, a fear factor that might even be artificial. You don't want to be around it too much; you just get sick of it after a while. You know that Hitler is from Austria and so is Arnold; that's just an interesting comparison.

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelli gent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (7/5) CUTE, SPUNKY FEMALE, Seeks long-term friend, possible lover. Smart, com-municative, kind, honest seeks same to share walks, psychology, holistic health, spirituality, books, music, dancing. (6/28)

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Men Seeking WOMEN

LATINO MALE, Huggable, lovable, 5'8", 135lbs, 50, educated. Seeking friendship, conversation and good times with heavenly woman. (6/28) \$\frac{1}{25}\$50602

MATCHES

DO YOU LIKE BEACH WALKS, Movies and music? Law enforcement officer seeks female for friendship and fun. I'm 57, 5'11', brown, blue. (6/28) ☎50603

RACE UNIMPORTANTI, I'm 39, fit, attractive, humorous. Seeking a beautiful lady 25-39, who enjoys being with a great guy. I'll treat you like no other. (6/28) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50579 REALLY NICE CAUCASIAN, Gentleman seeks really nice Caucasian lady for friendship first and more later. He is attractive, divorced, humorous, stable, very active, enjoys life. (6/28) \$\frac{1}{2}\$50594 HANDSOME HEADTURNER, 44 fit, finan-

cially secure, honest, with positive witty personality. Great cook, barbecues on the beach. Waterfront homeowner. Seeks slim beauty, 32-42. (6/28) \$\infty\$50597

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A man! Tall, handsome, kind, warm, romantic man. Seeking fun-loving "sexy" spontaneous women to have fun in sunny San Diego. (7/5) \$\infty\$50633

SPIRITUAL MAN, 46, 6', 175, very affectionate. Looking to meet spiritual woman with beautiful soul and passionate heart for true relationship. (6/28) \$\infty\$50598

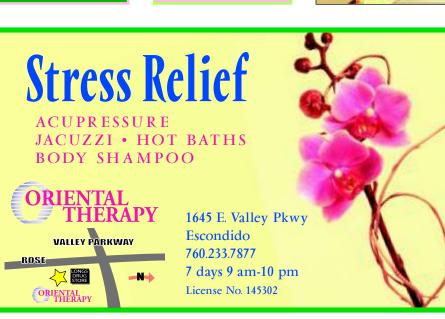
Outpoor Oriented MAN, Skiing, sailing, dirt bikes, mountains, desert, are my interests, 6°1°, 180lbs, 45, easygoing fun type. Seeks adventurous, slim woman. (7/5) ☎50623

woman. (7/5) ****C***50623 ** **STOP, READ, CALL,** Monogamous, honest, romantic, 49, 5'7" black male. Enjoys life, laughter, summertime, movies, walks,

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sports. Seeks friendship, possible long-term relationship, all calls returned. (6/28)

PUN-LOVING, ATTRACTIVE, Blonde, 40, country girl with 3 great bird-dogs. Looking to share the good life with a thoughtful, romantic, kind and generous man. (6/28) \$\Pi\$50581

COMPASSIONATE, ATTRACTIVE, Profes l Caucasian, kind, late 60s, 5'10" lib financially secure homeowner Seeks attractive, slender, elegant, affectionate, sensual 49-64 Caucasian woman for full relationship. (7/5) \$\infty\$50618

VERY ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER, Tall. groomed. Homeowner, financially secure. Seeking nice, attractive, shapely lady 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing, trips. (6/28) \$\infty\$50586

DON'T YOU WANT ME! Fun-loving, sincere, tall, boyish, energetic, outgoing man. Seeking extrovert dancing warmhearted, sexy, sensual woman to have good times with me. (7/5) \$\infty\$50630

SUPER NICE GUY! Cute, young 56, (looks 40), romantic, kind, humorous, educated, creative, funloving, musically inclined. Seeks younger, petite, attractive, nonsmoking, musically inclined, quality lady. (6/28) \$\overline{\text{CSOS}}\$

ADVENTUROUS, HANDSOME, Sponta-neous gentleman in search of a special, kind, loving old world traditional woman. Together we create beautiful music in harmony with eachother peace-fully! (6/28) \$\overline{a}\$50590

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. (6/28) \$\infty\$50587

White Seeks Asian

CEO, blue eyes, 140lbs, college, no smoke, good-looking kisser. Seeks nice lady, age and size open, like plump to thin, for happy times lover. (6/28) \$750589

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ventures. Look 40-something. One-woman man. (7/5) \$\infty\$50621

DESIRE VIVACIOUS, ARTICULATE, Woman. Few extra pounds o.k. I'm free-spirited 50, white 5'10", 195lbs, neat appearance. Movies, museums, coffee, sports, ocean, travel. Prefer unencumbered. (6/28) \$\overline{\alpha}\$50604

SENIOR CAUCASIAN GENTLEMAN, Likes bridge, dancing, movies, trips. Looking for cheerful up-to-date lady. Tall, full figured preferred, but not mandatory. 69 to 81. (7/5) \$\frac{1}{12}\$ 50628

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (6/28) \$\infty\$50575

NICE APPEARING BACHELOR, Farly 50s trim, successful, childless, blue, brown North County Coastal homeowner, with out encumbrances. You 40-something well groomed, not overweight, serious minded. (7/5) \$\infty\$50624

EASY-GOING WHITE MALE, 47, tall, dark and nice-looking, emotionally and finan-cially secure, and humorous. Seeking

TALL AFRICAN AMERICAN, Handsome educated intelligent with sense of humor. Seeking athletic runner, Caucasian cated, attractive, sense of humor, f happiness for two. (7/5) \$\infty\$50626

44, HANDSOME, Romantic, funny guy. Seeking female who wants never-ending fun, passionate, never-ending kisses and romance that only movies are made about. (7/5) \$\mathbf{2}\$50622

SLICED BAGEL, Seeks other half. 55, tall and holding, not too crusty, seeks slenderish bagelette. Lox optional. (6/28)

SINGLE DAD with little girl looking for a lasting relationship, please be slender. I am 49, 160lbs., blond/blue, my daughter is 9. (6/28) \$\infty\$50576

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Fit, active single man, 51, who is smart, employed and has a sense of humor. Seeks an attractive woman for a relationship. (7/5) \$\infty\$50627

GENTLEMAN, TALL, TRIM, Educated handsome, 60s, easy-going. Seeks 50s waitress, grocery checker, etcetera

Good figure, unassuming, for friendship, commitment, outings, travel, reciprocal, love, respect. (7/5) \$\infty\$50614

ANGELINA? No thanks, I'm a very young 60 who's looking for a fun loving lady who enjoys my cooking and San Diego outdoors, got smiles? (6/28) \$\infty\$50608

YOUNG MAN, OLDER WOMAN, I'm white

TALL, ATHLETIC, PROFESSIONAL, 44, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking sweet, athletic lady 34-48 for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (6/28) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$50574

ASIAN LADY, SLENDER Or petite, se

owner, no kids, smokes and drink moderation. Seeks like-minded girlfri to start up party-house. (6/28) \$\infty\$506

healthy, educated, arts-lover, tactful, honest, nonbaggaged, dress to occasions, retired hobbyist. (7/5) \$\infty\$69174

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 165lbs., 54, blue/red, shaved, swing dancer, road bicycle racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection (6'02), \$65692 tion! (6/28) \$\frac{1}{12}\$50583

SEEKING WOMAN 50+, For companion-ship, possible long term relationship. I'm 57. I enjoy working out, movies, dining with caring, nonsmoking, affectionate lady. San Diego. (6/28) \$\overline{a}\$ 50592

ACURA TENNIS CLASSIC! Let's go! You be Ebony. I am Ivory. Must also enjoy dining out, movies, zoo, walks on the beach, day or nighttime. (7/5) ☎50634

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY, Seeks white female 40-56, slim/medium build, to come share quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlit nights, cozy evenings, cuddling. (6/28)

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, gentleman's standards/morals, casian, gentleman's standards/morals, Fashion Valley. Seeking motivated lady, 43-51, to enjoy life's adventures and daily

SEEKING UNDERSTANDING, Companion for life's physical and spiritual challenges. I'm self-employed 25 years, ex-hippie, intellectually varied writer, humorist, public speaker. Eagerly anticipating your female perspective. (7/5) \$\infty\$50617 MATURE LADY SOUGHT, By mature gentleman for sociable friendship, companionship, travel, dinners, shows, enjoying each other's company, doing whatever pleases us, without 'excess' baggage. (7/5) \$\overline{a}\$50620

living with, possible commitment. (7/5) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$50625

6'1", SLIM, Single father, fun, degreed professional, mannered. Seeks 43-53, North County lady, trim, feminine, degreed, fun, nonsmoker; for conversation, outings and laughs. (6/28) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$ 50585

EAST COUNTY, Retired, 70, nice guy. Like cruises, car trips, movies, stable fi-

nance. I am healthy, active, trim. Looking for a nice lady. (6/28) \$\infty\$ 50599

SNUGGLE BUDDIE WANTED for love or

fun. 6', blue, brown hair, good-looking, honest, funny. You're sexy, a great kisser, available, indoor/outdoor, dancing, movies, bocka. (6/28) \$\infty\$50593

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, WHITE, Male, 54, loving, caring, sincere, sensitive, fun lov-

loving, caring, sincere, sensitive, fun lov-ing, easygoing, unencumbered. Seeks female, age, weight, unimportant, for inti-

macy, affection, dining, enjoying, life to-gether. (7/5) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$69173

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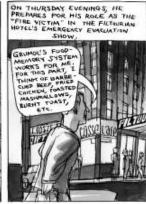
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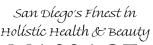
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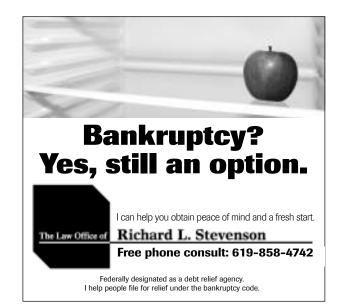
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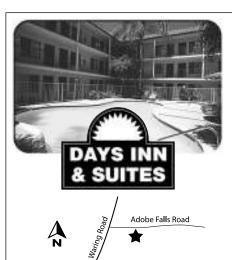
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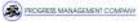
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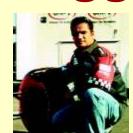
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"Somebody's boring me. I think it's me." So said Dylan Thomas, no doubt on a spree, a reason for another drink, and another, until there was no boredom, no thinking, no "me."

It's a sentiment any substance abuser understands. I could fractionate my four years of relapse in episode after episode but, frankly, I bore me.

I am bored with oozing obsequiousness and apology — bored and angry at how I live. I shrivel when I meet couples and kids on the sidewalk, convinced they matter more than I do. I steer Daisy into traffic to avoid teacup poodles and moms trailing indulgent pride and Wall Street assumptions. You call yourself a dog? she barks, furious that a Coney Island bust-theballoons prize is pissing on her home block. I love your kids, I snipe silently. They're so cute on Razor bikes

I am bored with being a walking proclamation of "Reject Me!" and with trying to decipher how people morph from allies to sadists. I am especially bored with assuming the blame.

This is the stuff I ate over when I was

6, and it's the stuff I relapsed over at 46. I ate because I was scared of my sexually predatory oldest brother. I ate because I'd been given away at birth. I ate because, in first grade, Sister Mary Marcella made me go to the bathroom every hour and because I wet my pants anyway. I ate because the house was empty after school or because it wasn't. I ate because I was lonely and to forget the too-much space I took up, and because I'd rather sidle Daisy between the parked cars and the honking ones than deal with her or my outrage. I ate because I was ashamed of the desires I didn't deserve to have or satisfy or, for a long time, admit.

I'll be 50 in December. I've paid 43 years of eating and hiding, gaining and losing at least 800 pounds. The price is skin that flaps in a brisk breeze when I'm thin and enfolds the putrid secrets of bacteria feeding on sweat when I'm fat. In some ways, I look at my body at any weight and I marvel, "What a monument!" It's an achievement carved by agony. I am Mahler's Das Kindertoten Lieder, Guernica, Callas singing Tosca at Covent Garden.

If my teenaged aspirations to sing



Sondheim on Broadway and/or rank with William Carlos Williams in The Norton Anthology of Poetry were hungers I tamped with breakfast cereal, my body is the Tony and American Book Award of longing.

As I write this, I've been abstinent for 95 days. I've lost 21 pounds. When I weighed myself, five days ago, I was so chagrined I hadn't lost more that I bought a tub of Breyer's sugar-free Neopolitan ice cream. Thank God for strawberry ice cream. I fed it to Daisy. The rest took 24 hours to digest, and another 24 hours for the notion to hit that, hey! it wasn't 21 pounds gained, my jeans are becoming clown pants and the sciatica I courted early this spring has vanished. I'm letting the incident go as a lesson learned because I'm bored with the little talks I have with myself that start with phrases like, "When I'm ___, I'll be happy" or "You can't have _ until you_____" or "If I just _ Part of the lesson of that mini-binge is

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that I hadn't been listening as I cruised that ice cream at every purveyor in Brooklyn Heights until I knew where I could get it without being caught, on a Friday night while the 12-step meeting I should have been attending was finishing up two blocks away. I'd waited until I was taking care of a dog that had a working freezer in the house. I'd thought about it the night before while having dinner with the man I have loved most, a horrible and beautiful and painful dinner in which I was once again in the synch of love and bored by what he was saying. He'll go back to Connecticut in an hour, I thrummed. Tomorrow night, tomorrow night...

And, in fact, the ice cream bored me as much as the self-reproaches the next morning.

It's twilight. I'm about to take Daisy for a walk. We'll span the sidewalk as she sniffs out the muskiest potential father for her children and I sing "The Ladies Who Lunch" and smoke a cigarette, glaring down careening children and lovers holding hands.

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LEAD STORY

 In a May dispatch from Atlanta on Southerners notoriously fat-laden cuisine, a Chicago Tribune reporter watered readers' mouths with descriptions of the "hamdog" and the "Luther" (prized dishes of Mulligan's restaurant in Decatur, Ga.), which are, respectively, "a half-pound of hamburger meat wrapped around a hot dog, which is deep-fried and served on a hoagie topped with chili, bacon, and a fried egg," and "a half-pound burger served with bacon and cheese on a Krispy Kreme doughnut." The 11 states from Washington, D.C., to Florida, west to Texas, have the nation's highest mortality rate from strokes, but, said a University of Mississippi professor, "Food is a strong emblem of identity for Southerners,' uniquely shared across racial lines.

Can't Possibly Be True

- Near Tampa, Fla., in May, Robin Key, 44, survived a .38-caliber gunshot through the windshield of her minivan when the bullet came to rest in her lap after being slowed by hitting her shoulder belt and bra strap. And in New York City in April, Glenda Clarke, 26, in a rest room of a nightclub when a gunfight erupted outside, survived a bullet that tore through a door, grazed her scalp, and came to rest in her thick hair weave. A so-far-unnamed 15-year-old New York City girl (a student at the once-most-dangerous Hillcrest High School) was arrested in May and charged with attacking three classmates by biting them on their faces, necessitating plastic surgery for at least one, who had a chunk of flesh gnawed off before bystanders could restrain the girl (described by classmates as a "goth vampire"). "She was trying to get to my jugular," the victim said. "For some reason, she just likes to bite."

- Ín May, a judge in Edmonton, Alberta, ordered Shee Theng, 30, to serve a nine-month community-control sentence for partially scalping his

then-girlfriend by attempting to "style" her hair with a power drill, a technique he said he learned about on a TV infomercial. Theng admitted that he knew it was a bad idea because he had previously screwed up his own hair trying it out.

Inexplicable

- Michael Scanlon, 31, a chief associate of disgraced Washington, D.C., lobbyist Jack Abramoff, reportedly earned millions from his largely illegal deals with Abramoff and spent most of it buying real estate in Delaware beach communities between 2002 and 2005, paying at least \$12 million in cash. However, according to a May report in the Wilmington News-Journal, Scanlon worked each summer during those years as a full-time lifeguard on Delaware beaches at \$11.35 an hour. He reportedly had tried to line up the job again this summer but was turned down by Rehoboth Beach officials because of his pending federal

"Leigh" (who has shed his last name) was arrested at the courthouse in Machias, Maine, in April, charged with trespassing for the 24th time, a strategy he has employed unsuccessfully to try to convince a court to erase a 1993 conviction for reckless conduct with a firearm. Leigh's pattern appeared to be: trespass, then raise the 1993 case in court, then see it ignored as irrelevant, then get jailed for trespass, then get out, then trespass again, then repeat the process. In the latest conviction, he was sentenced to time served, since he had already been in jail for the previous year.

Unclear on the Concept

 Jason Lyon, 28, a National Guardsman from Buffalo, N.Y., who hurt his ankle jumping from a Humvee in Baghdad in 2004, was cleared, after treatment, to return to combat. After his tour ended, he applied to the U.S. Postal Service to be a letter carrier but was turned down because

of his ankle injury (though he is free to apply for less-strenuous positions). In March, after publicity about the case, the Postal Service said it would seek a second medical opinion on the ankle, and a decision was pending at press time. - Ronald Michalowicz, 54, a fire inspector for Bedford Park, Ill., was dismissed after 28 years on the job (about a year short of retirement) for violating town rules against soliciting charitable contributions. According to a Chicago Sun-Times report in May, the solicitation was initiated by others to pay for Michalowicz's treatment for tongue cancer. After chemotherapy, Michalowicz has survived. A town official, having noted Michalowicz's near-terminal condition earlier. approved the solicitation, but when Michalowicz returned to work, other officials insisted on enforcing the no-solicitation rule. He has sued for wrongful discharge.

More Things to Worry About

- (1) Spokane, Wash., dentist Henry G. Kolsrud, 82, decided to give up his license in May rather than face punishment for having an unsanitary office; among the charges: that he kept cat food in the office refrigerator with dental supplies, and that he scooped up cat vomit around the office with dental spatulas. (2) Denmark's Prince Henrik (husband of the queen, Margrethe II) in an April magazine interview declared that dog meat is one of his favorite dishes (even though he is honorary president of the Danish Dachshund Club, owns several dachshunds, and has published poems dedicated to dachshunds).

Least Competent Criminals

In St. Paul, Minn., in May, an unnamed man, working out a community-service sentence by cleaning up for the next day's "graduation" at the St. Paul Police Department's dog-training school,

was caught with drugs by the senior canine "instructor," Buster. According to a report in the (Minneapolis) Star Tribune, the worker had brought six small bags of marijuana with him, even though assigned to the dog school. "I was going to smoke it when I was done working," he said.

Smooth Reactions

— (1) Defendant Justin Jacobson, 21, fighting an assault charge, had a mistrial declared during jury selection when, during a disagreement at the defense table, he slapped his lawyer (Olympia, Wash., May). (2) Defendant John Gomes, fighting a murder charge and apparently not liking that so many of his lawyer's motions were being denied by the judge, suddenly reached over and began strangling the lawyer, until court officers pulled him off (Boston, May).

Update

- In December, "News of the Weird" summarized local newspaper reports that "more than 50 witnesses" in 30 pending lawsuits had accused Seattle-area physicians (and brothers) Charles and Dennis Momah of sexually abusing patients and, in some cases, of Dennis improperly impersonating Charles to patients. However, in May, according to the Seattle Times, the judge who presided over the first of the lawsuits concluded that the patient fabricated her story. Judge Katherine Stolz fined the patient's lawyer, Harish Bharti (who represents most of the complainants) \$300,000 for being complicit in the tale and ordered the patient to pay Dennis Momah \$2.8 million for defamation. (Charles Momah's earlier conviction for sexually abusing patients was not affected.)

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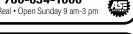
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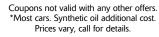
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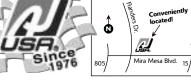


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Thirty Years Ago

The Grossmont commencement ceremony was punctuated by water balloons. The seniors were christened with bottled water stolen from the science labs.... "Five years ago the valedictorians would get up and blast the administration. Now they get up and bless everyone with Jesus." Religion is back. The Christians are in so much control now that one Jewish girl wrote an editorial in the school paper complaining that every other consciousness was obscured in a cloud of Christian bliss. (She later had a nervous breakdown.) Dave Peters, as one of "The Catholic Three," genuflected as he crossed the stage to receive his diploma. It might have indeed been a needed prayer.

— "BRAVING THE NEW WORLD." Richard Louv. Iune 24, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"There are many terrible things about Russia. It is in general a lousy country but schools are better than here," he continued. "When I was half the age of my son, I went to chess school. Also to ping pong school. I had same teacher for many years. She was like mother to me. I admire her always. In America there is always new teacher. I have already discussed with principal of the school.

- "VLADIMIR'S VISIT," Sue Garson, June 25, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Bill Norton, captain of the San Diego City Lifeguard Service, admits his 150 lifeguards are anxious. The warm weather and ocean temperatures arrived earlier than usual this year. Norton says, while the rough winter surf and rip tides that normally depart by April or May are still around.... So far this year, 14 people have met their deaths in the surf off city beaches, while in 1985 the total for the entire vear was only 13.

—CITY LIGHTS: "TO THE RESCUE!" Thomas K. Arnold, June 26, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

The obnoxious comic strip Cathy can be as addictive as sugared almonds when author Cathy Guisewite goes really horrorshow. Like that recent storyline where an idiot-hip hairdresser turns Cathy (the character, not Guisewite) into a platinum-blond bubblehead.

Which brings us to the *Tribune's* frequent and irksome practice of bumping the strip, pleading "space limitations." "Space limitations" come about because instead of setting Cathy among Neil Morgan's new-wave comicspage offerings (Zippy, Robotman, The Far Side), the Tribune gives Cathy a place d'honneur on page 2, "Scene" section. Idea seems to be that "Cathy" will draw the reader's eye to the Society gushings of Jeanne Beach Eigner, who appeals to a similar audience of anxious, Chanel-bagtoting, middle-class females.

—NEWSHOUND: "COMIC CUTS," Margot Sheehan, June 27, 1991

Ten Years Ago

WALTER LINBACK: (South Clairemont):... I was down the hill in front of our northernmost outpost. I mean, I was practically in Chinese territory. So if the Chinese attacked, I was supposed to give the warning before I got killed so they could send in artillery. Of course, if the Chinese didn't get me, the artillery or the machine gun and rifle fire would, since I was right where they were all zeroed in.

—"THE FORGOTTEN WAR," David Burge, June 20, 1996

Five Years Ago

Ex-Republican congressman Brian Bilbray, defeated by Democrat Susan Davis last November, has finally found a job, reports National Journal's Congress Daily. The onetime surfer mayor of Imperial Beach, who



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now lives in Alexandria, Virginia, has become a legislative consultant, signing up three California clients, including the county of Los Angeles, Conquer Cancer and Alzheimer's Now, and the San Diego consulting outfit of Benedetto Advocacy and Communications. Craig Benedetto's clients include the controversial Bajagua project, a plan to ship U.S. sewage into Mexico for treatment, a project backed by legislation sponsored by Bilbray when he was in the House.

—CITY LIGHTS: "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME," Matt Potter, June 21, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

My small business is growing fast, and I needed to rent larger office space. We work days and some nights, which I explained to the landlord when we were negotiating the lease. Things went well in our new space, until the first night we had to work late. My three employees and I were astounded to hear, at about 10:30 p.m., the most god-awful bunch of noise. It was like being right next to the speakers at a giant rock concert. I rushed upstairs to locate the source. It turns out the landlord rented one of the upstairs spaces to a band that is using the place to rehearse. It was impossible to get any further work done so I sent my employees home and fumed until the next morning, when I called the landlord to complain. He said, "Oh, yeah, I guess they're probably pretty loud. But they're only going to rehearse at night. You should just work during the day." When I suggested that it was his responsibility to soundproof if he was going to rent space to heavy metal bands, he replied, "Maybe at some point, but it's too expensive right now." Isn't he obligated to soundproof the room the band rehearses in? I am paying good money for this office space and must work some nights. I think he should be a lot more responsive about this. Your view?

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Dear Entrepreneur,

Your landlord is an irresponsible jerk to rent to a band that rehearses at night, knowing you and your intrepid team work some nights as well. But it doesn't matter what I think; if I legislated the world's behavior, what a sweeter planet it would be. If your landlord is unwilling to be conscientious, you should start looking for a new place to rent right now. You're paying for usable office space and not getting it. I don't think you can compel him to soundproof, and since he won't comply with your polite request, take your firm elsewhere. You don't need the aggravation.

Dear Saffron,

My sister, who lives in another state, is a single mom. We were close when we were growing up but are not as tight as we used to be. Still, I am very fond of her and her kids. She is struggling financially, and since our parents aren't around anymore, and I don't have kids, and I'm doing well career-wise, I

send her money now and again. When she gets strapped, she'll call and ask me to "lend" her some cash. I do this whenever she asks, but I find that two things are now bothering me: She is starting to call only when she needs money, and she is always saying, "I swear I'll pay you back." I know she won't, and I don't need her to. This is all making me want to avoid talking to her. How can I get the relationship back on a better footing, where it's not all about dollars and cents?

BIG LEMON GROVE BROTHER

Dear Big Brother,

Don't wait for your sister to call you every time. Take the initiative, and phone her once in a while so you can have friendly chats that are not focused on money. Tell her that you are happy to give her money when she is in need, and that it makes you uncomfortable to have it called a loan. Tell her you don't want to hear any more about paying you back, because the money is a gift. No strings. You're family. She can relax and stop feeling like she's overdrawn at the bank.

Dear Saffron,

I'm writing in reference to the letter you got from the grandmother who couldn't remember one of her grandkids' birthdays but was afraid to let on. Gosh sakes, why make it so complicated? If Grandma can't remember the child's birth date, tell her to call one of

her other grandchildren and ask them. Also, I drop birth announcements in a file folder and just go to the file when I need to jog my memory (that is, if I can remember what I filed it under). Or the grandma who wrote to you can do what I do - with 19 grand- and great-grandchildren, I tell 'em, "I'm old, and I've got a right to forget things!" Lighten up, Grandma. No biggie! If Grandma's late with a birthday present, that simply extends the birthday celebration! Look on the bright side, and teach your grandchildren to do so.

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The serrated blade squeezed through the bread and slid into my skin. My heart leapt. I jumped up in pain, dropped the knife, and clasped my finger with the opposite hand. A single crimson drop of blood formed at the tip of my left index

It felt like an ice pick was pressing into my chest. My hands turned numb, my vision blurred, and my stomach brewed with nausea. Beads of sweat formed on my forehead. My arms dropped to my side all but incapacitated. My head bobbed into unconscious. A ringing pierced my eardrums and then faded to deep silence.

I heard someone say my name. A familiar voice in the distance.

"Jeremy. Jeremy, are you okay?"

I knew the voice but could not place it.

Again the voice called out, "Jeremy, can you hear me? Are you okay?"

My senses returned. That voice is Rhiana's, I thought. A slight smile formed on my face from the sound of her voice. Yes. Now things are returning to normal.

A third time, Rhiana spoke. "Jeremy, answer me. What is going on?"

Like I had just been woken from a trance I muttered in a hushed monotone, "I cut my finger slicing the bread. It's not bad, but I'm going to pass out. Get me a chair; I don't want to fall. And can you turn off the oven?"

Rhiana agreed, "I will get you a chair, but first you have to sit down on the floor."

"No. I can stand up if you just get me a chair and turn off

Rhiana turned to get a chair. I stood and glared at the lime-green digital numbers on our pearl-white stovetop range. The numbers read "350." My mind raced with the thought of

the overheated oven. "I just have to turn it off. It's only a few steps away. I will feel better once it is turned off." One step toward the stovetop and the digital numbers danced like fireflies on a summer night. One half step and the numbers swung into a streak of lime green lightning.

Darkness ensued.

I felt the cool kitchen floor tiles on my face. The hum that resonated from the refrigerator motor was slightly louder than normal. I rolled to my back, placed my hand on the windowsill, and pulled myself to the wall. My sweaty hands slid on the tile as I propped myself into a sitting position. I was then facing the stove. The cabinets and appliances appeared jumbled together in a white, clouded blob before me.

I heard that familiar voice again. "Jeremy. Jeremy! What happened? Are you okay? Why couldn't you just leave that stupid oven be?"

Crouched on the floor, I tried to hold my head up, but it sank back down. The nausea in my stomach nearly elevated to a heave. Again I tried to hold up my head, and again it fell between my shoulders.

Rhiana was frantic. "Are you okay? Can you hear me? What happened?"

I mumbled once more

about the stove, and as the nausea rose I said, "Call 9-1-1."

Rhiana left the room and returned with the phone. She dialed a few chirps and dashed through the operator's query, "Hello. Yes. Medical, please. My fiancé cut his finger. He passed out, and I think he hit his head on the way down. Okay. Thank you."



Rhiana retrieved a cold, wet hand towel and pressed it to my face. "Can you hold this on your head? Let me see your finger. You are bleeding everywhere." She lifted my limp arm from the floor and folded my unscathed fingers down and out of the way. "You need to hold this hand up. Hold this paper towel on it and keep up the pressure while I get the bandages. Why didn't you listen to me and just sit down?"

Coming back to my senses, I persisted. "Did you turn off the oven?" She had left the room.

Returning again and this time agitated by the repeated question she snapped back, "Yes, the oven is off. Keep your hand up!"

It was then that I could here the rumble of diesel engines rolling onto our quiet street. The engines grew loud and bombastic and then they idled off into silence.

> Rhiana opened the door and I could hear a scanner radio screeching out updates over the emergency radio band. The voices of several men talking in the drive grew closer accompanied by the thump of large protective boots. I could see the silhouette of a

fireman's hat standing outside the door. Rhiana stepped out to greet them.

As the crew began to fill the kitchen, Rhiana leaned down and looked into my dazed eyes. "You know that whole 'In sickness and in health' thing? We haven't agreed to that yet, so try to not do something like this again for another couple of weeks. Okay?"

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Location: 9205 Lakeview Road, Lakeside Time/Date: 1:05 p.m. on 6/8/06

Report: A large white truck (unknown make), occupied by two men, approached two eight-year-old girls as



they were walking home from Lakeview Elementary School. The driver slowed the truck as it

approached the girls and the passenger leaned out the window, grabbed the two girls, and pulled them towards the vehicle. One of the girls bit the man on his right wrist, forcing him to release both girls. The two occupants in the truck drove off immediately in an unknown direction.

ALIEN SMUGGLING

Location: San Ysidro Border Time/Date: 9:45 p.m. on 6/5/06

Report: A 27-year-old U.S. citizen registered to participate in the SENTRI program (Secure Electronic Network for Traveler's Rapid Inspection) was arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers at the San Ysidro port of entry after he allegedly attempted to smuggle a sixyear-old girl in the vehicle he was driving.

CBP officers encountered the driver, Juan M., a resident of Tijuana, Mexico, when he entered the San Ysidro border station through a designated SENTRI lane, driving a black 2002 Hyundai Elantra. M. presented two SENTRI "portpasses" to the CBP officer, one for himself issued in his name and a second portpass in the name of his daughter, for the minor in the passenger seat.

The CBP officer suspected the young girl in the vehicle was not the person whose portpass was presented for inspection. The vehicle and occupants were escorted to the secondary inspection area where it was confirmed the child was an undocumented Mexican national and not the person who was lawfully issued the portpass.

M. was arrested, charged with alien smuggling and his SENTRI privileges were revoked.

MARIJUANA SEIZURE

Location: Cleveland National Forest Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. on 6/10/06

Report: Members of the grantfunded San Diego Sheriff's Department Marijuana Eradication Team, acting on a tip, were checking a remote location in the Cleveland National Forest, near Palomar Mountain, for what was described as an outdoor marijuana grow, consisting of about fifty plants. Team members from the San Diego Sheriff's Department Marijuana Eradication Team trekked to the remote location and discovered 13,000 marijuana plants ranging in maturity. Upon their arrival at the grow, two Hispanic males and one Hispanic female tending to the plants ran. A short foot pursuit ensued — however, due to the remoteness and rugged nature of the area, the three suspects eluded capture. During the initial foot pursuit, one of the male suspects dropped a loaded handgun, along with a radio for communication. The items were recovered...along with all the plants as evidence.

HIT AND RUN

Location: 1300 Industrial Boulevard, Chula Vista

Time/Date: 11:35 p.m. on 5/31/06



Report: Dispatch received telephone reports of a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian in an electric wheel chair. Officers arrived and located the victim, who had suffered massive head injuries and two broken legs. Due

to the seriousness of the injuries, Lifeflight transported the victim to UCSD Medical Center. The 51-year-old Chula Vista resident, James Q., [was] in critical condition. Officers at the scene were able to get a description of the suspect's vehicle. It was located abandoned about ten minutes later by a CVPD detective. The vehicle, a red 1993 Honda Civic, had been reported stolen in San Diego on March 30, 2006.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 1820 Skyline Drive, Lemon Grove

Time/Date: 10:15 p.m. on 6/10/06



Report: Lemon Grove Sheriff's Deputies responded to reports of shots fired...and found a victim with six gunshot wounds. Their investigation revealed [that] the adult black male victim was seen arguing with two Hispanic males in the street. The victim was shot at least six times, from his thigh to his shoulder, by the suspects, who ran away. None of the wounds appear to be life threatening.

HOMICIDE

Location: 343 Richmar Avenue.

San Marcos

Time/Date: 9:12 p.m. on 6/14/06

Report: Sheriff's Communications Center received a call of a stabbing in front of the La Fiesta Grande Market. Deputies arrived on scene two minutes later. At that time they found two

males, both of whom were believed to be in their late teens, lying on the ground in front of the business. Both subjects, who were unconscious, appeared to have suffered multiple stab wounds. One victim was transported to Palomar Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 9:40 p.m. The second victim was transported to Scripps La Jolla Hospital. His condition [was] reported to be "serious, but stable."

Early reports indicate that a group of males were fighting in front of the business and that the two stabbing victims were involved in that altercation.

STABBINGS

Location: Intersection of Johnson Avenue and Washington, El Cajon **Time/Date:** 7:04 p.m. on 5/27/06



Résumé of Incident: El Caion Police Department began receiving numerous 911 calls regarding a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located two subjects with stab wounds. The 14year-old and 15-year-old victims were transported by El Cajon Fire Department to Sharp Memorial for treatment. The wounds [were] not life threatening.

The victims reported that they were confronted by two Hispanic males who exited a light gray or blue van driven by a third Hispanic male. The two suspects had knives when they exited the van, and stabbed the victims. The suspects got back into the van and fled the scene.

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Hey, it's our friend Svetlana. Hi Svetlana.

"Oh, hi Jose."

How are you, Svetlana?

"I'm okay, Jose. I had to do two days in jail."

Oh, no!

"Yes. I was arrested for DUI. But I was not even drunk or in my car. I had two beers and was already in my apartment when the cop car pulled up in front."

Well, Svetlana. We have laws for...

"And now they talk about sending me back to Russia. But my son Eric is American citizen. He was born here. My green card..."

Okay, good luck, Svetlana. Svetlana is what we call an "exotic dancer," kids. That means she takes her clothes off for one-dollar bills. It takes a lot of one-dollar bills to buy school clothes, so Svetlana also cleans motel rooms during the day. She cries a lot, too.

All right, kids, let's look across the street. Hey, it's our favorite restaurant, Canada Steak Burger. Let's go inside and talk to the skinny black guys and their chubby white girlfriends. (What? We can't say that on the air?) All right, cut. Hey, look! It's our friend Maria. Hi Maria! "Oh. hi Jose El Burro."

Kids, it's friendly to ask, "How are you?" when you see a friend. So, how are you, Maria? "I'm okay, Jose. I finally got a restraining order on Carlos."

Carlos, your husband?

"Yes. He can't come within 200 feet of me, but he still calls and hangs up. The phone number on the ID is a pay phone down the street, but I know it's him."

Didn't you stab him in the shoulder with a broken shard of mirror a couple of weeks ago?

"My lawyer says that I was provoked. It was self-defense."

But he caught you cheating on him with Gregov from the liquor store.

"I was provoked, my lawyer says."

Never mind. Okay, Maria, have a nice day! Well, hey! Look over here. It's our friend Ollie. How are you, Ollie?

"I'm good, Jose."

Can you help us wrap the show up, Ollie?

"I sure can, Jose. Have fun in your neighborhood, kids. But always check the Megan's Law website for sexual predators before you play in front of someone's yard."

That's a good tip, Ollie. Okay, can we say goodbye now, Ollie?

"Sure can, Jose."

Goodbye!

"Goodbye, kids!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

BUILDING THE GREAT PYRAMID DSC 8:00 P.M.

Once again, Egypt will be the seat of world domination. When I am elected president of Earth, I will rule from a stone lounge on the banks of the river Nile. Publicly, I'll reason that the central location makes it ideal, but privately I'll know it's because I want to wear eye headbands.

WHERE MY DOGS AT

MTV2 8:00 P.M.

dog or I'm going to slap all hell out of you. We should've listened to your therapist when we found the gerbil floating tits up in the toilet,

makeup and one of those serpentine gold

You go out there and you find that goddamn

but noooooo. Your mother said it'd teach you responsibility. Now I'm driving around with my head out the window yelling, "Rusty! Rusty!" If we don't find him, you know what that means. Back to the school in the big white building. Back to your friends who play with their own spit, and you wear the helmet again. You want the helmet? Better find that goddamn dog.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

LOBSTERMEN: JEOPARDY AT SEA DSC 8:00 P.M.

I was sure they'd stay down there forever. Now, it looks like I have to resume my fight with the Lobstermen of Atlantis. It's odd that they've sought out a television show to air their grievances with me instead of clipping open my throat while I slept, but I'm not going to look a gift dolphin in the blowhole. Time to oil up my trident and Speedo.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

JUDY GARLAND: MEDICAL SECRETS

Some so-called medical "professionals" wouldn't acknowledge a three-martini breakfast and Demerol lunch to be a longevity secret. It's about time the Discovery Health Channel set them straight.

MISS HAWAIIAN TROPIC USA FINALS

Thank you, CBS. And, thank you, Hawaiian Tropic. And most of all, thank you, bikini ladies, for making my cottonmouth and headache seem tolerable on Saturday mornings. Let's sing a song: OH! IIIiiiIIII like girls in bikinis. Yes, *IIIiiiiIIII* like girls in bikinis. Some people say it's sexist / but IiiIIi'd rather watch girls in bikinis / than D2: The Mighty Ducks on Channel 33. OH! IIIiiiiIIII like girls in bikinis. TheeeeeeEEEeeey make me happy!

THE TRUE STORY OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT HIST 8:00 P.M.

Behind his back they called him Alexander the Mediocre or Schmalexander the Just Okay. I heard his feet kind of stunk, too, "The Great" my "The Ass."



Shark: Mind of a Demon with Fabien Cousteau

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

BRAVEHEART (1995)

SPIKE 8:00 P.M.

The police didn't believe me when I told them I wasn't peeping on that woman, but rather I was saving her cat caught up in that tree when my kilt got snagged on the spiky top of her iron fence. I don't know where the cat ran off to, but if I wasn't fighting crime, then why did I have my batman cape and mask on? Answer me that, smart copper.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

GOOD MORNING SAN DIEGO

KUSI 7:00 A.M.

Every Monday morning it's the same thing. I get up, shower, button my shirt up, and lace my boots. Then I spend the next eight hours trying to get drunk enough to appreciate Eskimo pornography. I mean, those nice people are trying to put themselves through Whale Blubber College or something, and who's going to look at it except me? I think of it as civic volunteering.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

TOBY KEITH: LIVE, UNCUT, AND UNLEASHED

This sounds like more of Mr. Keith than I'd care to see. Uncut, huh? How European. Who would've guessed?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

SHARK: MIND OF A DEMON WITH FABIEN COUSTEAU

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"The alleys are ruled by dangerous, roving thugs like you."

By John Brizzolara

I am writing this on a Sunday morning, actually, Father's Day. That's a small patch of history behind us (you and I) if it's any at all (was yours memorable?) It's an overcast, quiet day and my neighborhood is still in that spot between an inhaled breath and exhaled one after an uneventful night, still except for the rattle-chink-clunk and stutter of a shopping cart being maneuvered between a parking garage and a Dumpster area. It's a no-man's zone or a real-estate company's zone, I suppose, that offers shelter from the alley (if you open some fuse/circuit-breaker plywood doors) and the rain-run-off pattern slides from the garage roof tiles to a kind of tool shed that during a rain offers up a subliminal and distant sounding tribal drumming of some Lilliputian colony from an island just off some imaginary shore that exists if you close your eyes — as I do in my bedroom — and imagine myself safe on some middle-class mainland where we all have cars and jobs and assigned Dumpsters, and those on the island, just off the coast, have nothing. They are pariahs, did not play the Mainland Game well and are enduring that society's just punishment.

This homeless couple is new, and the only ones you will find if you police, say, the five-block area for "illegal lodgers." I consider them my secret denizens and their secret, illegal accomplice, their "king," in fact, because I told them about the spot Friday night last week. "If you just get, like, a shower curtain or something and string it between here and here, you can stay dry. You shouldn't be bothering anybody. This is a garage, and I've never seen it lit at night or any activity during the daytime. The

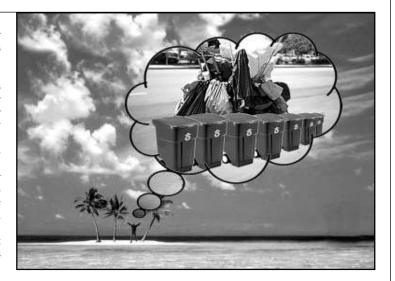
property's for sale. On this side is the apartment complex, the garage is usually vacant, but not always. I don't know why. People live here but everyone wants the front spaces, even the street spaces because the alleys are ruled by dangerous, roving packs of thugs like you."

The couple I am addressing is in their early 20s, black, and have various metallic stud punctuations around their heads (lips, eyebrows, nostrils). Their clothes are dirty but not terribly so, and they are of some sort of classy, designer denim stamp. The girl (Linda?) wears bell-bottoms of the kind I used to wear almost exactly. I would allow mine to become much more in need of laundering before doing anything about it. The young man (I'll call him Drew) wears a white 'do rag around his close Afro. He is also in denim with jacket to match, and his Levi's are not bells but the other kind — stovepipe or something they were called in 1967. His boots are tattered, but very cool at one time: Beatle boots of brown leather with the elastic at the sides. A piece of masking tape traces the right small toe to the instep. Drew has a fraying, bleached-out, once colorful collection of "friendship bracelets" popular in the 1980s around both wrists, which suggest to me, Sherlock Holmes-like and so invariably dead wrong, that Drew had hitch-hiked and student-hostel and student-train-bus-passed his way around a good chunk of geography, but not for a few years now.

Linda appears just trailingly younger but she probably always did and will be surrounded by people her own age. That is, if I figure her at 22, she's probably 20 or so.

When I first met them at a recycling depot where I bring my empty bodybuilding nutrient containers. I could see their nomadic disposition immediately, and they seemed so, well, nice; like some Disney Mouseketeer tryouts having failed a final audition and run through their last free Wendy's coupon and the Super-8 Motel Free Lodgings for Contestants. The question of harboring minors, aiding and abetting, good intentions, and the road to hell all, collage-like, meld subconsciously with my Good Samaritan spiel about if, "Heh-heh, say, if I were ever homeless? I'd consider this an unobtrusive spot more or less; and by the way, Linda? Don't mean to be rude, you have a fine figure but could you be pregnant?" It's the kind of question I ask with a potential non-boyfriend and have done some fast-talking away from the emergency room.

So, Friday night I noticed they were there in the spot. I was right; they were invisible from walkers-by in the alley, by car, and assuming they played not even relatively loud music and didn't light a bonfire, they could pass a night in peace, relative dryness, relative safety, bothering no one, reading Herman Hesse (Beneath the Wheel) to each other. And here they would take turns because Drew, it turns out, is a drama major; Linda, English lit, Both out of money and student loans. I didn't ask why. But, I clearly saw indicated a prenatal literacy course. I could see this immediately as "Pre pre-school romance/heroism/ the traditions of the mythoepeic from pre-literary and phonetic primer introduction to the Heroic Couplet Format in...etc., etc." And here was my



chance to make a difference.

That this involved both breaking the law in an unmistakable way and, I suppose, being subject to arrest for, I guess you have to say, aiding and abetting illegal lodging, I console myself with this: "The Backbone of the Caper" is how I imagine they'll refer to me when referring to that one night of gloom, but safety from a possibly questionable law, the law (I'm thinking "Caesar's Minion's" really S.D.P.D., of course).

And so on this Sunday morning, Father's Day, I can hear them over there but can't make out what they're saying. I hope, "Happy Father's Day!" is in there somewhere and a suggestion for the name of their child that maybe has bits of my own in there. Let's see, "Robert or Roberta O'Lara ... maybe or Robert Johnson Brizzolara.'

Oh, whatever. You kids have fun. I notice you left the campsite neat. Thank you. Unfortunately, it is unlikely you will be permitted to return. The word on the street is that spot is to be quickly renovated and used for a long-needed Vietnamese/Tijuana chop shop to fill the city's and, yes, even law enforcement's automotive needs on both sides of the border.

Art and commerce, the old story. And to think that the creative as well as the mechanically facile have to be housed. I suppose so. Well, our city has one or two concerns before that, don't you? Hey, go Chargers! I mean, that library location thing is going okay and everything, isn't it? SO, GO YOU BOLT-MEISTERS! May the upcoming season be as unstoppably upbeat as TGIF!

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