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Earth to Sanders On his official website, San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** solemnly promises that he will run an open government, featuring what he calls “transparent decision-making.” But some of his people apparently haven’t gotten the message. Take the case of the mayor’s Science and Technology Commission, which earlier this year set up a subcommittee to study the possibility of building a municipal WiFi network to provide wireless Internet access for the citizenry. The notion has been a controversial one in other cities, including Philadelphia and San Francisco, which have prevailed over fierce resistance by commercial wireless and Internet providers like cable TV companies and mobile-phone-network operators, who fear that city-owned wireless services, if offered at low cost, would cut into their lucrative data franchises.



Jerry Sanders

And San Diego, with its cluster of some of the world’s most economically powerful cell-phone-industry giants, including Qualcomm, might not seem the most hospitable spot to mount a city-owned WiFi plan. So, early last month, as the mayor’s science-advisory group was first grappling with the WiFi question, it was perhaps not surprising that members did not seem eager to share any news with outsiders.

The saga, documented in e-mails obtained from the City under the state’s Public Records Act, began May 4, after **Drew MacCullough**, a member of the WiFi study group, was asked by a reporter about what was up with WiFi at city hall. MacCullough sent an e-mail to the group’s chairman, **Kristopher Lichter**, a local executive for IBM. “The person from the Reader is Matt Potter,” said MacCullough. “Though we did discuss the group, I explained to him that it is, as you said, ‘very early stages’ and off the map at this point. I also made it clear to him that I did not speak for the group or the City. He was interested in who is involved, but I did not give him names or contact info. I told him I would have to get back to him with contact info of others who might be interested in talking to him.”



Kris Lichter

Later that day, Lichter wrote back to MacCullough, saying that Sanders’s office had been told about the reporter’s query. “But again, they are probably not going to comment. At this point, my suggestion is that you just let Matt know (if he contacts you) that he’s welcome to reach out to the Mayor’s Office directly.”

That afternoon, Sanders press aide **Fred Sainz** circulated an e-mail to some city staffers, making the mayor’s position clear. “To all copied here,” wrote Sainz, “Do not speak with any reporters from the Reader. Tell them that you do not speak with reporters from the Reader. No additional information or follow up necessary. Thanks.”



Fred Sainz

Since then, despite Sainz’s blanket order to stonewall on the WiFi story, some city officials

and commission members have been more forthcoming. MacCullough and a colleague agreed to be interviewed about the WiFi issue. And after receiving the Reader’s request for records in mid-May, staffers advised members of the WiFi subcommittee that they would have to abide by the state’s Brown Act, requiring that future meetings be open to the public with notice provided in advance.

“Participants must comply with the Brown Act requirements,” said a May 19 memo from staffer **Toni Dillon**. Those requirements included “discontinuing email discussions between Commissioner members and meeting participants discussing in advance or post meeting Agenda topics.” In addition, “A meeting schedule through the end of this year must be decided upon and accessible to the public — this decision must be part of our next meeting’s Agenda.”

At that gathering, June 6, which featured a teleconference with **Dianah Neff**, Philadelphia’s chief information officer and the power behind that city’s successful public WiFi drive, committee members were eager to open their doors to public participation. “We need to be more inclusive early on,” proclaimed committee member **Martha**



Martha Dennis

Dennis, a La Jolla telecom venture capitalist. Only the month

before, she had declined to disclose names of the group’s members.

Party on, dudes San Diego’s On Broadway Event Center, famous for its glitzy disco action, has been sanctioned by the state’s Fair Political Practices Commission for allegedly failing to properly report \$12,931.26 in campaign contributions it made to the county Republican Party back in October 2004. According to a recent stipulation, On Broadway also did not disclose that on the same day it had given \$10,000 to 2004’s No on Prop 72 Committee, which successfully opposed a mandatory health insurance measure for employers of 50 or more workers. The party venue agreed to pay a total of \$3800 in fines and admitted it violated the law by failing to file in a timely manner a “major donor” statement disclosing the donations.

Another local to get caught up in the wheels of FPPC justice was Del Mar’s **Linda Dealy**, a die-hard GOP activist with the dubious distinction of having lived across the street from the lobbyist-purchased Del Mar house that brought down Congressman **Randy “Duke” Cunningham**. Dealy agreed to pay a \$400 fine. She allegedly failed to file a major donor statement disclosing a total of \$18,550, including \$5000 to the California Republican Party and \$10,000 to the California Club for Growth PAC, both in 2004.



Linda Dealy

— Matt Potter

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Napoleon III Could Unclog Freeways

By Don Bauder

San Diego needs Napoleon III. To be sure, he may have been a bastard. Literally and figuratively. Because of his mother’s

fondness for recreational adultery, it is not clear that he was, as claimed, the son of Napoleon I’s younger brother. No matter. Napoleon III used

soon declaring himself emperor in a maneuver of dubious legality.

His foreign adventures were disastrous, and he was



Napoleon III

his purported uncle’s fame to get elected president of France in December 1848. Three years later he staged a coup and assumed dictatorial powers,

deposed in 1870. But while in power, Napoleon III launched the building of Paris’s now-renowned infrastructure. He created a modern

sewage system, parks, and housing for the masses. He built the French railway network and connected it strategically to the city. He widened the streets, creating the great boulevards of today. In 1900, those boulevards made possible the construction of a vast underground transit system, the envy of the world.

“From an architectural point of view, all great cities are created by strong rulers,” says Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California State Senate and for ten years chairman of the organization now called the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System.

“There is an absolute requirement for political leadership,” says Duncan McFetridge, head of Save Our Forests and Ranchlands, the group that recently filed a suit challenging the City’s downtown community plan because it relies too heavily on the automobile and ignores the key to San Diego’s survival: high-density downtown development served by a transit system.

While McFetridge admires the transportation system of Paris, he is especially enthusiastic about current activities in Bordeaux, France. Back in the 1970s, leadership of this wine-producing metro

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Neal Obermeyer



Ruff, Ruff, Ruff In Imperial Beach

By Ernie Grimm

Diana Cartman (a pseudonym) suffers from a recurring nightmare. The dream runs like this: Cartman watches television in her living room a few blocks from the ocean in Imperial Beach. It's getting late, and she has to get up early for work. So she walks to her bedroom at the other end of the house and climbs into bed. As she nods off, she's shocked

another hour or so, then resumes at dawn. Sometimes it lasts all night.

There's no waking from Cartman's nightmare, because it's not a dream. It's her life, and she says it's gone on for so long that her health, relationships, and work are suffering. "At first," she recalls, "the guy had two little old dogs that barked a little bit. As the years passed, he bought more and more dogs. Right now he's got five large dogs. I don't know what breed they are, but they're big short-haired dogs. Their barking has gotten worse over the years to the point where I think the dogs are neurotic. They just bark. It could be 3:00 in the morning. They wake me up at 6:00 in the morning. But when he comes home from

voice contains frustration, anger, and despair. It's 6:00 p.m. on a Monday evening in early May, and her tiny, cluttered living room is stuffy. The windows and doors are all shut, a defense against the barking, which can be heard regardless. "And they're not even outside," Cartman says. "He goes to work at 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon, and I think when he's at work he leaves them inside. He comes home from work about 11:00 and lets them out. That's when the real barking begins. And most of the time he leaves them out all night."

Cartman gets up from the living room couch and walks through the kitchen to a side door. The steady but disinterested barking crescendos to mezzo forte at the sound of the deadbolt snapping open and surges to a fortissimo roar

use this yard," she complains. "I never have friends over for barbecues. I never sit out here and read, because the barking is unbearable."

The barking isn't the only thing that's unbearable. Despite the prevailing ocean breeze that blows from Cartman's toward the dogs' owner's yard to the east — Cartman asked that he not be named — the smell of dog feces is overpowering. A peek over the fence reveals why. Nearly every square meter

the west from Cartman. Though she's farther from the barking dogs, she describes the racket they raise as "unreal."

everyone, but a lot of people are not picking up after their dog, and it is disgusting. I have had enough of it."

Not only are they not picking up after their dogs, but people aren't restrain-



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back into wakefulness by five large dogs barking over the



It's *ruff, ruff, ruff*, *ruff* for 5 to 20 minutes at a time. They don't seem to take a breath. They are so uncontrollable. Seems like every night they set off at about eleven o'clock. Then the other morning it was 6:30, and they were in a ruckus. And the other night at about 9:00, when I was out in the computer room, it was *ruff, ruff, ruff*. They would not shut up. So it is a constant problem, but I don't get it as bad as Diana does, because she is next door to them."

After attempts to talk with her neighbor about the barking resulted in shouting matches, Cartman called the City of Imperial Beach. That move accomplished about as much as the yelling matches with her neighbor.

Byron Shewman lives a block from the ocean at the north end of Imperial Beach. Two years ago he returned to Imperial Beach, the town he grew up in, after decades away playing professional volleyball in Spain and living in coastal North County. About a year ago, he decided to start jogging. On the short walk to the beach and on the beach itself Shewman noticed something that disturbed him. "Dog crap," he says, "everywhere. It's on the beach, in the alleys, and on the sidewalks all around the beach. I am not saying

ing their pets either. "Some people keep them on leashes," he says, "but it seems like more don't. I have been chased a couple of times, dogs yipping at my heels. And there are rottweilers and pit bulls down there. And, I mean, some people come down here with four or five dogs sometimes, which is okay, but gosh, look after them."

Though frustrated with unleashed dogs and their excrement, Shewman had decided "just ignore it, because nothing's going to change." Then he went to his friend Barbara Garrison's beachside house for Memorial Day. "We are sitting out on her deck," he recalls. "It is about one o'clock, and the beach was packed. There were four or five dogs running leashless. But the amazing thing was that a lifeguard came down and parked, and there was a guy right in front of him throwing a tennis ball to — if it wasn't a full pit bull, it was certainly half. It was a big dog



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

fence less than ten feet from her bedroom window. Over the barking she hears a male voice yelling, "Shut up! Shut up!" Though the yelling stops in a few minutes, the barking continues. Sometimes it lasts

work around 11:00 p.m., they bark like mad for ten minutes. Then he goes out and swears and screams and yells at them. So I can never go to sleep before midnight."

The tone in Cartman's

when Cartman steps outside. "They're locked in the garage right now," she explains, "barking through the screen door."

She walks around the corner of her house into a 40-by-40-foot back yard. "I never

of the neighbor's dirt-and-weed back yard contains at least one colossal dog pile.

Others in the neighborhood are upset about the barking. Pat Duncan lives over the back fence and one house to

Unclog freeways

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area of one million people preferred the auto. It didn't work. In the late 1990s, stronger politicians went the tramway route, as other French cities had been doing since 1985. By next year, Bordeaux will have a tramway system that will serve 37 percent of the population in the metro area and 50 percent of workplaces. "In a short period of time they turned away from the chaos of an auto-based system and put in a comprehensive tramway with all the linkages and interconnections," says McFetridge. The first Sunday of each month is labeled "a day without cars" in the heart of the city.

Councilmember Donna Frye, who voted against San Diego's community plan this year, says, "It is more auto-based than transit-based. It is not forward-looking enough to address public transportation." In 2000, accord-

ing to the San Diego Association of Governments, transit usage accounted for less than 5 percent of trips between home and work.

Mills, McFetridge, Frye, and many others fear that San Diego's transportation network is headed for a crackup similar to the one Los Angeles has already suffered. Road rage has reached epidemic proportions here. But politicians in San Diego, the county's outlying cities, and Sacramento are making it worse. They are pushing for billions of dollars to "relieve congestion" by widening freeways, when experience has shown that this just leads to more housing development far from the city, or sprawl — and more congestion.

"If you increase capacity of a freeway, that capacity will soon be gobbled up by more growth and development," thus clogging the freeway even more, says Frye.

Mills remembers attending a recent seminar on San Diego's transit inadequacies.

A planner from Los Angeles said, "You should learn from our experience," Mills remembers. "L.A. built freeways everywhere it could, supposedly to solve freeway-congestion problems. All that happened was congestion got worse. The freeways opened new areas for development and generated more traffic. Finally we got around to public transit. It would be too bad if you do what we did," said the Los Angeles transportation official.

But the California Department of Transportation plans to widen portions of I-5 and I-805 to 14 lanes at a cost of up to \$3.5 billion. The I-5/I-805 merge will be 23 lanes wide. State Route 905 will be made 6 lanes. A widening of I-15 is on the planning boards. It doesn't stop.

The urban area of San Diego is 800 square miles, and one-fourth of that is paved — roads, freeways, and parking places, says McFetridge. Under the newly approved community plan, the downtown population would grow from

27,500 currently to 89,100 by 2030. But because transit is given short shrift, 62 downtown intersections will operate at an unacceptable level, getting an F grade, says McFetridge.

The writ of mandate filed this spring by Save Our Forests and Ranchlands charges that the community plan's environmental impact report violates the California Environmental Quality Act because it ignores transportation alternatives that would alleviate gridlock downtown and on freeways. Defendants are the City, its Redevelopment Agency, the city council, and the Centre City Development Corporation.

San Diego's plans are auto-based because its societal structure is greed-based. More than half of local councilmembers' decisions are on land-use issues. Developers are the biggest donors to politicians and among the biggest advertisers in the media. Is it any wonder that the *Union-Tri-*

bune consistently beats the drums for automobiles? Noting that developers pour millions of dollars into *Union-Tribune* advertising, McFetridge observes, "The *U-T* wants an auto-based plan, road building."

This year, commenting on Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal for expanded infrastructure, the newspaper complained that Democrats "would take much of the money that Schwarzenegger (and the public in general) wants for roads and devote it to mass transit. This is unacceptable. Mass transit is an important part of the transportation grid, but far more Californians rely on roads."

North American cities such as Portland, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Toronto, and Montreal have been able to get transit systems built and expanded to meet the needs of population growth. "Does San Diego have the political will?" asks Mills. "City council will respond to special interests." So will councils

in outlying cities. Mayors are weak.

In May, six national transit experts completed a report on San Diego's public transportation and land-use planning. San Diego's so-called "smart growth" initiatives may be workable, but transit investment should steer growth into smart-growth centers and corridors, said the experts. A vibrant downtown core should be served by a seamless and convenient transit system. The community plan puts too much emphasis on highways. When community planners force developers to put in parking with new condos and apartments, transit use will decline. Thus, instead of telling developers they must provide minimum parking, developers should be told they can't exceed a maximum number of parking spaces.

The current plan reduces parking for high-rises, "but this is not done to facilitate transit," says Frye. "In areas targeted for increased den-

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sity, transit is being eliminated or reduced. It's bad planning. These things are not discussed or analyzed."

The community plan's forecasts are likely to go awry, say the national experts. By 2030, the plan anticipates that highway traffic will be reduced. But that's not likely, because "there is no evidence that any metropolitan area has successfully built itself out of congestion," says the report. The community plan concludes that transit's share of home-to-work trips will double from 4.7 percent to 9.5 percent in 2030. Since that number went up only 5 percent from 1980 to 2000, it's not likely to happen.

Mills asked a woman close to City government what politicians and bureaucrats will do with the report. "They will ignore it," she told him. ■

Ruff, ruff, ruff

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with a big jaw. And it was retrieving this tennis ball time after time while toddlers played on each side of it. I was thinking, 'This is absurd. Is he just going to ignore that?' So I went down there after about 40 minutes of this. I was going to ask the lifeguard, 'What do you think about that dog in front of your truck?' As I got closer I could see that the lifeguard was a young guy, and he was chatting up this young

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girl standing there. I said, 'Forget it.'"

But Shewman didn't forget it. Instead, he and Garrison wrote letters to Imperial Beach officials, complaining about the incident and general lack of enforcement of the leash requirement. Imperial Beach's city manager, Gary Brown, called Shewman back. "He seemed like a nice guy," Shewman recalls, "but nothing came of it."

Garrison, who's taught school for 38 years and lived on the beach for 5 years, says, "I see as many dogs off leashes as on, probably more. Just taking walks along here, unleashed dogs come bounding right straight at me. I have been nipped at before, not broken the skin but scared the heck out of me. And people just say, 'Sorry, sorry.' My husband has had German shepherds, pit bulls, and rottweilers come bounding up. And every time I take a walk down there, there are dog piles sitting right in the sand."

Her neighbor, Dick Howe, has grown so irritated with dog piles on the sand in front of his house that he's taken to giving plastic bags to people who don't pick up after their dogs. "They usually come up with an excuse," he says chuckling, "something like, 'Oh, thanks. I forgot to bring one.'"

"The other day," Howe continues, "I walked out there with my two dogs. There was a dog in the ocean without a leash. And when he saw me coming, its owner went toward the dog. At that point,

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I knew that the dog wasn't too nice. Sure enough, the dog came running for me and came that close to biting me. If he had come one more step after one of my little dogs, I would have kicked the shit out of him. I told the owner, 'You get that dog on a leash.'"

Garrison worries that Imperial Beach is in danger of gaining a reputation — if it doesn't already have one — for lax rules regarding dogs on the beach. "If you go to Coronado," she says, "you know you have to keep your dog on a leash or you are going to be fined. So people think, 'Hey, let's go to IB, nobody cares.'"

"Nobody cares" is the feeling Cartman has about her barking-dog dilemma. In addition to talking to the offending neighbor and calling the sheriff — Imperial Beach doesn't have its own police department — she's written letters and placed phone calls to the Imperial Beach City Council, the city attorney and, when she felt the city attorney was unresponsive to her needs, to District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis. Animal control officers have been to her house and, Cartman says, have agreed that there is a problem. But animal control and the city attorney's office could never coordinate efforts well enough to prosecute the matter. The barking continues, and Cartman is selling her house. "I don't know what else to do," she says. ■

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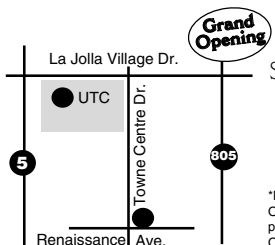
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Help!

All of my friends are going crazy trying to figure out who the historical figure is on the left side of your cover last week (June 22). The others are reasonably obvious. *Help!* The coffee group at Pacific Beach will appreciate it!

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The Man In The Corner

It was an interesting article on history textbooks in the June 22 issue (“A Tenth Grader’s History of the World,” Cover Story). Several of us found the cover to be fascinating as we could not figure out who the man in the upper-left corner was. The others were easy! Please enlighten us.

Melody Fleetwood
via e-mail

The figure on the left is Jefferson Davis. — Editor

Larson’s Outdone Himself

I am a fan of Tom Larson’s cover stories, but he has really outdone himself on the one on the teaching of high school history and history textbooks (“A Tenth Grader’s History of the World,” Cover Story, June 22). The article was brilliant, entertaining, and very relevant.

I have always admired the *Reader* as the only voice of truth and fairness in San Diego periodicals. Thank you so much.

William A. Rosen
via e-mail

Larson’s Evidence

Thomas Larson’s piece on history instruction is extraordinary (“A Tenth Grader’s History of the World,” Cover Story, June 22). It is informative, balanced, insightful, and necessarily critical.

I was especially pleased to see that Larson did not

take the cheap road on the topic, that is, blame the teachers. If there is blame, it rests with the public, for it is the larger public whose votes and comments promulgate the test- and standards-centric era that controls textbook content.

We ought not take from Larson’s article that primitive history knowledge started last week. Surveys of history knowledge go back nearly 100 years, and throughout that time it has been clear that there have been no good old days when all the kids learned their history. Readers can take from Larson’s piece one satisfying conclusion, however. The teachers cited were characteristic of teachers everywhere, even those who do not have a history major (though history is but one useful major in the social studies that includes economics, political science, geography, religions, and more); they’re bright, knowledgeable, and committed educators.

What do we do, as the public, in the face of Larson’s evidence? If we were as willing to commit the time and resources committed by the forces that created this content-thin textbook- and standards-driven curriculum, we could move the system toward more authentic and rigorous history-social studies teaching and learning.

Leif Fearn
via e-mail

Horrifically Dead On

Thomas Larson’s exhaustive critique of history textbooks and the monopolies held by these mega-publishing dynasties should be required reading of all educators, legislators, and parents (“A Tenth Grader’s History of the World,” Cover Story, June 22). His analysis of text materials and their “sanitization” of major historical eras and the dominant world religions should be shouted from the mountaintops (but watch your back, thou treads on lethal ground). Unfortunately, one would have an easier time taking down Exxon than these monsters, due to recent and growing educational “reforms,” which have cemented their place so firmly in our educational system.

It surprised me that Larson didn’t bring up the Williams Law, which purports to guarantee a textbook in every child’s hand

at school and home. While having the appearance of serving students, the fact is, it is now *law* that school districts are held hostage by the biggest publishers of educational materials. And yes, there’s cronyism. Is it surprising that Bush’s first visitor after being elected was the CEO of McGraw-Hill and that McGraw-Hill’s robotic and ridiculous “scientifically proven” reading programs began sweeping the nation? The use of the term “adopted” regarding text materials is far too benign and inaccurate; these materials are *mandated*, and teachers can face serious reprimands for “supplementing” mandates in a struggle to engage their students with more interesting materials. Teachers have been written up and even suspended for bringing in relevant, age-appropriate reading (yes, literature can be a crime in 2006).

History is not the only subject to fall victim. English teachers in the Sweetwater Union High School District are mandated to use the Holt/Reinhardt Language Arts Text and its mountain of ancillary materials (clearly, more is always better). The amount of materials is so massive that there is no instructional time left for anything that may further interest students. It’s no longer good enough to teach the standard “elements of plot”; you have to teach elements of plot using Holt stories, no matter how dull. No matter how extravagant the text layouts, students are not moved by them. From the moment they crack the cover, they tune out. What educated adult seeking knowledge reaches for a textbook? None. Why shouldn’t young learners be exposed to a variety of sources beyond the one required research report where they’re allowed to do so?

Discouragingly, this pumped-up industry and its accompanying legislation plays right into the hands of a new generation of teachers who have been brainwashed to believe that they themselves are not resources and, in turn, have nothing to offer students. Larson’s insights are horrifically dead-on.

Brian Grady
National City

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Regarding “Free Speech and Fair Parking” (“City Lights,” June 22). Having been in business in La Mesa from 1952 to 1980, and having purchased our first home in the area in 1953, I feel a certain emotional attachment to the city. However, those feelings have faded with the passage of time and the changes that have occurred of late.

Let me relate an experience we had several weeks ago when we fed the meter the newly posted 200 percent increased fee (tax, if you will) and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast at the Village restaurant. We carefully noted that the meter was paid to exactly 11:00 a.m. Unfortunately, we chose to enjoy a second cup of coffee and returned to our car, which was directly across the street from the restaurant, at 11:05, to find the officer just finishing writing a parking ticket. That second cup of coffee cost me \$35. My fault, without question, but I suddenly realized that I have many, many other choices of locations at which to enjoy a meal, or any other activity offered by the wonderful merchants in the city. Would it not have been good public relations for the City to continue the practice of issuing warnings for a period of time, especially considering the 200 percent fee (tax, if you will) increase?

Too bad that the City “lost” \$200,000 in meter revenue over the past 12 years, a mere \$16,666.67 a year. What percentage of the City’s budget does that represent? Has anyone put a figure on the amount of business that the merchants, property-tax payers, voters of La Mesa will lose in business over the next 12 years? What percentage of the business owners’ annual revenue does that represent? One can only imagine.

By the way, is “effing” a verb, an adjective, or what? And is that any way for the mayor of La Mesa, or of any city, to be talking? Also, I imagine that the “loyalists” who frequent Pete’s Place also pay taxes and vote, or at least I hope so.

R.W. Maches
Allied Gardens

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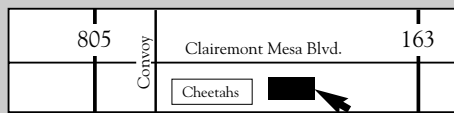
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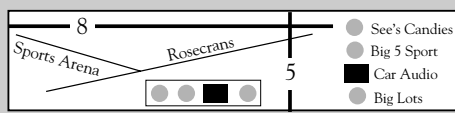
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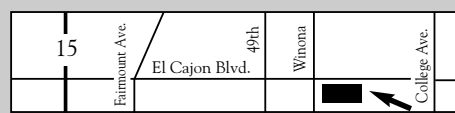
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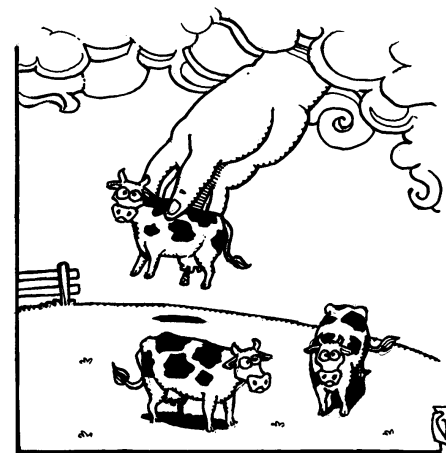


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

I was recently thinking about cows. Not sure why, but then wondered where did they come from? I know about the vast herds of buffalo in America but have never heard mention of the vast herds of cows. They must have been a wild animal at some time, so where were they, what were they called, and how did they get to America?

— Too much free time, Out There

Everybody's got to be thinking about something, so why not cows? During the peaceful downtime brain shuffle, I'm sure everyone's gotten around to pondering a meadow full of bovines at one time or another. To find a meadow full of cow ancestors, we have to go back a couple of million years to India and the Middle East. Among the other primeval things lumbering around would be aurochs, huge cow- or oxlike animals six or seven feet at the shoulder, weighing close to a ton. Over the millennia they gradually pushed their way into Africa, Asia, and Europe. Depending on where the aurochs herds ended up, they evolved with slightly different characteristics.

When personkind got tired of chasing wild animals for food, milk, and hide and decided to domesticate a few beasts, we wisely started with small things that are easier to boss around: sheep, goats, pigs, dogs. Between 8000 and 10,000 years ago, we were ready to tackle something as big as the aurochs. The ones that had wandered into Europe were bred for milk and meat and slowly became the familiar and smaller Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires, etc. Domestication in general tends to reduce the size of the resulting animal.

In the early 17th Century, just about the time the last wild aurochs was going udder-up in Poland, Europeans bound for the New World were herding their milk cows onto ships for the long, smelly trans-Atlantic trip. Domesticated animals from England, Scotland, Holland, and Switzerland are the source for today's American cows. It wasn't until after the Civil War, when people began congregating in cities, that the dairy and beef industries evolved and large herds appeared.

Scientists know all this because they've tracked the genetic history of bovines and can say with some certainty that your dreamy cows originated with the aurochs found in the Middle East. (The humped cows of India are cousins.) Some German scientists recently tried to "breed back" aurochs by genetic selection, with mixed success. Aside from strawberry yogurt and Chunky Monkey, all this gene tinkering and downsizing has contributed most to rural recreation. Can you imagine the frustration of primitive man sneaking out to the fields for a night of aurochs tipping?

Matthew Alice:

I've seen signs along the roads leading to San Diego stating that the elevation is 11 feet. Exactly where is the spot where the measurement was taken? Or is it an average elevation? And who gives a darn, anyway?

— Bruce W., La Mesa

Don't be misled just because it's painted on a sign. "San Diego: elevation 11 feet" seems to be a factlet without a source. At least a source that anyone can identify. A check with the offices of the city and county surveyors drew a blank, so we'll have to work with best guesses. First of all, the elevation, whatever its source, is undoubtedly a single-point reference. Deriving a reliable average elevation in the city would be tough, given our up-and-down terrain. A lot of work for a figure nobody much cares about. We're close enough to actually view sea level, so a foot more or less isn't going to make a difference.

Odds are that our elevation was measured at city hall or Horton Plaza, Santa Fe station, or other civic landmark. This is a longtime tradition dating back at least to the days when railroad surveyors marked up the Midwest and West during the mid-1800s. An elevation for a town in Iowa or the Rockies, where there would be no sea level visible for reference, would have more practical value for residents and especially railroad builders than does an elevation for a coastal city like San Diego. But because elevation is a traditional descriptor for a city, San Diego would have its height measured just like Des Moines or Denver. The county surveyor's office holds topographical maps done by U.S. government geologists that date back to 1848, and there's a chance that the 11-foot measure derives from such a source; but it still would be a single-point reference from one of several benchmarks around the city.

As for how the unknown surveyor arrived at 11 feet, it's likely that it was done with an altimeter, depending on how long ago the measure was taken, just like an airplane's altitude-reckoning device. But the fact is inescapable that nobody much cares, so that 11-foot figure will probably remain on the signs until the big one finally hits and they change the sign to read, "San Diego: elevation -100 feet."

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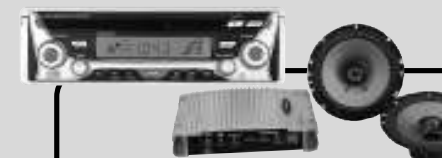
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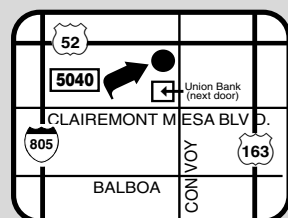
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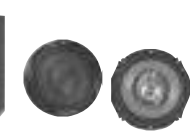
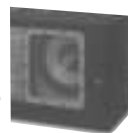
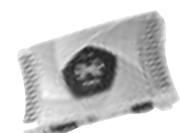
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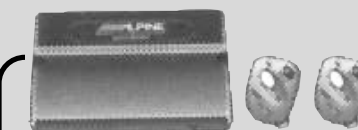
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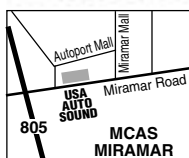


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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Jailbait

Due to media info glut I will forego World Cup references save for one thought. World Cup games begin with 45 minutes of commercial-free soccer followed by an intermission long enough to prepare a wholesome snack, crack a beer, make a phone call, and check e-mail. This is followed by another 45 minutes of commercial-free soccer. There are no timeouts during the game.

Forty-five minutes between commercials, and ABC television executives are on their knees, praying that Americans won't notice. Since soccer is the world's game, and since the rest of the world doesn't care whether we like it or not, ABC has zero leverage as to how the game is presented.

Quite unlike the spineless, one-legged dog that is the NFL. That greedy corporate puppet will do *anything* for money. There are five commercial timeouts mandated during every NFL quarter. That's guaranteed, that's minimum. Now, add an orgy of commercials mislabeled as "halftime."

There are about 12 minutes of action in a typical three-and-a-half-hour NFL game. The other 198 minutes are spent on penalties, injury timeouts, getting to one's feet, zombie-walking into a huddle, substitutions, change of possessions, coaches' timeouts, and...commercials.

The U.S. Women's Open begins Thursday at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island (ESPN and NBC). There is a weird, pubescent quality to women's professional golf, which I'll get to in a minute, but first, here are a few players to watch.

Birdie Kim (Korea) won the Open in 2005. One year later, she's ranked 77th on the Rolex World Rankings. But, she's back anyway.

Annika Sorenstam (Sweden) is the Tiger Woods of women's golf down to what is laughably called her current slump. She's entered nine tournaments this year and won one. (Tiger entered eight tournaments and won two.) Her last tournament win was in March, ditto for Tiger. She's 6th on the money list. Tiger Woods is 7th on the PGA money list.

You don't have the time to read Sorenstam's résumé, so I'll skim it for you. Born in Sweden in 1970. Swedish National Team. World Amateur Team Championships team. University of Arizona. Won the 1991 individual NCAA National Championship.

Turned pro in 1993, played on the European Tour and awarded Rookie of the Year. Qualified for the LPGA Tour in 1994 and was

Rookie of the Year over here. She won the U.S. Women's Open in 1995 and was named Player of the Year.

She's been first on the ADT Official Money List eight times, Rolex Player of the Year eight times, won the LPGA Championship three years in a row, has the lowest single-season scoring average (68.69) ever recorded, and has won the most money (over \$18 million). She's been Golf Writers Association of America Female Player of the Year eight times and Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year three times. Last year she entered 20 tournaments and won 10. That's impossible. There is Sorenstam and there is everyone else.

But, detractors say, that was then. Now, she hasn't won a tournament in three months.

One of her competitors at the Open will be Cristie Kerr, 28, out of Miami. Kerr finished in the top 10 eight times this year and won once. She was recently asked how Sorenstam affects other players. Kerr said, "...when that one person beats her head-to-head, people are going to believe, 'Hey, I can do this, too.' Just like what happened with Tiger. She's the best player in the world, but, you know, we're all pretty good, too, and we're all ready to challenge."

And then there is 16-year-old Michelle Wie. She's criticized for wanting to play on the men's circuit before she's won a single tournament on the LPGA tour. There might be a touch of jealousy over her fame and the tens of millions of dollars in endorsement fees Wie has corralled BEFORE THE BITCH WON A SINGLE TOURNAMENT! Wie did, however, at the age of 15, finish second at the 2005 SBS Open and second at the 2005 LPGA Championship. She's in the Open by way of a sponsor's exemption.

Take a look at Lorena Ochoa (Mexico) number 1 money-winner (\$1,204,987) on the tour this year. She's entered 13 tournaments, won 2, finished in the top 10 ten times, but tied for 9th at the LPGA Championship and lost a playoff to Karrie Webb (Australia) at the Kraft Nabisco. Aforementioned Karrie Webb is two-time Open champion, number 2 money-winner, and someone to track.

Now we come to nub of it all, the pubescent part. What is it about LPGA and young girls?

Playing in the Open will be Paula Creamer, 19, Morgan Pressel, 18, Ayaka Kaneko 16 years 9 months, Michelle Wie 16 years 8 months, and Stephanie Kono 16 years 7 months. Oops — I almost forgot Kimberly Kim. She's 14.

Somebody will go to jail over this.

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Karrie Webb	10 to 1	Jeong Jang	20 to 1	Cristie Kerr	20 to 1
Paula Creamer	25 to 1	Mi Hyun Kim	25 to 1	Juli Inkster	28 to 1
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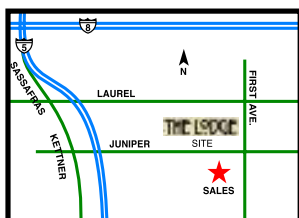


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Sunday worship: 9:00 a.m., Classic service; 10:45 a.m., Contemporary service and Kids Alive worship; 6:00 p.m., Celebration service (1st Sundays only)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
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On June 21, the first day of summer, San Diego First Assembly Women's Ministries held their first meeting of Hot Summer Nights ("Fun in the Sun"). The walls in the spacious meeting room were tan, but the low lights and salmon-colored carpet gave the space a pinkish hue. The Beach Boys' "California Girls" played over the sound system. Chartreuse, fuchsia, and gold tablecloths made bright circles. Card-board flowers and flip-flops adorned the walls. Many women wore plastic leis.

After the opening limbo session, Pastor Edie Chapman told the women about the prayer journals they had been given. "We are expecting God to do amazing things in our hearts and lives this summer, and we want you to have a place where you can record how God is going to touch your life." She invited them to submit cards stating prayer needs, which would be picked up by another attendee so that the two could pray together. Chapman cautioned against letting the details of such needs become "sanctified gossip."

Then they sang: "Every breath that I take/ Every moment I'm awake/ Lord, have your way in me/ Lord I give you my heart." The singer urged the women to trust God and give Him "that situation that's just gnawing at us, that's just holding us back.... We ask for freedom in our hearts tonight."

Meanwhile, Pastor Mark Allen preached to the youth in the Student Center, a clublike space with black-and-red walls, dark-gray carpeting, and bright fluorescent lights over the stage. "Where we're going to camp out tonight is this: God is love, and His will is always best.... Our prayer simply needs to be this: 'Father, don't ever allow me to look at circumstances and question Your love for me because Your love was already settled on the cross.'"

On a landing outside a classroom, Missionettes received instruction. One girl turned

to another — "Transcendent," she said, fingers to temples, concentrating on the word. Inside, Royal Rangers worked on a bead project beneath posters stating the Ranger Code, its Pledge, and the Golden Rule.

In the main worship space, about 30 people had gathered for the Heritage Service — more traditional, aimed at an older crowd. Pastor David Houghton stood at the foot of the stage, talking about God and time. "Time does not have the same meaning to God as it does to you and me. God is omniscient.... That God is an eternal God...is confounding to me. But it also edifies me to think that God is eternal, that there's nothing that can escape him. He is able to do what I cannot, if I trust him."

Houghton cited a fellow who didn't think we should get caught up in the suspense of movies "because it's all on film; it's all predetermined.... When we put our trust in God, we do not have to be fearful because He knows how

it's going to come out. I can live with the full assurance that God is going to make it come out okay eternally because he's an eternal God."

Back at Hot Summer Nights, children's pastor Wendy Griffith sounded a similar note as she discussed God's sight vs. human sight. (In the prayer journal, divine sight was linked to sunglasses. Another week, God's protection was linked to sunscreen.) "I can see today, but God sees your tomorrows," said Griffith. She cited Elizabeth, who was thought to be barren but conceived John the Baptist in her old age: "She spent her whole lifetime preparing to be John's mother. All of her life, God prepared her." She quoted Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

What happens when we die?

"You get one life," says Pastor Ed Chapman, who served as my guide. "When you die, you basically stand before God and you pretty much answer to him with your life. God is all-knowing, all-loving, and perfectly just. Because of that, He's not going to make any mistakes, but He will hold people accountable for what they did and for what information they had available about Jesus Christ. If they had no information, He will exercise his loving, all-knowing, perfectly just nature in that instance. If someone has been given the opportunity to accept eternal life and doesn't accept it, He'll take that into account. We can't really know from this end" what the decision will be in such cases. "But we can be certain within our own hearts what will happen when we die." The "avenue of certainty" is: "you confess Jesus Christ as Lord, confess your sins, and accept Him as Savior. That's a condensed version of what the Bible teaches."

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MOJITO MIXER

by Josh Board

I arrived at Armando's 40th birthday party in a bad mood. I was invited by his girlfriend Laurie. She and I talked on the phone, and I learned that they had worked together and dated for years and that both had kids from previous relationships. I also learned that Armando liked Harley-Davidsons.

I decided to bring him a Harley mug as a gift, and I went to a mall where I knew they were sold. Backing out of my space in the mall's parking lot, I smashed into another car that was backing up. It was a huge SUV, and it did a number on my taillight and dented and scratched my car. As the driver and I exchanged info, things got a little heated.

I got lost driving through Spring Valley and called Laurie's cell phone, but she wasn't answering. I drove around for 30 minutes before she called back to give me directions.

On the way, I was behind a redneck who threw a cigarette out his window as he pulled up to a red light. I decided to get out, pick the cigarette off the street, and throw it back into his car because not only was he litter-



ing, but he could've started a fire. As I opened my car door, I saw a rifle on a rack in the back. Plan aborted.

I got lost in the residential area because their street was small and had a handmade street sign that was difficult to see. I drove up and down the block until Laurie called me saying she was going to pick up the birthday cake and saw me driving around aimlessly. She led me back to



Top: Some of the women from Mexico, all dressed in '80s outfits; Bottom left: Birthday boy Armando on the left, his two neighbors, and Laurie on the right; Bottom right: One lady bought her son an '80s shirt from Hot Topic for the party

I noticed that there weren't many people dressed in '80s attire. The crowd consisted of older family members at first. You don't expect to see a 70-year-old with Flock of Seagulls hair.

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their place.

The party had an '80s theme, and Laurie was dressed as a Mexican Madonna. I wore a Wall of Voodoo shirt that I had purchased at the Belly Up Tavern the night before.

I met a guy with a Raiders hat. His name was Julian, and he was the cook. Laurie laughed and said, "Yeah, he was chosen to volunteer to cook." The poor guy never left the grill. Since he was a

Raiders fan, I had little sympathy and left him to stand there in the smoke.

He tried to hand me a piece of meat he had cooked, but I told him it grossed me out to eat food with my hands. He grabbed another set of tongs, handed it to me, and I threw it in my mouth. Armando made fun of me because of that and asked if I were a vegetarian.

As Armando and I spoke, it came up that I volunteer for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, and he introduced me to his daughter, who had recently beaten her battle with cancer.

Through Make-a-Wish, she was able to meet Raven, who was on *The Cosby Show* and has her own clothing line. Armando's daughter was shy, so he told the story of meeting Raven, having photos taken with her, being given clothing, and how nice Raven was.

The majority of the crowd at the party was Latino, but a few Anglo neighbors showed up. One of the neighbors was wearing what looked like an African shirt, and I told him he had a Steven Seagal look with his hair up in a rubber band. Someone else said it was more of a Stevie Wonder look.

I asked him if neighbors partying bothered him. "The bassist of the Cowsills used to own this house. In fact, we're going to see him in San Francisco next week. We are used to loud music. One neighbor had an aviary, though, and that was really loud. We also had a neighbor who used to be a heroin dealer. So, loud music is the least of our worries."

Laurie spent most of her time in the kitchen mixing drinks. She said, "This party is for Armando, so I told him I'd be the bartender. But I said I was only learning how to make one drink — *mojitos*."

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When Laurie argued with her sister about someone forgetting an ingredient in the beans, she said, "You aren't going to put that in your story, are you? Damn, we should start talking in Spanish." As they talked in Spanish, I went to talk football with Julian.

It was an interesting back patio they had, with steep stairs going down to another section where the food was cooking.

There was a band setting up, but one guy was late. I wondered if he got lost.

Armando joked about getting the band for free. "One of the benefits when your brother-in-law is the bassist.... This band is ethnically diverse. The drummer is from Italy. The keyboard player is from Africa. The bass player, well, he's just a brother from the 'hood."

The band played for an hour and then a DJ set up. He played '80s songs that went with the theme. A group of ten women showed

up dressed in '80s outfits and rock T-shirts. One had her three-year-old wearing a tiny Siouxsie and the Banshees T-shirt.

There was a girl wearing an off-the-shoulder Duran Duran T-shirt and another wearing a Ramones T-shirt, who asked me who Wall of Voodoo was. I sang, "I wish I was in Tijuana/Eating barbecued iguana."

I went back into the house and Laurie asked if I wanted another *mojito*. I said, "I'm tired of spitting those mint leaves out of my mouth. Plus, I'm going

to a concert." We hugged, and she said, "Thanks for bringing Armando a gift. A lot of cheap people come to parties and don't bring presents." I said, "Well, I don't usually buy gifts for people I don't know."

I left the party in a better mood than I arrived in, and I didn't back into any cars on the way out. ■

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by Barbarella

Dana and Goliath

No one can be as calculatedly rude as the British, which amazes Americans, who do not understand studied insult and can only offer abuse as a substitute.

— Paul Gallico

I should have felt *something*; a premonition perhaps, wherein tiny hairs all over my body stand on end from an icy feeling that has seized my bones in a chilling grip, a terrifying grasp that refuses to let go until it is confident I have sensed the danger ahead.

Instead, I learned that the whole “women’s intuition” thing is a farce. Basking in ignorant bliss, I looked from the purple calla lilies in my lap to David, as he maneuvered the borrowed car into a small suburban development north of Boston, and parked in front of a small house nestled between its white-painted, aluminum-sided, colonial-style siblings.

If my life were a movie, I might have hesitated when the string section of my personal soundtrack pushed its way

front and center, its notes increasing in volume and pitch, heightening to a shrill, *Psycho*-esque frenzy. As I approached the front door, an innocent smile on my face and a gift of lilies held aloft, an omniscient audience member might have unconsciously hissed in a quivering breath, “Don’t go in there!”

I had been looking forward to this visit. I like David’s brother Dana. He’s the kind of guy who will forgo a first slice of his favorite pie if somebody else wants seconds. I have never heard him utter the word “no,” and have observed the alacrity with which he serves his family — how he wouldn’t think twice before throwing his body onto a puddle of mud so that his wife and two daughters might keep their toes clean and dry.

Katie, Dana’s wife,

opened the door. I’ve always gotten along well with Katie, so I was confused when I picked up on her body language — withdrawn and submissive with hunched shoulders, yet confrontational with the whites of her eyes. She was a Yorkshire terrier, visibly pissed, having been backed into some kind of corner, deciding whether she wanted to crawl beneath the nearest object or attack with nonthreatening high-pitched yips and ineffective, small-mouthed nips. Dana had mentioned to me on the phone that his in-laws were in town. “The more the merrier!” I’d said to him.

Now, as we cross the threshold into his home, a golden retriever accosts us with imposing sniffs and an excited swishing tail. Dana’s house is like a petting zoo, where creatures big and small wait patiently for their share of attention. Two cats saunter in and out of the room, one a black, hairy leviathan, the other a small, shorthaired tabby. To the right of one sofa, a guinea pig laps at the metal tube of a plastic water feeder affixed to the side of its cage. Beneath a small table in the dining room, frogs perform the dead-man’s float in a tank, kicking their way to a new area of water every few minutes to prove they are still alive. At the bottom of the cellar stairs, a hamster sleeps in a cocoon carved from cedar shavings. Upstairs, in one of the girls’ bedrooms, a large wire cage holds a giant, black lop-eared bunny. And, less than five minutes away, a stable houses three horses, one for each female member of the family.

Katie introduced us to her mother and

father, who both share her British-sounding accent. I shook a hand twice the size of my own and looked into the kind eyes of Katie’s father, who, upon presenting his colossal ears and elongated nose, would have no trouble convincing the royal family to take him back. Allowing my gaze to float down a few feet, I held out my hand to Katie’s mother, whose hot, penetrating glare made me want to apply sunscreen. She proffered her hand, limply uninterested in mine, and then retreated to a corner of the room.

“We’re so happy you could fit us into your busy schedule,” said Katie in a treacly voice meant to conceal the comment’s sharp edge. She would repeat the remark, using a slightly different variation, three more times during the next 15 minutes, after which she would disappear with her father to collect the girls from school, leaving Dana, David, and me with her mother.

“That’s a great picture of you and the girls,” I said to Dana, gesturing at a frame on the kitchen counter.

“We took that in Ann’s back yard. I miss that back yard; it was great,” he said.

“I *hated* that yard,” spat Ann. “I’m so glad we moved to Savannah. It’s such an easier pace of life; everything is slowed down; people move slow, talk slow.”

“That sounds relaxing,” I offered. “Everything going so slow, everyone talking slow. But, unfortunately, it’s that slow talking that makes everyone else think people from the

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south are stupid.” I had meant this as a joke, but Ann had clearly taken offense, recoiling like an elephant confronted by a mouse.

“So how’s your new home coming along?” Dana asked in an expert move to change the subject.

“Well, the Starbucks just opened,” I answered. “I think there’s a law in San Diego that says no new condo building can go up without at least one Starbucks built in.”

“They’re everywhere,” laughed Dana. “I don’t really like their coffee.”

“I *love* Starbucks,” chimed Ann. “I think they have the best coffee.”

Taking the neutral road, I said, “David and I are tea drinkers, and Starbucks doesn’t have the apricot tea I like, so we go to an independent coffee house.”

Then, to Dana, I said, “So you’re coming to the island for your mother’s birthday Tuesday, right? I thought it might be nice if we got her a cake. Do you know what kind she likes?” Dana shook his head. I looked to David. “How about you? No? You boys are horrible, not knowing what kind of cake your own mother likes. Ann, you’re a mother, what kind of cake do *you* like?”

Ann paused to look up from the jigsaw puzzle in which she had suddenly become engrossed, scanned me from head to toe and back again with a stare I was now convinced could slice through a tin can like a Ginzu knife, and said, “I don’t eat cake.”

I had to invoke the spirit of Gandhi to keep myself from saying, “Well, you must be eating *something*, because a belly like that doesn’t just appear.” Instead, I forced my face into a tight, plastic grin and said, “Alrighty then. Dana, David and I will pick something out, and we’ll have it at the house by the time you arrive.”

“Sounds great,” said Dana.

When Katie returned home with the girls, she and her parents retreated to the jigsaw puzzle without a word to either David or me, so we took refuge with Dana and his daughters. A few hours

later, when it was time for us to leave, Ann stood with her back against the sliding glass door, her arms firmly at her side.

I’m a hugger. I also have a habit of thinking out loud. So, as I approached Ann, my arms outstretched in antici-

pation of giving this clearly unhappy woman the hug of her lifetime, I said, “Look, this is killing you, isn’t it, you’re like ‘I’m British, I don’t want to be touched, how do I handle this woman rushing me with her arms open wide?’ Well, I’m a hug-

ger, so you’ll have to deal.” She remained stiff as I gave her a brief squeeze.

“I am not *British*,” she hissed when I stepped back. Her face became a satisfied smirk and I knew enough from the past few hours that she was about to launch

another snide broadside. “I’m from *New Zealand*. That’s even farther *south* than *you* live.” I had known that would come back to bite me. If I had detected any semblance of humor in her voice, I would have played along and said, “Wow, then you must be

really stupid.” But the boring truth is that I was rendered speechless. Eventually, when the shock of her scalding tone and blatant, almost comical spitefulness wore off, I muttered, “New Zealand, huh? Oh.” Then I took David’s hand in mine, and left. ■

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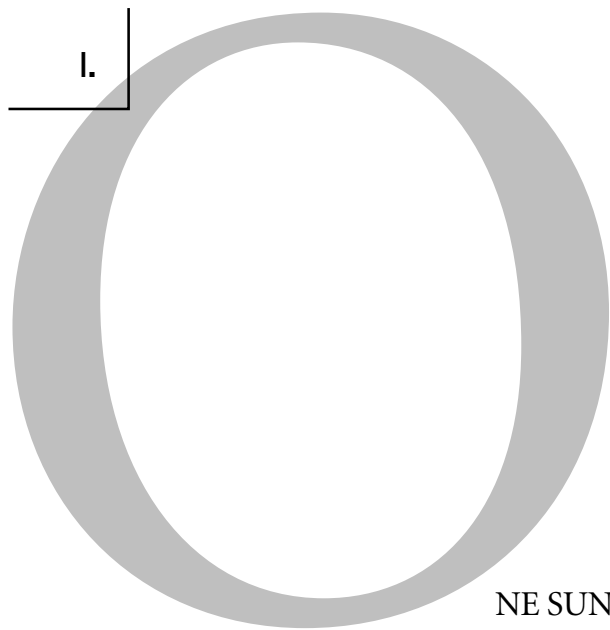


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NE SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER 1989, BARRY LALL, an Indian-American doctor, was driving over the Coronado Bridge with his wife Hema, their four-year-old son Arjun, Lall's father and mother, and a real estate broker. They were on their way to inspect a 12-room motel for sale at the corner of Third Street and Orange Avenue, which, if priced right, Lall hoped to buy. Beneath them was the beautiful blue and iridescent channel, the port of San Diego where ships off-load containers from as far away as Hong Kong. At the time, Lall, who was practicing family medicine at Kaiser Hospital in Chula Vista, was not yet a citizen. He was here by way of a transnational diaspora common to many Indian immigrants. Lall's route had begun when his parents left the state of Gujarat, India, for the East African country of Nyasaland, where Lall was born; later, after medical studies in England and Scotland and an arranged marriage, he, his wife, and his parents ("she married them, too") emigrated to the United States in 1980, settled first in Georgia and then in San Diego. Lall wanted to believe that the long geographical road that he and his family had traveled to get to America had prepared him for the longer personal road he was now on *in* America.

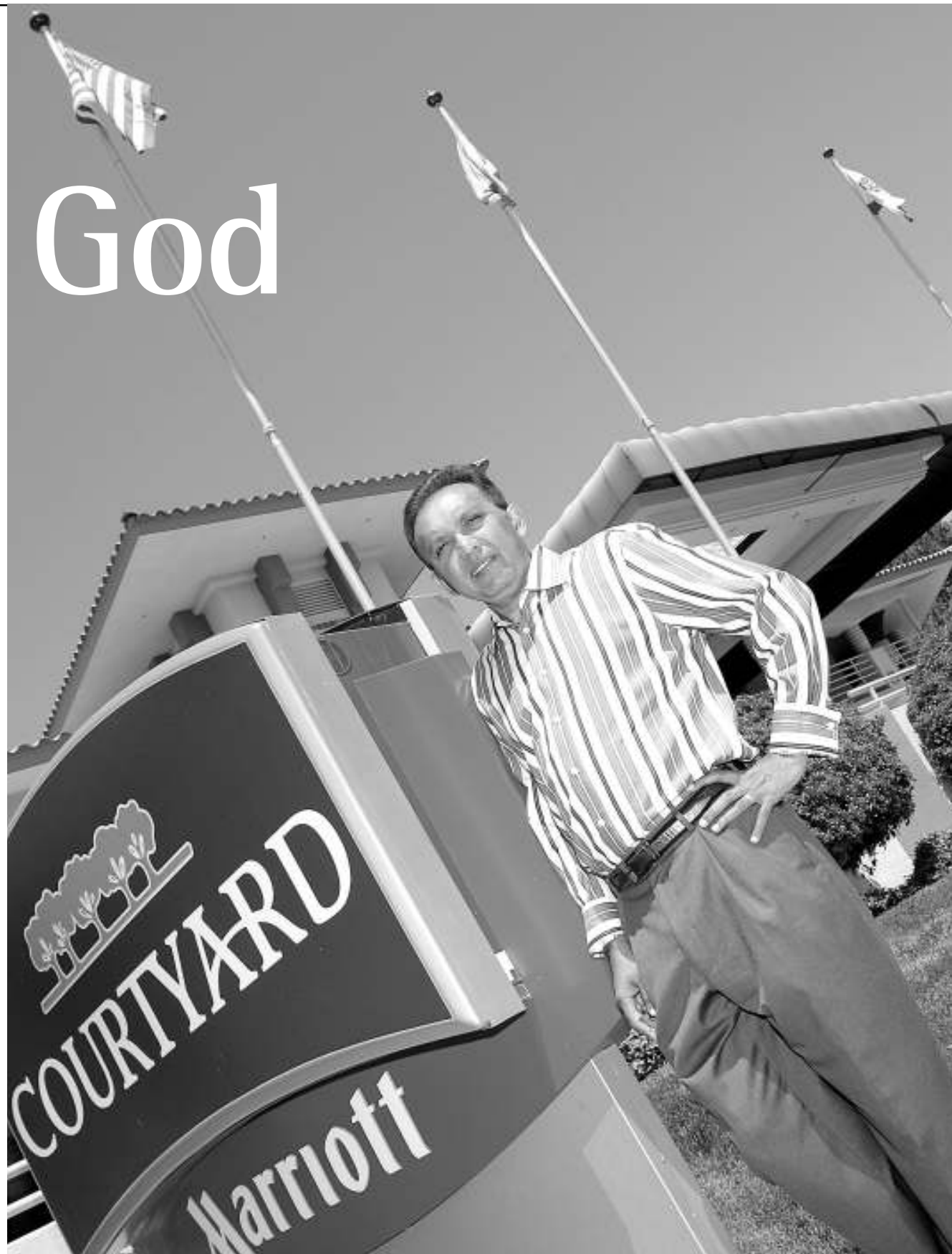
Pulling the Lalls, Barry more than Hema, was the Holiday Motel. An ad in Sunday's *San Diego Union* offered under "Business Opportunity": *Beach Motel, Coronado, priced to sell*. Lall had pretty much decided that he would buy the place, fix it up, staff the front desk after work, if necessary, and make the beds himself. Owning a property was one thing; managing it another, a sore point between him and Hema. Hema, a petite woman with a boy's haircut, wanted no part of it. One of six daughters of a hotelier in San Francisco's Tenderloin, she grew up "on property," changing sheets and checking in guests. "I hated it," she recalls. "All I wanted was to get an education" — which she did, a degree in accounting from UC Berkeley — "and not marry a hotelier." Lall's father, whose name is Lalbhai, was opposed to Barry's dream, too. It was, after all, *his* hard work, savings, and relocation to four continents that helped insure his son's future as a doctor.

But Lall was restless. While he hoped to leave medicine for what he calls the "risky world of business," he didn't want the family's security to suffer.

Today, much of his struggle is past. At 56, the millionaire motel mogul is flanked by his family in their La Jolla home. Lall sits beside a picture window, a Santa Ana—clear view of La Jolla Shores and the sandy coastal cliffs beyond, and discusses his life. "I had a yearning," he says. "I wanted to do something. I'd come to America, the land of opportunity. I was ready to go!" His son in college, his wife an employee, his father a homebody, Lall is revered like a chieftain, his venture capitalism having birthed agency in him and approbation in his family.

Seventeen years earlier at the Holiday Motel, Lall examined every room, pulling shower curtains aside and plunking onto beds. He recalls that Sunday with zeal: "It was like giving birth to

God



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*“I felt free,”
he remembers.
“I felt like this
is my country.
I never felt like
that in Africa,
England, or
Scotland.”*

nearly ten years, and this motel was his first real personal foray into what *could* happen if he’d only act on his gut. He’d done something like it before. In 1984, after being hired by Kaiser Permanente in San Diego, he bought a house in Clairemont, which neither his parents nor his wife had yet seen. “I first took my parents and my wife down Interstate 8 to Mission Bay, showed them how beautiful San Diego was. And then took them to the house [in Clairemont], and they said, ‘Huh? Oh my gosh, what did you buy?’ But they got used to it.”

A half-hour spent perusing the motel and Lall realized this was it: “I got excited. Here’s my opportunity to own my own motel!” Today, these words burst from him with lottery-winning laughter. He’s otherwise a careful, unruffled man; a receding hairline gives him a pronounced forehead and a near-perfectly round face. He wears a black leather jacket; he sticks to a strict exercise regimen (undertaken because he was scared at turning 50). Standing next to him, one feels his

impatience; he’s still the distracted doctor who has a dozen more people to see before lunch.

Financing the Holiday wouldn’t be easy. “Motels are considered very high risk by financial markets,” Lall says. “They’re not just real estate, they’re also a business.” During the 1980s, he made money on property; a condo sale netted him \$40,000. He was itching to invest a couple hundred thousand dollars, but he needed twice that: the Holiday was \$450,000. On Monday, he called a vice president he knew at Sumitomo Bank. The woman (who prefers anonymity) was his patient at Kaiser and had already gotten Dr. Lall to open an account at Sumitomo. Lall had once confided to her that he wanted to invest in commercial properties. One day, high blood pressure and a regimen of pills, prescribed by another doctor, brought her into his office. She was tired of the side effects, the tiredness, and the headaches. He rec-

a child.” But the others who saw the motel were unimpressed: it was “a real dive,” “totally dilapidated bathrooms and carpets and furniture, no telephones.” The family conferred. Lalbhai wasn’t sure what his son wanted. His son, he says now, has an intuition for the organizational. But he doesn’t tell people what he wants to do. Lalbhai, who is 80 and a mathematical savant, remembers that, at the time, “inside his wishes, my son is regretting something, but he also has a vision. When he decides, he decides *soon*.”

Going from room to room, Lall was guided by a past moment’s imprint, the day he stepped off the plane in Dallas in 1980. “That day I felt free,” he remembers. “I felt like this is my country. I never felt like that in Africa, England, or Scotland. And that freedom was tremendous. Maybe it was psychological, but I came to the country that offered me freedom.” Lall knew he’d have to risk something to make good on that feeling. It had been

Barry Lall

ommended that instead of medication, she try exercise to control the hypertension. Every day for one month, she should take a morning walk and stop by his office to be monitored. Weeks later, her blood pressure was back to normal. "He saved my life," she says.

The woman at Sum-itomo consulted with Ron Chapman, another loan officer. She argued that Lall's honesty made him "creditworthy." Chapman says he "wasn't wild about the deal. The economics for 12 units are very challenging — more units mean you spread your overhead over more revenue points." Besides, Lall had no business experience, nothing like managing a motel. On the other hand, the motel's location, blocks from the Navy base, meant steady customers, families of service members who'd like the motel's basic



Barry, Hema, Lalbhai, and Arjun Lall

rates. Better still, Lall could benefit from the late-1980s savings-and-loan crisis. Ever since the government stepped in, bank-owned properties, including many motels, had glutted the market. "Even good properties were going for a song,"

Chapman recalls. And then there was Lall's promise, in Chapman's phrase, "of leveraging his family's resources." Family money and family labor pledged was good enough for Chapman. He said yes. Lall got the loan and

bought the Holiday Motel. He hired workers to replace the windows, paint the walls, and relandscape the grounds. New carpet and furnishings were added. Lall moved in. "By now," he remembers, "we had a very nice home over-

looking Mission Bay, in Bay Ho, and I left the home and my family to stay at this junky motel. My hours were such that I could do both jobs. At nighttime, I would rent you a room, and by day, I would treat your high blood pressure. Honest

to God. If I do something, I have to do it well. That's what my parents taught me — be fully committed." At the corner, Navy personnel late for curfew, racing off the bridge toward the base, screeched to a halt at the Third Street stoplight. Some nights the street noise — and the noise in his heart that he missed his family — rattled him.

His wife and his father remember backing him in the motel purchase, albeit "reluctantly." Lall's memory is that "neither of them supported me. They wanted me to stick to medicine." Lall says that he wanted for once in his life to make a decision on his own. His single regret was that "I had forced myself to become a doctor only because I said I would." He reasoned that because he was unhappy in medicine he could, therefore, leave the profession: in fact, that's *exactly* what being in

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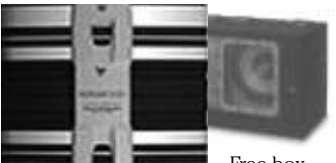
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America was commanding him to do.

After Lall had moved into the motel, his cleaning person sometimes called in sick. So he'd rush over midafternoon, run a load of wash, and clean the toilets himself. An Indian-American cousin from Canada came in, at a small salary, to staff the desk during the day. Every morning when his shift began, the man saw a pile of torn cards in the trash can, the previous night's receipts. The cousin told Lall, "Look, this is a business. You can't be throwing your records away. You've got to have proof for

taxes." Lall had no idea about taxes and balance sheets, overhead and cash flow. He figured he'd learn everything as he went along. And yet he needed help. Which meant making his "inside" wishes known, lowering his financial risk by letting his father and mother assist. The road was still long, but the path was clear: to be free he would have to depend on his family, the way of an Indian, as much as he would have to depend on himself, the way of an American.

II.

And yet, as Lall may or

may not have known, he was not alone in his desire to own a motel. Underpinning his dream is a cultural and commercial empire of Indian-American hoteliers, the clan of the motel people. Today, Indian-Americans (sometimes called South Asians) own more than 20,000 hotels in America, more than half of the economy properties, and nearly 37 percent of all hotels. (There is an Asian American Hotel Owners Association, whose membership is 8700 and whose annual confabs have featured President Bush and Senator John

McCain.) Not only have Indian-Americans dominated U.S. hotel ownership as an ethnic group, but they've done so by sponsoring and installing immigrant relatives in the properties as managers. Chances are you have stopped at a Travelodge in Winslow, Arizona, tired of the great desert drive, all chaparral to Albuquerque. You may have smelled curry or wondered at the shrine to Krishna in the lobby. An overbusy Indian man no doubt rented you a room. He seemed (if you noticed) American *and* Indian and to be everything and everywhere at

once: owner, manager, night clerk, housekeeper, maintenance man, plus husband and father of a family you may have glimpsed in the apartment behind the front desk. Chances are the Indian and his brood (his wife in a sari) were recent arrivals, having waited 10 or 15 years to get in, and now *here*, work this opportunity 24/7 with the efficiency of a short-order cook.

How is it that Indian-Americans, who are roughly one percent of America's population, not only own these hotels and motels in such high numbers but also are

niched into the hospitality business as managers? The phenomenon begins with the security of family-based immigration to America and in the subtle changes in immigration policy over the past century.

The two most critical years in American immigration policy are 1924 and 1965. In 1924, following the unregulated tide of foreign arrivals between 1880 and 1920, the government passed the National Origins Act, ostensibly to check the tide, but, as Gordon Clanton, sociology professor at San Diego State University says, actually

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to “keep out the Czechs, the Poles, the Jews, and the Italians — who were considered undesirable. The clever strategy of that law was no particular national quota, except calculated as a fraction of your population already in the country. And that went back to the 1910 census: take the number of Italians in the country, and the annual percent of Italians allowed into the country will be something like one percent of that number.” In effect, Clanton says, there was “a quota of zero for any group that had not come into the country substantially by 1910. So,

after 1924, if you were from England, it was easy to get in because there were a whole lot of English descendants. For Poland there was a very low quota, maybe 20 times smaller than the quota for England.”

The 1924 law regulated the influx. But it was, Clanton suggests, “a racist exclusionary system.” Indians were already classified as non-whites, denied citizenship and the right to own land. It wasn’t until the Indian Immigration Bill of 1946 that Indians were given an annual quota of 100,000. By 1965, with advances in civil rights at

home, things changed on par for foreigners: a new law allowed immigrants in based on economic viability, family reunification, or refugee status.

India has slowed the exodus: many educated Indians are staying put, answering phones for Dell in Mumbai.

Indian-Americans took immediate advantage. They had money and a few relatives here who began sponsoring countrymen to emigrate. They also showed that they would employ those new

arrivals, often in hospitality. Of course, other groups from Eastern Europe, Central America, the Caribbean, and Asia have also benefited from

the new rules. In fact, the law has not changed but refined the human-relocating system of chain migration, in which families help family members emigrate. One result is the continued solidar-

ity and organizational drive of ethnic groups, evident in such businesses as the Vietnamese nail salons and the Korean corner markets.

Chain migration means clustering. For example, Clanton says, “Iraqis are concentrated in Detroit and San Diego, more than other cities. I had an Iraqi student, whom I asked, ‘How did your family get over here?’ — and I’ve heard this so many times — she said, ‘My uncle Ben was already here and had a jewelry store in Palm Springs.’ I should add that there’s been a new measure

added on — in the same spirit as the 1965 law. In the late 1980s, when Bush Senior was president, we added a footnote, a Republican version of economic viability. It says, ‘If you come into the country with a million dollars to spend on a business that will employ at least some Americans, you move right to the head of the line.’” In contrast to the late-1970s “boat people” from southeast Asia, such millionaire or highly skilled immigrants are called “yacht people.”

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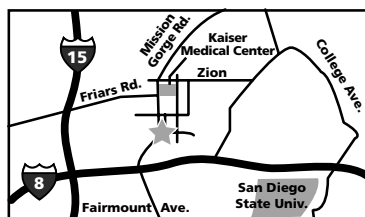
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service worker, is to be educated already. "The new 1965 law," Clanton says, "is better than the old law, but it's certainly a self-interested law. We can congratulate ourselves that it's not as implicitly racist and religiously discriminatory as the old law. But what we've basically said is, 'We don't want "the huddled masses yearning to be free" anymore. What we want is Sayyid with an M.A.' This creates significant problems in the *sending* country — basically a brain drain. Who leaves Pakistan? Not some poor guy named Ali who sweeps up down at the barbershop. It's going to be somebody with a master's degree or enough money to start a business in this country or, at least, education of the sort that gives them viability."

The dynamics of chain migration are fascinating. For a couple of decades after 1965, most Indian arrivals were professional and technical workers in medicine, technology, engineering. This has changed. Two factors are reconfiguring the diaspora: one, a new law requires that, before applying immigrants need a job offer in writing, be it in hotels or circuit boards; and two, the outsourcing of jobs to India has slowed the exodus: many educated Indians are staying put, answering phones for Dell in Mumbai. But because of the desire for family reunification and because of the need for cheap labor in service sectors, foreigners, mostly brown-skinned, keep streaming in, legal or not. After all, who will do the jobs — field-picking, bed-making, cab-driving — we lazy, fat natives won't? One argument made by those who study the less-than-benign aspects of transnational migration is that over the last century, American immigration law has never been

about fairness but, rather, rotating the supply of indentured workers from one poor country to another — China to Eastern and Southern Europe to Mexico — as economically necessary. Indian-Americans seem

to have scripted their own part in this play, in part because they have built, based on their families' and the law's largess, what is an efficiently managed, highly profitable, and kinfolk-dependable ethnic niche.

III.

What the sociologist studies, Barry Lall's father, Lalbhai Patel, has lived. It was he who began the family's odyssey, as thousands of others before him had,

by leaving his home in the Indian state of Gujarat. (Gujarat — a people, a language, a place — did not become a state until 1960.) With its long coastline at the western edge of India, Gujarat borders the Ara-

bian Sea to the west and Pakistan to the north. It is renowned for three things: its lowland agricultural fertility; its strong economy of merchants and farmers, making Gujarat the second most prosperous state in

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India; and its birth home of Mahatma Gandhi. Originally, the Gujarati came from northern India, moving over the centuries by ox and cart to escape the ravages of war. During the time of the Moguls and Sultans, Gujarati port cities were bustling stops on oceanic trading routes. From 1818 to 1947, the year of Indian independence, the British East India Company administered much of Gujarat's business. A major change occurred with the Indian Mutiny of 1859, after which the Gujarat area became a British suzerainty — a feudal-like enclave controlled by England but with some domestic sovereignty. Limited self-direction may have been the origin of the hospitality business, at least in India, where a domestic class housed and profited off of the British intruders.

Gandhi was one of the first to leave, emigrat-

ing to London in 1888, at 19, to study law. Many have followed. It is often the westernized or entrepreneurial Gujarati who leave India for business or education. Also spurring flight in the last 50 years are conflicts along the border with Pakistan and internal fights between Hindus and Muslims. Today, several generations of successful Indian hoteliers have built a family pipeline from Gujarat to run hotels and motels throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Lalbhai Patel has the most common surname in Gujarat. Just as Smith, the English surname of a "maker," is very common, so, too, is Patel, a name that came from *pat* or "log book," whose bearer was the village record keeper. Lalbhai says that Patel is a "community surname." The Patels are members of the third of the four

Hindu castes, the Vaishyas, who are merchants, traders, and farmers. Most Patels were originally farmers and landowners, a "semi-educated people," as Lalbhai says, who, over time, grew to dominate Gujarati life by employing the Sudra caste, the

"We weren't aware of many careers to go into. The options I thought I had were being a lawyer, an engineer, or a physician. Business was out of the question."

lowest caste and the one beneath theirs, as laborers. Today, the Patel name is common among American innkeepers. One writer estimates that nearly 70 percent of all Indian motel owners are Patels. One-third of the nearly 2 million Indian-Americans are Patel —

one reason why Barry Patel became Barry Lall.

Lalbhai, who was a farmer and an English teacher in Gujarat, left in 1949 for Nyasaland, a British Colony in east-central Africa. Leaving his relatives behind, he emigrated to establish himself, to help his

extended family, and to pursue his own sense of adventure, the male prerogative. He was following other Gujarati who went to East Africa to work on the railroads, to open banks or, like Gandhi in South Africa, to practice law. (Lalbhai, an acolyte of Gandhi,

spun cotton daily from which his hand-woven clothing was made.) Secured by England's commercial and educational presence, East Africa for Indians was as the American West once was, though limited in its opportunities. Lalbhai began teaching elementary school and sending money home. In 1950, his son Barry was born; a daughter soon followed. Fourteen years later, Nyasaland became Malawi, in the independence movement that swept Africa. When black Malawians took over most professions, Lalbhai was fired. He wasn't expelled from the country, as 50,000 South Asians would be in nearby Uganda, after Idi Amin's coup. But Lalbhai saw the writing on the wall. He moved the family to Zambia where, pooling his savings with other out-of-work Indians, he opened a clothing store.

Barry Lall remembers that in his father's Zambian store "is where it all begins — the entrepreneurial spirit. Even as a 12-year-old, I remember working in his store, selling to customers, and when my father went to India for a vacation, he left me in charge with my mom. I enjoyed that. For me it was not a pain, a chore, you know, how children think, 'I've got to help Dad in his business.' For me it was fun." Lalbhai's business venture expanded with his importing and distributing other items for Zambian retailers. "His true affinity," his son recalls, "may have been in business, making one customer at a time feel good." Lalbhai says, "When the customer wants a small thing, it's a big thing for me."

Soon Lalbhai saw that his son and daughter had no educational future in Zambia. He insisted they attend col-

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lege in England. “When we were growing up in Africa,” Lall says, “we weren’t aware of many careers to go into. The options I thought I had were being a lawyer, an engineer, or a physician. Business was out of the question. We didn’t know you could study business in college or get an MBA. Still, to go to college was imprinted in us from a very early age. It’s not an option; it just has to be.” It took two years before his parents joined him in England. “That two-year separation was very hard for them, more than for us. I knew growing up that my parents would continue to live with me, even when we were grown. My father and I used to exchange letters two or three times a week. *Two or three times a week.* Maybe that’s pathological. I used to give him every detail of my life. We were just so close.” In London, while Lall studied pre-med, his

parents arrived and started a grocery store. He remembers that his father, a Hindu and lifelong vegetarian, had to butcher meat. There he was, “cutting the meat and selling it and learning everything about the business.”

Lall eventually enrolled in medical

he was being “tracked” by one of his father’s good friends, a man who had known Lalbhai and his son in Zambia and who had become a hotel owner in San Francisco. At the time, Lalbhai remembered, the man had wanted doctors for his six daughters. So the two fathers set up a

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school, in Glasgow, Scotland, graduating in 1979. It was time, so Lalbhai counseled, that he and his son “make a marriage,” meaning, per tradition, the father would assist. He arranged for Barry to meet several potential brides; some were flown in from India. None worked out. Unbeknownst to Barry,

meeting in London for Barry and Hema, who both agreed. Lall says that “we liked each other right away.” Part of the attraction — during his “interview” with her, she “gave me all the right answers” — was that she knew English and she seemed “Western,” which he liked. But it wasn’t for love that they married.

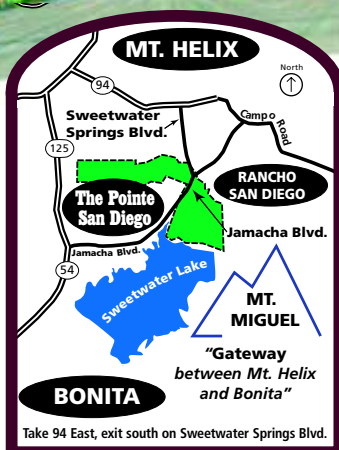
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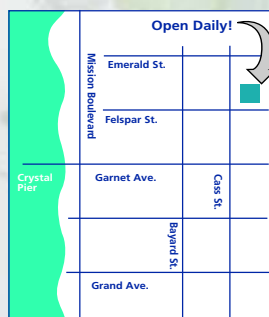
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In 1981, Lall began a medical internship in Augusta, Georgia, where he and Hema moved. (In his pocket was \$74,000, a gift from his father, an investment egg for buying a home.) The Lalls also did what most Indian families do — they had his parents move with him. Lall says that for his father, "We're his India." Lalbhair, whose wife died several years ago, calls his son "brother," a term of endearment Indian families use.

In 1990, when Lall was 40, he realized that he was feeling the same pull away from his profession (medicine) and toward business that his

father had felt when he was 40, pulled away from his profession (teaching) and toward business. Both were in the "nurturing" professions, and both left. Meditating on this attraction to risk, Lall thinks it's "something in the blood. How can a teacher like my father become a businessman?"

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blood and the family. When Lall asked his parents for help in running the Holiday Motel, they moved right in and managed it. They were thrilled to still be a part of their son's dream. During 1991 and 1992, they ran the motel, freeing up Barry to invest its profits in other proper-

ties. Now cash-fat, Lall had a realization. To be a success, he saw the imperative of the Indian model: to spread the risk throughout his family. At the same time, he saw that he had to chase down new opportunities himself, the American plan. So he told his family that he would leave medicine and invest all their money — and all

his time — in motels. They agreed, this time without reservation. Hema "bought into it," as did Lall's parents, who also threw in their savings.

Lall points to two things that brought about his career change. The first is cultural. "I talk to a lot of my fellow physicians; they're desperate to get out, but most of them can't think of a way to get out. Business? Most of them can't think of it as an option. It's too great a risk. There's something that I inherited, something about me — and about a lot of Indians, I shouldn't just say myself — that allows us to take the risk and be successful. That's crucial." Lall's second reason is personal. In medicine, he says, making a brilliant diagnosis

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In 1993, Lall and two Indian friends, one of whom was unhappy as an engineer, formed a hotel company. Riding the recession of the early 1990s, they pursued distressed hotels, many in foreclosure. "We were like the Three Stooges, who didn't know much about big-time development and hotel management. But who cares? I didn't care." Buying hotels throughout the west, each partner was responsible for a different region; Lall's was New Mexico and Arizona. Lall bought a Days Inn, with 115 rooms and a restaurant, in Tucson, and moved in by himself (going east now as his father had once gone west). Hema, their young son, and his parents soon joined him. They carved out three rooms for their apartment and lived there for two years. He recalls their tenure as the "sacrifice the whole family was willing to make to help my dream succeed." That first year, "I bought myself a BMW 740i — I could never afford that as a doctor." He recalls watching the San Diego Chargers in the Super Bowl on a tiny TV in their apartment and being "so happy." Hema didn't mind, she says. Growing up she had to clean; now she managed, eventually joining Lall's company as an accountant. During the 1990s,

Lall and his partners reinvested continuously; within three years, they "were running 35 underperforming hotels. When we took over, we had to spend significant capital to renovate these hotels — *change* the *lais-*

sez-faire attitude of the local management, most of the general managers, and the brand or affiliation of the hotel. By doing these things, we were immediately able to make these hotels successful."

Out and about with Lall today in his Mercedes S500, we drive by squalid or plain motels that he describes as "having no love. Nobody has shown that property any love." Loving a motel, Lall says, striding into

corporate-speak, is "not about numbers. It's about taking pride in every asset we own. It's about the satisfaction that we get from our guests being happy with their stay with us." Since 1997, Lall has been co-

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For the new immigrant it's all about who's here and who's established themselves before you came to America. Which is to say that the 1965 reform described what was self-evident — the ethnic niche business, in which extended families and countrymen are concentrated, is the conduit from homeland to

newland. An ethnic niche is an enclave in which newly arriving ethnic groups organize their livelihood: Chinese laundries, Jewish sweatshops, Portuguese tuna boats. Indian immigrants have flowered in high-tech jobs, in medicine, and in hospitality. Today, notes University of California at San Diego sociologist Tomás Jiménez, "They are by no means poor. They come here and make six figures. They're economic migrants, but not in the same way as Mexicans or Central Americans."

By phone Jiménez tells me that ethnic

niches develop "when a handful of pioneering migrants come to an area for reasons that are random. They end up in a

employees whom the employers hope are also pioneering migrants. There's a sort of ethnic recruiting that takes

"Rather than having a cultural predisposition to entrepreneurship, it might be their level of education that allows them to navigate their opportunities."

particular job. They become respected workers and trusted employees. They are relied upon to bring over other

place." Once the initial phase happens, new arrivals, many thrice-migrants, look for work not because they have an

affinity for picking cotton or cleaning rooms but because that's where their ethnic brethren are established.

But Americans, whether recent immigrants or from immigrant families themselves, too often believe the counterintuitive claim about the other, namely, that there's something about the work itself that fits the ethnicity. Jiménez debunks this notion: "A common misperception is that people come to the U.S. and do jobs that are familiar to them because of where they come from. They come

seeking economic opportunity in whatever form they can find it. Mexicans, for example, dominate in beef-packing in the Midwest. It's highly unlikely they were beef-packers in Mexico. It was also believed that Italians came to the West Coast because they were familiar with the climate and then worked in garbage-collecting. These folks weren't garbage-collectors in Italy. They also didn't come because of the climate but because there was already a substantial Italian population that could plug them into various social, political, and economic

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Needless to say, the next group of questions is delicate. What about “innateness” and long-term success? Is there some centuries-old aspect of Gujarati sensibility that allows him to come to America without a background in hotel-motel management, knowing instinctively that the niche exists and how best to take advantage of it? Can one quantify a kind of pioneering spirit among Indians that has come from their parents by way of Africa and pushed the idea of opportunity upon the most adventuresome of the bunch? Does hotel-motel management demand one be thrifty in order to succeed, or is that thrift-mindedness built into the people who become hoteliers?

“I’m wary of those interpretations,” Jiménez says. “In a similar way, people have made arguments about why Chinese and Japanese workers were so good at agriculture or things that required fine motor skills. They were docile; tiny hands allowed them to do certain things.” Such stereotypes are half-truths for Jiménez. At times, he believes, certain groups can bring advantages from the home country. “It might be that Indians who emigrate from India are better educated relative to other groups. Rather than having a cultural predisposition to entrepreneurship, it might be their level of education that allows them to navigate their opportunities.”

Jiménez thinks that the genotypical argument — Mexicans are predisposed to pick lettuce, Koreans to overcharge for basic goods, Indians to manage motels — is spurious. People, he says, get “racially coded, identified with a particular group.

Work gets labeled immigrant work, for example, Vietnamese work. People think about races in hierarchies. They rank people in these jobs accordingly, by work and by race. When those jobs get coded, their status gets

knocked down. Some people call it a psychological wage. The psychological wage which that job carries is lessened. Americans are less apt to do that type of work not only because the pay is low and there’s a supply

of willing workers but also because there’s a psychological wage that American-born individuals are not willing to accept.” Jiménez cites the “classic case of construction. At one time those jobs were unionized and

paid well; now you see at any construction site Mexican immigrants working. Construction work gets ranked accordingly.”

What happens intergenerationally to immigrant families?

As much as the parents may be identified with the job, Jiménez notes, the children, more susceptible to assimilation into American culture, do *not* identify themselves with the job. They reject the notion

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that immigrant families wear uniform badges. Owning hotels is a lucrative business; the capital earned means parents can afford elite colleges or provide their offspring with cash to start their own businesses. Most children of Indian-American hoteliers will go to universities because of the family's stress on education; the kids, who must work in the motels, are under their parents' thumbs and usually stay out of trouble.

An eclectic American culture steadily alters the

culture of immigrant sons and daughters. "The kids," Jiménez says, "have a lot to do with that — they are moving outside the ethnically specific circles, hanging out with kids who are not Indian. And these are the folks among whom we see intermarriage, friendships across racial and ethnic lines, movement out of ethnically concentrated neighborhoods. We'll see a lot of intermarriage in the next 25 years. Particularly if the kids are doing well." In the process, immigrant children become invisible as they blend into the middle class. Which is also to say that they move out of the job where their ethnicity has been branded and they move into the professions or trades that

appear open to all.

Sociologists make two claims, Jiménez says, about niches. "The more recent one is that niches are advantageous, precisely because they are launching pads. Ethnic solidarity may allow a

ascendancy." This ladder- ing is often seen in those Indian-Americans who court a relationship between their hotel/motel ownership here and their relatives who come here, often willingly. In a sense, the

"In India, I am the boss. In America, I am the peon. Psychologically, I didn't like it, but I didn't complain and I didn't cry."

newly arrived individual to find a job and be shielded from the harmful effects of discrimination in the labor market. Niches also allow a social and economic base in the new society that ultimately leads to economic

owners know where to get labor — cheap labor — to run their motels. To work for one's in-laws might be more family than many of us would ever want.

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class divisions *within* these communities,” Jiménez says, “are just as pernicious as the racial discrimination they might encounter outside their niches. Thus, hotel owners might exploit their own just as any other owner would. Some sociologists really tout this idea of ethnic niches and enclaves; some say newly arrived people get exploited in these niches. In other words, niches are not a panacea.” Exploitation is hard to measure: the poverty rate for Indian-Americans, for example, is significantly less than the U.S. average, so, in economic terms, Indian immigrants may be less victimized than they would be in jobs outside the niche.

V.

Seventy-five miles east of Los Angeles, Interstate 10 bisects Banning, a town most of us miss as part of the no-*there*-there

between Riverside and Palm Springs. And yet changes are afoot. A new Native American casino, in gravity-defying post-modern design, interrupts the commercial thoroughfare, making Banning more destination than drive-by. The Days Inn is docked

standard room, all 42 identical. They tidy and scrub for Naresh Patel and his wife, Prabha, the motel owners, who are from Gujarat, India, and who also speak very little English. From owner to help go the commands: clean this room, sweep these stairs, launder these

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beside the on-ramp, across the street from All Star Dodge and a Frisbee toss from Subway. From the parking lot, the freeway noise is unrelenting. On the second story of the property, maids from Mexico, who speak very little English, push carts from standard room to

sheets. The Gujarati and the Spanish speakers know, billowed on the sameness of days, what needs communicating.

Lall and I have come to visit the Patels and their motel. Naresh, Prabha, and three of his four children live on-site, in the family room

behind the front desk where a visitor, guided to a cushy couch and given chai tea, hears the frequent *ding* of the bell, calling for service. (Made welcome, one recalls the Sanskrit proverb, *Atithi Devo Bhava* — “The guest is like God.”) There’s a smell of curry, a Panasonic TV broadcasting college basketball, and a heavy silver shrine to Krishna, too big for its end table. Mornings and evenings Naresh and Prabha (and sometimes the kids) sing a devotional song to Krishna. As they sing, Naresh shakes a small bell and stirs the air with a candle flame. The song is finished after a praying-hands, waist-bowing prayer and Naresh’s prostration on the floor to the deity. (Worship for Hindus is typically an individual rather than a communal experience.) The Patels are devoted to India, where their hearts are, but they are in America, where the money — and the future — lies.

Since 1993, the Patels have settled only in tight quarters in several modest motels. The eldest sister, Rina, is married and gone, but the three younger kids, Pharmisha, Bhavika, and Kevin, live at home (at the motel) and help out. In India, Naresh used to farm sugarcane and rice and polish diamonds. He owned land and employed many workers. But he brought his family to America, so his children could be educated and so he could establish himself in business. Even with a cousin in Philadelphia who sponsored them, it took 11 years before the Patels’ application to emigrate to America was approved. The children went to live with a relative and began school in Florida, while Naresh and his wife headed for Sacramento.

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(cousin)-managed motel. Before getting off the plane, they thought their hard work would be rewarded with money, down one of America's many streets of gold. Naresh, a chiseled-featured man who, nearing

60, seems eternally fit, wasn't prepared for what he found. (Lall translates Naresh's words from Gujarati.) "In India, I am the boss. In America, I am the peon. Psychologically, I didn't like it, but I didn't complain and I

didn't cry." Naresh says he would "die" before cleaning rooms in India. Partly because of his caste, but also because a willing "staff" for the merchant class (seen sometimes as a "leisure" class) was abundant:

plenty of people would work because they needed money. Soon after their arrival, Naresh's wife became bedridden with a severe back problem that meant Naresh had to clean rooms and make meals.

The family finally reunited at a motel in Bentonville, Arkansas, where Naresh and Prabha did the house-keeping. Without knowing English, the kids were thrust into various grades, sank, then swam.

Kevin, who now speaks perfect English and is a promising high school basketball player, says that "everywhere" they went in Arkansas and, later, at motels in Memphis and Hernando, Mississippi, "There was racism. They looked at you dirty. You didn't know if they were talking about you, making fun of you, or being nice — it was a confusing feeling." Bhavika recalls that much of the racism was due to her Indian accent. "Why can't I talk like they do? I know what I'm saying, but why doesn't it come out right?" Not an English speaker in Gujarat, she felt weird talking in English. She didn't say much.

Typically, the two parents and four kids would live in two rooms with a kitchen. The family of six made \$2000 a month, augmented by a side-business: daily preparation of a dozen tiffins, or Indian meals (at \$6 each), for a family of Indian professionals. These earnings were augmented by jobs the kids had as teenagers. "It's not the Indian way," Lall says, "for kids to earn and keep their own money." Bhavika echoes this: "Because of the stuff we went through as a family, it was never yours, mine,

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his. It's always been ours. Even until today." The kids helped cook and deliver the tiffins and assisted in motel duties on the busier weekends. Naresh saved. Something better, he felt, was coming.

One year there was a family get-together in Florida. Naresh and his family came from Memphis, as did relatives from other parts of America. Among them was Barry Lall, who was the talk of the family because of his success as a hotelier out west. That day Naresh's father, a man whose austere portrait hangs above the living-room shrine, grasped Lall's arm with both hands and whispered to him in Gujarati a sentence of intense softness: *Will you do something for my son, Naresh?* "That's how he asked me, and I said, 'I will.' He couldn't stand his son

cleaning rooms after all these years," Lall remembers. "I took it to my heart. I didn't go out specifically looking for a motel for them. But I had them in my mind. When the right opportunity came up — I wanted a

a part-owner. "I will allow you to join me on this adventure only if your daughter sacrifices at least one year of college." (She was at San Diego State and had to commute every week.) "I wanted someone who

"Barry did well for us."

From 1993 to 2000, Naresh and the family saved \$40,000, largely from housekeeping. Of course, they saved on rent by living in the motel; and, when the whole family works for the family business, labor costs are nil. Still, the family seldom went to a movie, seldom ate out. "Eating at Taco Bell," Kevin says, "was like eating at a five-star hotel." The kids wore hand-me-downs. They shopped at Wal-Mart, never the mall. An aunt gave them an old car. Except for living expenses, the family saved everything they earned.

Naresh borrowed \$100,000 from relatives. Short-term loans are common in the Indian community: cash, deliv-

ered to friends, with no contracts or interest timetables. Just a handshake. And then *that* money, banded and stacked in a suitcase, is delivered in person to a bank's loan officer as the down payment: *Yes, sir, I'd like to buy a motel.* So

common is this practice of bypassing banks that Lall was approached after Hurricane Katrina by a cousin from a small town near New Orleans. Her motel was heavily damaged, and she needed money to make it viable — a place for

For the past five years, Lall has averaged, by his account, between 12 and 15 percent annualized returns for his investors.

property small enough, with a small enough down payment, where they could have a substantial investment."

Lall found the Banning Days Inn, which he says looked "terribly distressed." Lall called Naresh. He put one condition on letting Naresh invest in the property as

spoke English to take charge of the business. He was excited. He didn't ask me where the town was, how big or little it was, or do they have any Indian restaurants." The family was very happy. Today Naresh says,

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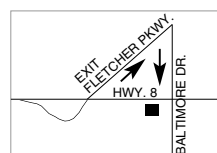
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workers to stay during the rebuilding. Lall asked no questions, just sent a check. A few weeks later, once the woman's insurance money came through, he got a check back, payment in full.

At the Banning Days Inn, Lall's corporation financed immediate improvements — black-topped the parking lot, added landscaping, painted the exterior a creamy beige, changed the sign, repainted all the rooms, replaced the carpets and the mattresses. The motel was a steal, Lall says. In 2000, it was \$1.4 million; today the value is \$3 million. Lall makes money on the front end. The day this property closed, he recalls, he knew it was

worth more than he paid for it. "If I buy right, I make a lot of money." For the past five years, he has averaged, by his account, between 12 and 15 percent annualized returns for his investors. He has more investors than he can accommodate. "I'm awash in capital."

As for "going home" to India, Kevin says no, he can only visit. "Their thinking is completely different from ours." Arriving for his sister's wedding, he was descended on by people helping him with his bags. "I couldn't adapt to the farm life there, driving tractors." From across the room, Lall asks, "Is India your country? Do you have any feeling for

it?" The question stirs nothing, apparently, in Kevin or Bhavika. They were born there, they come from there, but "that's it." America is their country. "That," Lall laughs, "is a good thing."

Bhavika is studying accounting in college. She wants a job as a CPA and hopes to leave the motel business behind. "I would invest, but I'd prefer not to work in management. If all fails, yes, I could run a motel." Ditto for Kevin. He says they've achieved the motel dream; the next dream is to buy a house. As a family. "My parents and I will be living together," he comments, packing his bag for a Saturday afternoon basketball game, "for a long time." Until

he marries an Indian girl, probably by arrangement, probably a Patel, probably an acquaintance in the world of hospitality — all things his culture, his family, maybe his Gujarati blood, have prescribed.

Driving back to San Diego through the Riverside smog, Lall points at fields with signs that read available. Soon, he's reflecting on Naresh, who, he says, has paid back most of what he borrowed for the Days Inn. He's now the official owner. Some days, Naresh is excited; he wants to invest more money. But Lall cautions him. There's nothing on the horizon right now. "I've got to be careful," he says. "Only one in ten

properties," as a potential purchase, "ever pans out."

Naresh fascinates Lall. He says that the man has "two personalities." In India, he is "outgoing and confident," but in America, missing his caste and family and never having learned English, he's "lost the assertiveness that used to define him as an employer and as a man. Despite his success," Lall says, "Naresh feels stymied. He'd probably like to go back to India but not until he's accomplished what he came here to do. Still, he feels stymied."

Lall's cell phone rings. It's his son. He's on the road, too. Driving home from college,

Claremont McKenna, a business major. "It'll be so good to see him." The family — Arjun and Lalbhai, Hema and Barry — will have a short, packed weekend together, a few meals with store-bought Indian food around the dinette. Flipping the phone shut, Lall returns to a question that stirs, sometimes noisily, in his own mind, whether anyone asks or not. "No," he says, "my father has no desire to live in India again. His place is here, at home, with us. Which is strange when you consider that we don't expect our son to live with us nor us to live with him."

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— Thomas Larson

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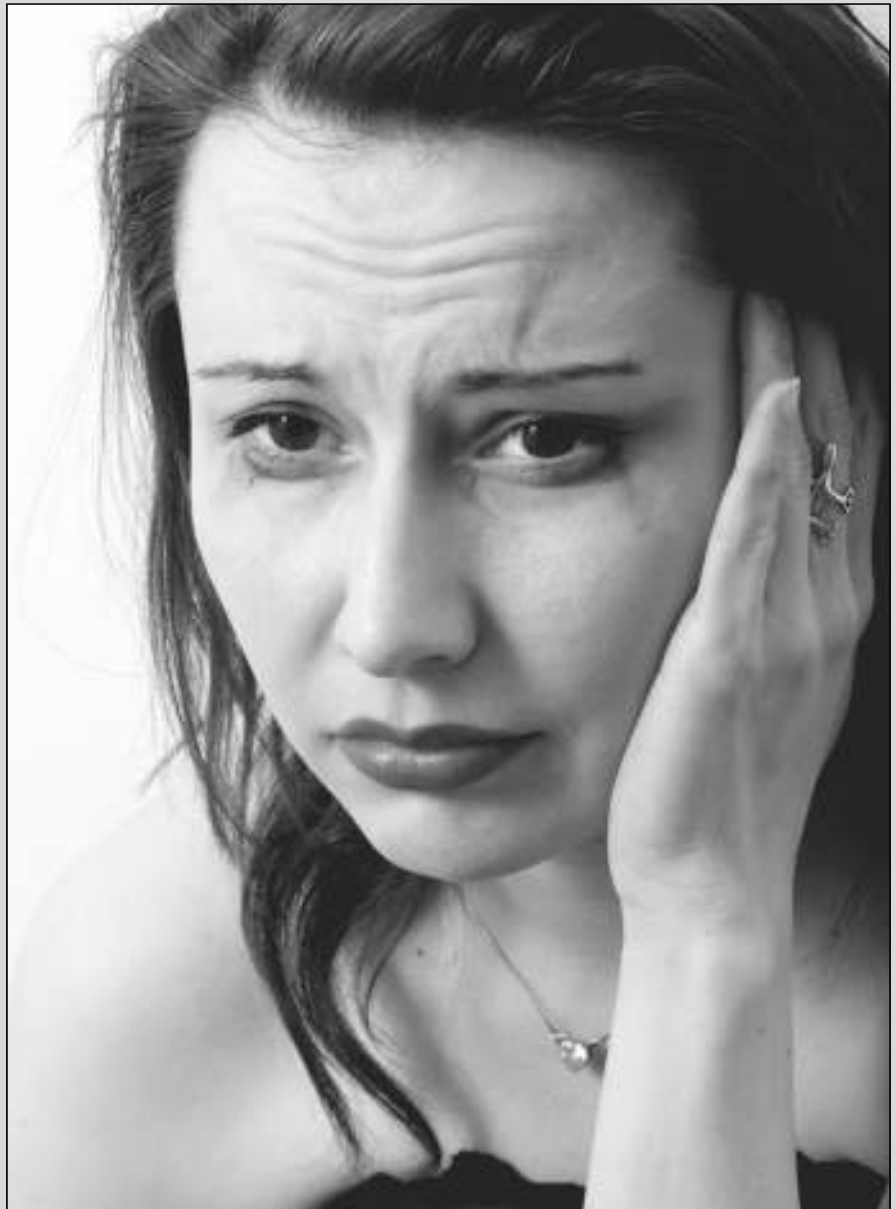
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Crystal called and invited me to come over because she had marijuana. Knowing that my grandparents would not let me out of the house, I snuck downstairs in my pajamas, avoiding all the creaks in the floor. I stood inside the garage for ten minutes. Once it seemed like nobody would be coming down to check on me, I slipped out the back door and began my journey.

It was freezing outside, and all the dogs started barking. Everybody in my neighborhood knew me, which made the trip dangerous. Walking down the street, I encountered drunk Marines who didn't mind hitting on 13-year-olds like me. Some followed and taunted, but all were gone after a while.

When I made it to Crystal's, nothing sounded better than smoking some marijuana. I went inside through a window, and we spent the next 30 minutes smoking. We were having fun until ten of Crystal's friends crawled through the window with booze and more marijuana. I began to get a little paranoid and was uncomfortable around Rick, one of Crystal's friends, so I decided to head home.

Due to the amount I had smoked and drank, walking by the Marines was not as scary as before. I then passed Justin's house, where there was a party going on. When some people saw me, they asked me to come in and drink with them. I agreed, but regretted it right away. There was cocaine and heroin everywhere. I had been around cocaine before, and it makes me uncomfortable.

As they were all shooting up, I continued to drink. Once I was barely able to walk, I snuck out a window and jumped off the roof because I was paranoid and thought that they wouldn't let me leave.

I woke up with a splitting headache and with my ankle throbbing. Confused, I slowly recalled the night before. I didn't get in trouble because nobody found out about my escape. Even though I didn't get caught, I look back on that night and all the dumb things I did and realize I was lucky I only got a hangover and twisted ankle.

— Cami Perrington,
Helix Charter H.S.

Four friends and I left a black-and-white dress-up party one Saturday night after I'd recently turned 16. I'd had a driver's license for about a week. I had

trouble parallel parking and seeing through my back window, but continued to back out until I felt my car smack against something.

Luckily, the car behind me was a huge Jeep, so the only injury it suffered was a slightly dented license plate. My little white Civic was not as fortunate. The paint along the entire bumper chipped off so that the gray metal showed. My dad didn't know that I was at the party, and there was no way the damage could pass for a hit-and-run. So, I needed some car paint.

Wal-Mart has everything, but the only Wal-Mart open was the one in National City, which meant we had to take the freeway to get there. But I had never driven on the freeway by myself. There's a longer back-road route to get there, but I was low on gas and none of us had money. We

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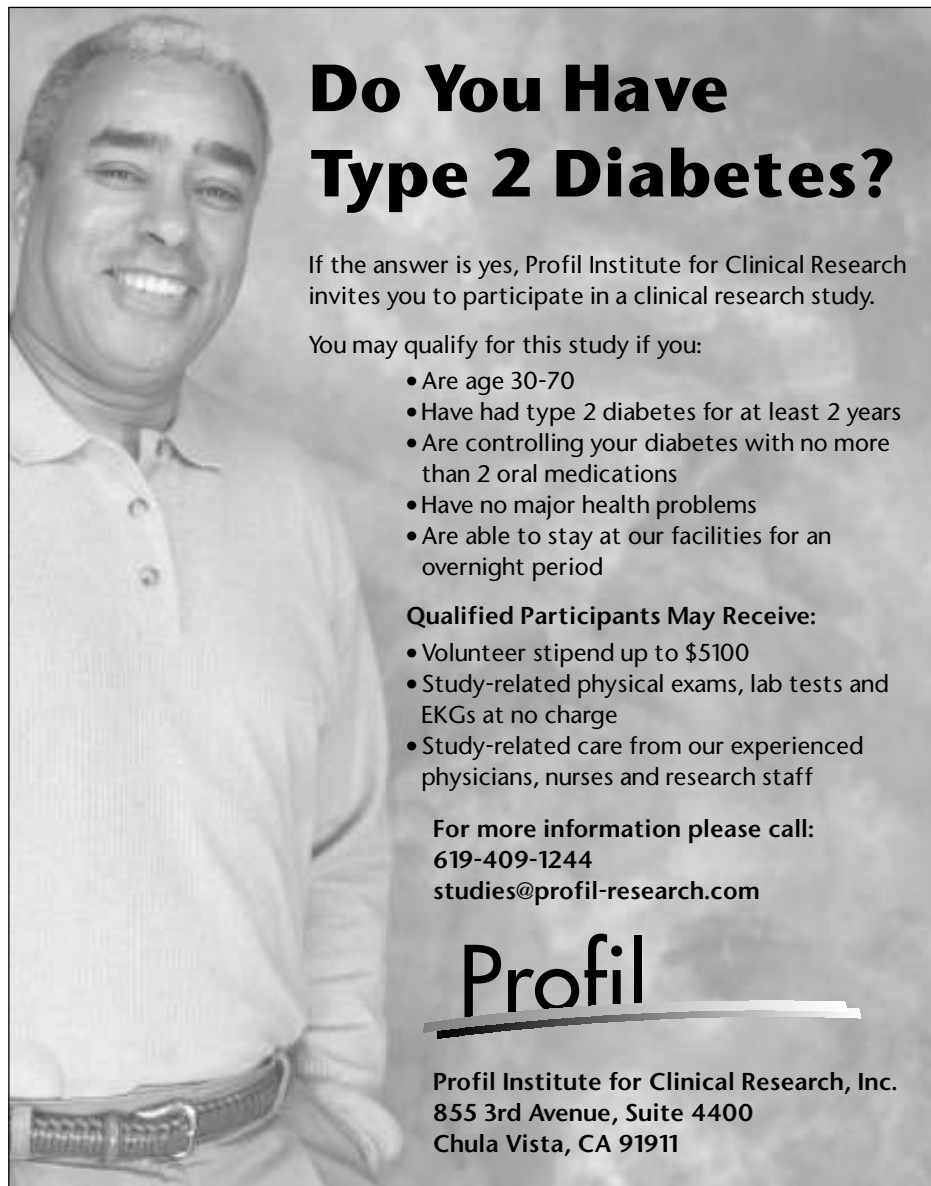
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needed to hurry because it was almost 11 p.m., Wal-Mart's closing time. So, I let Edward drive. He didn't have his permit, but he felt confident about driving because he was arrested for stealing his friend's mom's car a while back.

We walked into Wal-Mart, all wearing black and white, looking like hoodlums. Because we didn't have any money, we had to steal the car paint. I was too scared to do it, so my friend pocketed it and gave it to me when we got back to the car.

I was excited when we got to my friend's home because everything was working out — so excited, that when I took the paint out of my purse, I dropped it and it shattered all over the garage floor. I fell to the ground and tried scooping up what was left of the paint onto my car. I felt ridiculous because all I had to use was that little thin brush attached to the paint bottle's cap.

Only after the bumper was done did I realize that I had gotten the wrong shade

of white. On top of that, the new paint was bumpy and thick, making it even more noticeable. But I am a lucky girl. I went online when I got home at 2 a.m. and told my friend Kurt why I was never going to see daylight again. Kurt turned out to be some kind of car guru and said he could fix my bumper.

I spent the entire Sunday afternoon sanding and painting my car with the correct (and paid for) shade of white paint. The labor was worth it because my father still doesn't know what happened.

— *Jacqueline Le,
Bonita Vista H.S.*

My first driving experience was not a typical one, considering that the male side of my family has a mild obsession with off-roading. Furthermore, my brother, two years my senior, has been a stellar driver pretty much since the day he was born. When my father announced it was time for me to master the

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I was taken to an off-road trail on Los Coyotes Indian Reservation, northeast of San Diego, a site my father and brother could maneuver with their eyes closed. The chosen car was a yellow '79 Jeep Cherokee that already bore the scars of many battles with rocks, trees, and any unfortunate creatures that had gotten in its way. Once we were as isolated as possible, my dad hoisted me — a lightweight eighth grader — onto the driver's seat while my mother and brother looked on, worried (in my brother's case, terrified).

For reasons unclear, my dad decided I would learn best on a curvy, narrow trail that was flanked on the right by a slanted hill and, on the left, a steep drop-off. I reached a speed of 12 miles per hour when my dad, frustrated yet somewhat amused, asked whether I thought it was possible to go any slower. I gripped the oversized steering wheel with sweaty hands and was not in the mood

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for sarcastic remarks (I was only 13!) about my inadequate skills. So, I decided it would be a good idea to show them all what I was capable of doing: I stepped as hard as I could on the gas pedal.

With a frightening sound that only a V8 engine can make, the yellow monster lurched forward as I lost control of the wheel. When the cloud of dust settled seconds later, I realized that the car had driven up the hilly wall of earth to the right of me. With any quick movement, the car could have rolled off the hill, and, well, yeah. It was probably when I was extracting myself out of the car via the passenger door that my fear of driving first blossomed.

Everyone was in somewhat of a daze on the way home, but later my family teased me about it. I did not drive for quite a while after that incident.

— Jennie Matusova,
La Jolla H.S.

About six months ago, I was at the movies with some friends. One of them showed up with some vodka. The rest of us didn't object, so we drank it. Needless to say, the movie became a lot more enjoyable.

After it was over, we stumbled out of the theater and began to head home. I wasn't driving, but I ended up going with the provider of the alcohol. Before we left, he did a drive around the parking lot, and then we got out and rode around in shopping carts.

After we got that out of our systems, we headed home. My friend's driving wasn't that impaired, but it was marked by random bursts of speed. Then we rolled by a cop near the entrance to Interstate 5. My friend wasn't happy about this, so he sped onto the freeway, saying that cops don't have jurisdiction on the freeway. In retrospect, this was completely unnecessary because the police

weren't following us. If we hadn't gotten on the freeway, I would have been home in two minutes. Instead, we made a detour.

I got home no worse for wear, and he did too. It was pretty reckless, but he seemed to be fairly in charge of the situation. It was a dumb thing to do, but nothing bad came of it.

— Grant Barba,
La Jolla H.S.

I was heading east on the 56 freeway, and I needed to get onto 15 North to pick up my mother's birthday present at North County Fair. I failed to notice the sign that says "no left turn." I sped into the intersection and hit an oncoming car on the backside.

The pale faces of the children in the other car still send shivers down my spine. I was within a foot of hitting them where they sat. I jeopardized my life and that of others. I do not think I would be able to handle it if anyone had been injured.

My car accident was a result of reckless driving. Not a day goes by that I do not think about it — how I could have avoided it and how much damage I caused. Compared to the van that I crashed into, my car was severely smashed. Damages amounted to \$9000 for both cars. My insurance rate skyrocketed. It was an expensive lesson, but cheap when I think about the fact that nobody was hurt.

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Just Flop

The first thing I needed was a skateboard. I'd seen them at Big 5, but I suspected the ones they sold were the skateboard equivalent of the Yugo. Instead, I called the downtown skateboard shop Street Machine and told store owner and pro skater Eric Obre my plan to try the Robb Field Skateboard Park.

"Great," he said with a French accent. "We've got a guy working

of skating. I never learned any tricks. I could never do that "ollie" thing, where skateboarders snap their boards into the air to jump up curbs and onto park benches or stair rails. I suspected Amerine's definition of "very little" would include these things.

Next day, I rode my bike down to Street Machine on the west side of Fifth Avenue, just south of Broad-



Robb Field Skateboard Park

The few times I've seen the Robb Field Skateboard Park in Ocean Beach, it's been while sitting at the end of I-8, waiting to turn left onto Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. The park lies straight ahead. Sit through one red light on a weekday during after-school hours, and you'll see 25 helmeted boys gliding along concrete paths, jumping, and twisting in midair, all on skateboards. It looks like fun.

But is it fun enough to induce a man of nearly 30, with a job and family, to risk injury and embarrassment? Last time I sat at that intersection, I decided to find out, but only if I could find a guide.

here who's a local there. I'm sure he'll be happy to show you the park."

He gave me the name of Tim Amerine, who would be working the next day. I called Amerine and told him my Robb Field plan. I said I needed a board and confessed that I had no idea what they cost these days. "We can get you set up," Amerine said, "for about \$90. The park requires helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads, but you can rent them there. How much skateboarding have you done?"

There was no point in lying. "Very little," I told him. "And that was 15 years ago."

It was still close to a lie. True, it was 15 years ago, but it was a point-A-to-point-B, no-frills brand

way. Tim Amerine, a midsize man of 22 with close-cropped brown hair, introduced himself from behind the counter of the narrow, well-appointed shop with wall racks full of boards, wheels, and trucks (the apparatuses that connect the wheels to the board) along with skateboarding clothing and shoes. I asked what he recommended as an economical but adequate board for a 200-pound, 29-year-old man trying to learn to skate again. He pulled one off an upper shelf. It was black on the bottom with the words "Street Machine" painted in large bold letters and "X-Lrg" in small letters near the edge. Shiny metal trucks and white wheels were already in place. Black, gritty tape, similar to

the type placed on stairs for grip, covered the top surface. Both ends of the board angled upward. "Try this," Amerine said.

I set it on the carpeted floor and climbed aboard. The board had a lot of lateral play in it. "Trucks are too loose," Amerine said, motioning for me to hand him the board, which I did. He flipped it over on the counter and, with a small wrench, gave the nuts in the center of each truck four or five quarter turns before handing the board to me again. "Still too loose," he said as I tried the board a second time. "The board is touching the wheels. If that happens while you're going, it makes the wheels stop..."

"And I fly forward..."
"Exactly."

Amerine tightened the trucks further, then adjusted the wheels with the wrench so that they would spin freely but not jiggle. "That should do it," he said.

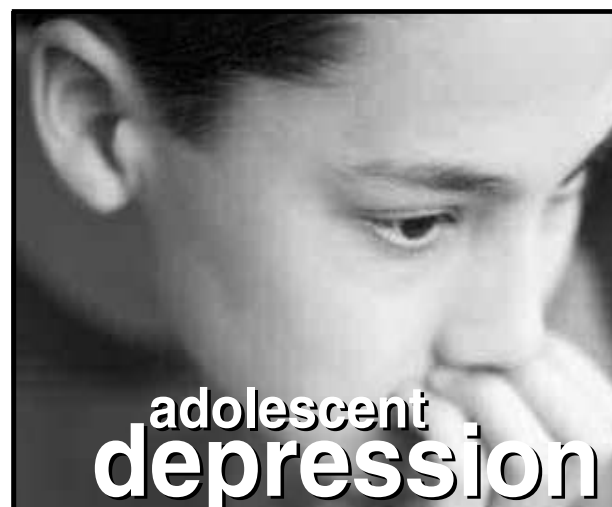
"Do I need shoes?"

He leaned over the counter and glanced at my well-worn basketball shoes. "Those will be fine."

I paid for the board,

\$96.70 after tax, and Amerine and I agreed to meet the next day, around 10:00 a.m., at the Robb Field Skateboard Park. "Keep it real," he said as I walked out. I wasn't sure how to respond and stammered, "Right on."

I took my new board and rode back to my office, where the parking-lot attendant, Sean, asked to see it. I gave it to him and he stood on it for a minute and shook his head. "When I was a kid," Sean, who is 38, said, "our boards were much narrower than this. And they had bigger wheels, and we used to cut the front into a point." He skated off toward the other end of the park-

adolescent depression

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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

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ing lot, turned, and came back, "and our trucks were much looser." With that he tried a 360, nearly fell, and turned the board back over to me. "That's enough for me."

I took a few turns around the lot on the board, pumping up to the high side, then coasting downhill to the other end, where I made broad, leaning turns around the attendant's hut. On one such turn, I leaned too hard, the board shot out from underneath me, and I landed on my butt. Sean howled with laughter as I got up and chased after my board, which rolled off the curb and across the street. When I caught up to

it, I flipped it over to look at the bottom. A white skid mark on the black bottom indicated that the board

over a turquoise-colored iron fence from the intersection of I-8 and Sunset Cliffs, you have to drive

THE SPEED AT WHICH ALL OF THEM SKATED AND THE AERIAL MANEUVERS THEY EXECUTED WERE IMPRESSIVE.

had made contact with the wheel. That night I tightened the trucks up even more.

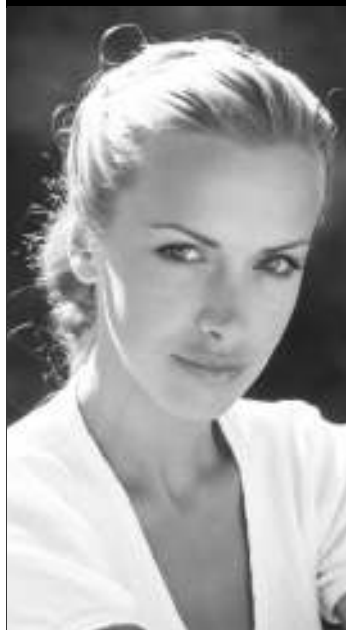
Though the park is just

another mile — south on Sunset Cliffs, right on West Point Loma Boulevard, right into Robb Field, and all the way to the end of the drive-

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way — to get to it. It sits wedged into a triangle formed by the San Diego River jetty, Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, and a soccer field at the north end of Robb Field. A few skaters were already there when I walked up to the box office at the park gate at 10:05. After signing and initialing a few forms waiving the City of San Diego's liability in case of an injury to me — even if I could prove it's their fault — I paid \$5 to get in; helmet and pads are free. The helmet they loaned me — bigger than a hockey helmet, smaller than a football helmet — was a bit tight. "Biggest I got," said the man who gave it to me. The straps on the elbow and knee pads had been tied into knots by previous renters, rendering them too short for me to fasten. "The kids do that to make them shorter," the man in the office said as he looked

around until he found some that hadn't been tied.

With helmet and pads on, my skateboard beneath me, I surveyed the layout of the skateboard park. Immediately in front of me, to the east side of the box office, two ramps led down

into a sculpted concrete bowl. It was 50 yards from this end to the far end, and 20 or so at its widest point. The bottom of the bowl was flat except for three concrete structures. The first was a four-sided pyramid with the top cut away and

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replaced with a steel rail. In the middle of the bowl was a rounded hump, like a giant speed bump, and at the far end, in the deepest section, a six-sided, eight-foot-tall obelisk, each side rounded at the bottom, rose up from the floor.

To the north of this bowl, known as the "street" section of the skate park, sat two kidney-shaped "pools," nine to ten feet deep, without obstacles. The half-dozen skaters on hand busily crisscrossed the bottom of the street section, riding up high on the rounded walls before turning and crossing the floor to try another trick on the opposite side. A couple of older guys worked the two pools, often flying up well above rim level—"mad air," in skate-speak. The speed at which they skated and the execution of their aerial maneuvers impressed me. I was starting to wonder what I was doing there, afraid I was just going to be in their way, when Amerine skated up to where I stood. "Is there anything I should know

before I try?" I asked him. "Any etiquette about staying out of people's way?"

Amerine, dressed in baggy jeans and yellow T-shirt, with an unbuttoned plaid shirt over it, smiled. "No, just keep an eye out for other skaters. They'll be watching for you, too."

He started to move toward the ramp, and I threw

lowed and followed him down the ramp, swerved right around the pyramid, and headed for a banking wall, which I rode up at an angle. I was expecting to roll up, make a little U-turn, then roll down the wall and on down the course, the way a ball would. Instead, my board rolled straight up the wall, showed no incli-

THE SKATERS AROUND ME, 20 OR SO OF THEM, DIDN'T SEEM TO BE BOTHERED BY MY INEPTITUDE.

in one more question. "If I fall, how should I do it?"

"There's no one way to fall," he answered. "I just flop."


With that, he tossed his board out in front of him, hopped on it, rolled down the entry ramp, jumped off the topless pyramid and down into the far end of the street course. I swal-

nation to turn, and started to roll backwards, the way it had come up. Panicking, I jumped off, picked up my board, and returned to the top of the ramp on foot. Amerine skated up again. I asked him how to skate the banking walls. "You just turn," he demonstrated, kicking up the front of his board and turning it side

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to side. “Your weight should be back as you come up to the wall, then you turn on the wall. Your front foot should be ready to slam the board back down as the front wheels come off the ground.”

Armed with this advice, I started down the ramp again, hit the same high-banking wall, rode up about halfway, turned as instructed, and started heading back down the wall. But as the board started to roll down the wall again, I fell off in the direction of the wall, giving myself a healthy raspberry on my right calf. Peeling myself off the concrete, I chased my board all the way across the bottom of the bowl to the other side, while other, more talented, skaters whizzed by.

My next two attempts to turn on the banked wall ended up in disaster as well. So I found Amerine talking to his bride, Vanessa, who was sitting on a bench outside the fence. “I keep falling off the board to the wall side,” I complained, “every time I try to turn on a wall.”

“You have to lean in, away from the wall as you turn,” he explained.

My fifth try to execute a simple turn on a wall, something even the few ten-year-old boys in the park had no trouble with, succeeded. I continued across to the left side of the course. This time, I would have to make a turn to the left, which, since I skate right-foot-forward — “goofy” as surfers and skaters call it — would be a back-side turn. Up the wall I rode, and when I kicked into my turn, my board went to the right as planned, but I kept going forward and slammed into the wall.

I found Amerine again and asked him if there’s anything different about turning to the back side. He shook his head. “No difference. It’s just not as natural as turning to the front side.”

As 11:00 a.m. approached, I had made several runs through the street course, not trying too much. The skaters around me, 20 of them, didn’t seem bothered by my ineptitude. They simply skated around me — no comments, no scornful glances that surfers refer to as “stink-eye.” Perhaps it was due to the tattooed rebel

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look so many skaters exhibit, but I'd expected to feel unwelcome — maybe experience some of the hostility surfers often exude toward nonlocals. But there was none of it. Kevin Thatcher, publisher of the San Francisco-based skateboarding magazine *Thrasher*, spoke to me about that. "Skaters do have much more of a come-one-come-all attitude — the more the merrier and all of those clichés — despite the outer vibe," he said. "For the most part, your average everyday skaters, and even guys at the pro levels, they're a bunch of sweethearts. There's new asphalt being poured every day. There's plenty of skating terrain out there. It's not like surfing or skiing, where you've got to go searching for a wave or a slope and make a big effort to set aside a weekend to do it. You drop off your porch, and you're skating."

One skater I talked to at the park, 15, maybe 16, described the general mood at Robb Field. "It's usually pretty mellow here. You

don't see a lot of tempers flaring. Sometimes, in the afternoon, when there are a lot of kids around, it gets crowded, and guys will get frustrated and you will hear words. But if you come early, like this, everything is cool."

"And people will be able to see you're a beginner, so they'll watch out for you," Amerine added. "The only

okay?"

According to Thatcher, the camaraderie among skateboarders goes beyond advanced skaters tolerating beginners and into the realm of solidarity. "Totally," he said, "because there's an us-against-the-world feeling. It's the last kind of rebel-spirited outlaw activity that hasn't sold out. Surf-

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time they'll get upset is if you get in their way. Even then it's just for a second."

It wasn't even that bad when I was there. When I skated unaware into the path of one advanced-level skater, causing him to hurtle off his board onto the concrete floor, he got up and blamed it on himself: "My fault, bro. Are you

ing...sold out. Snowboarding...start at the beginning of the season, and you're a pro by April. There's much more of a dedication and a cultural vibe with skateboarding. And part of that is because skating is not for everybody. That's what glues the skaters together is that it's a rough-and-tumble deal." Returning to the com-

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parison with surfing, Thatcher added, "Surfers resist any contact with anybody else. When a surfer sees you paddling out at his break, he's thinking, 'Get out of the water, get in your car, and get the **** out!' With skaters, the vibe is, 'Hey, you're welcome because we're all skaters.'"

The last thing I wanted to learn before I left the skate park was how to "drop in" to the bowl. Dropping in is when you start on the rim and skate down the side wall into the bowl. I asked Amerine to show me. He took me to a section where the wall wasn't too steep and only four feet tall. "Hold the board with your back foot like this." He stepped on the tail end of his board, pinning it to the rim of the bowl so that the rest of the board hung out over the wall. "Then, you put your weight forward onto your front foot and..." he plunged down the wall to the floor of the bowl, turned, and came back. "Give it a try."

I held the back end of the board in place with my left foot, took a deep breath, and stepped forward onto the overhanging board with

my right foot. But, fearing I would fly forward ahead of my board and into the concrete floor, I didn't commit enough of my weight to the front foot and the board slipped forward, out from underneath me. I fell backward and ended up on my side, scraping my right forearm and thigh. "You've got to get your weight on your front foot," Amerine instructed, "or you're going to fall off backward like that."

My second attempt was an instant replay of the first. "Watch me." Amerine performed another perfect drop-in. I paid closer attention to the weight shift this time and noticed that he was so far forward that his head was above his front foot, as if he was eager to put all of his weight forward in order to get the front wheels onto the concrete as quickly as possible.

On my third drop-in attempt I imitated his weight shift and was successful, though a little bit wobbly, or "sketchy," in skater lingo. "Yeaaaah!" Amerine said, bestowing the universal skater word of praise upon me. "Now you've just got to keep practicing it." ■

— Ernie Grimm

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fat, you just look a little, well, pregnant. In fact, someone once said
to me after not having seen me for some time, “Jeez, what happened
to you? You been eating chili dogs and donuts again? You look like
you swallowed a tympani drum!”

In a group therapy session once, we
were all asked what part of our bodies
we would change if we could. Some said
their noses, others, their thighs or butts,
ears, toes. I wasn’t called on, but I was
prepared to say my liver. More recently I
was asked by a friend, “What’s the ugly-

est part of your body?” Which put me in
mind of the Mothers of Invention song
by the same title: “What’s the ugliest part
of your body? / Some say it’s your nose,
some say it’s your toes, I think it’s your
mind. . . I think it’s your mind.” I didn’t hes-
itate long before I said, “My gut.”



At 50, I suppose it’s not
an unusually proportioned
part of my anatomy. I do
crunches once in a while but
get easily bored, and the
dimensions of my midsec-
tion swell almost immedi-
ately back to where they seem
to want to be — and that’s
about six inches ahead of the
rest of me — making it, at
times, difficult to see my
penis. Years of beer drink-
ing are, no doubt, in part
responsible. But my father
wasn’t much of a drinker,
and at about my age he devel-
oped the same configura-
tion. So I think it’s as much
genetic as anything else.

Recently, I noticed that

when my girlfriend rested
her head on my abdomen
to have a good cry about
something, her head was ele-
vated a good inch or two
above mine. For years it has
not been uncommon for me
to loosen my belt after a good
dinner. I never thought much
about it; the phrase that came
to mind was “a prosperous
girth.”

On the odd occasions
when I force myself into a
gym, I’ll notice the flat-board,
six-pack abs on younger guys
and even a few in my age
range. I overheard a couple
of men talking about how
women love that V-shaped
torso: broad shoulders, flat

stomach, no love handles to
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effeminate and unseemly. My keen mind and sensitivity should be erotic enough for the kind of woman worth my while — unless I want a really good-looking, hot babe, of course. But I have matured past that adolescent, hormonal need, until, that is, I am confronted at the magazine racks by full-color publications like *Teen Pie* and *Barely Legal*.

But I would be lying if I said that I never look down and ask myself, What is the deal with this belly? To answer this question, I do what I usually do in puzzling circumstances: I research. Going to my shelf of medical reference books (every hypochondriac worth his thermometer has a shelf like this; mine may be more extensive than most), I pull down *Dorland's Medical Dictionary* (remaindered at \$4.99 at Crown) for a brief look at a definition.

"Stomach: The musculomembranous expansion of the alimentary canal between the esophagus and duodenum, consisting of a cardiac part, a fundus, a body,

and a pyloric part. Its [gastric] glands secrete the gastric juice, which when mixed with food, forms chyme, a semifluid substance suitable for further digestion by the intestine."

Yes, yes, I know all that — who doesn't? What I need is some in-depth insight as to what is going on in my midsection. I am forced to pull down the weighty *Gray's Anatomy*. Come to think of it, a few sit-ups clutching this thing ought to do the trick.

"Abdominal regions: The abdomen can be divided into nine regions by two horizontal and two parasagittal planes projected onto the surface of the body. These regions are used in practice for descriptive localization of the position of a mass or the localization of a patient's pain. They may also be used in the description of the location of the abdominal viscera.

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"The epigastrium, the right and left hypochondrium, the umbilical region, the right and left lumbar region, the hypogastrium (or suprapubic region), the right and left iliac fossa."

Gray's goes on to discuss the "Linea alba. The median groove can readily be seen in the thin muscular subject when the abdominal muscles are tensed by flexing the trunk. It is wide and obvious above the umbilicus but is almost linear and invisible below this level. Divarication of the recti, a common condition in which the upper abdominal viscera bulge through the widened linea alba on standing or straining, is thus always situated above the umbilicus."

The text goes on with some obvious remarks about the "Linea semilunaris" and the "fundus of the gallbladder," but I think what we have

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here is clear enough. It certainly explains a lot.

Perhaps I should take a closer look at my diet. My friend's remarks aside, I do not pig out on chili dogs, though I do have a fondness for pastries. Still, I think I eat sensibly: oats and bananas in the morning, a cheeseburger for lunch, then perhaps an indulgence in the evening with, say, fettuccine, though often accompanied by only fish or chicken — if decent veal isn't available. And who can begrudge a man a judicious portion (no more than a pint) of ice cream before bed? So I don't think nutrition is the prob-

lem, but let's see what *The Encyclopedia of Obesity and Eating Disorders* by Dana K. Cassell has to say on the matter.

"Distribution of Body Fat: The pattern of fat distribution on a person's body can have as direct a relationship to health and mortality as the total amount of body fat.... In both men and women, abdominal obesity is associated with an increased risk of heart disease. Thus, knowledge of body composition and fat distribution is increasingly recognized as an essential component of an overall nutritional assessment.

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My God! I have no ass to speak of, and while I have

slight artist's shoulders, I realize I have my father's body in almost clonelike proximity. My father keeled over, his heart stalled like a cheap watch, when he was exactly the age I am now. Every time I am examined by a doctor, he will remove the stethoscope's earpieces, fix me with a grim but sympathetic look, and say, "Did you know you have a slight heart murmur?" I almost never blubber uncontrollably anymore, clutching the doctor's lab coat and sobbing, "What can I do? I take vitamin E. I walk to the library and back almost every day, a good four or five blocks. You've got to

help me!"

These days, I just nod manfully and say, "Yeah, I know." Then they'll usually ask if I smoke, at which point I lie and say no. (As Stephen King once observed before he wimped out and quit cigarettes, "Anyone can quit smoking, but it takes a real man to face lung cancer.") I've quit beer and booze in general, one day at a time — some days more successfully than others — and I have enough 30- and 60- and 90-day sobriety chips to make a chandelier. So, while a swollen liver and spleen might be factors here to some extent, it certainly cannot

fully explain this ever-burgeoning protuberance.

Belly, belly, belly, belly... you say the word often enough, and it takes on the quality of a meaningless mantra. Where does the word come from? Only one way to find out: *The Oxford English Dictionary*, which, fortunately, I have next to my Academic Press series on toxicological immunology.

The print is small in this compact edition, and even with my prescription specs for failing eyesight (a rare ocular disorder undiagnosed by several professionals — I will no doubt be blind in a year or so) and with a mag-

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nifying glass, I am only able to squint out the highlights:

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Well, there we have it. The meat of it, the wine of it, the essence of what I am now looking down upon as it eclipses the space bar on my keyboard: the very housing of my soul. I'm a soul man. Ever notice how B.B. King's guitar rests almost at arm's length from the rest of him? This then, may not be such a bad thing, although that "worm sack" business does carry a charge of mortality, doesn't it?

To a large extent (no pun intended) it all comes

down to a matter of vanity, I suppose. I would prefer to revert to my whip-thin rock 'n' roll weight of 150 pounds when I was 25 years old. It would be preferable not to hesitate in taking off my shirt at the beach. I would rather see my profile in the mirror as more Brad Pitt than Alfred Hitchcock. And it is humiliating to find myself winded after lacing up my shoes. Possibly this is the price of the growth of the soul.

A touching and funny scene in Richard Price's screenplay of *Mad Dog and Glory* takes place on Robert DeNiro's couch. DeNiro plays a middle-aged forensic detective who's been fixed up with the much younger Uma Thurman. As they begin to make love awkwardly and (I think) DeNiro removes his shirt, he looks down self-consciously at his stomach and says something like, "I should do some sit-ups or something."

To which Thurman replies, "Now?"

This was moving and true and I howled. Often an older man with a younger

woman is mistaken for "trying to feel young." In fact, a young woman will only make an older man more aware of things like the hair sprouting from his ears.

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It is close to dinnertime and I'm going to do a scientific experiment. Stomach as metaphor (soul, guts for courage, prosperity) is all very well, but what can be measured? Simple enough. I've never done this, but it's time. I'm going to the Rite-Aid pharmacy just down the street. I'll be right back.

All right, I have a tape measure, the kind tailors and seamstresses use. I am measuring myself at my widest point, just at that area where my father used to hitch his pants up, about four inches below the nipples. I get a measurement of 46 inches. Now, this is not where I wear my pants, they're usually buckled much lower. I wear, comfortably, a size 38 waist. I can get into a 36, but it's a little restraining. In either case, tucking a shirt in is out of the question; it will sum-

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mon that Elvis-toward-the-end image. I will now fix dinner and measure myself afterward.

I prepare what I have in the house so as to get a random, uncontrived sampling.

All I have is a baked potato and some mustard, some cheddar cheese, some low-fat sour cream, some Diet Dr. Pepper, and two Hershey bars. This will have to do. It is not atypical. I live alone, after all, and I am disinclined to fix anything elaborate for myself. The fettuccine and veal business comes from a bistro down the road, or I'll prepare it once or twice a week for myself or when my girlfriend comes over — she'll usually just eat a salad but enjoys watching me at the stove. Finds it restful, she says.

Okay, so I put the potato in the microwave. When it is ready, I bifurcate it, placing cheddar on one half and sour cream on the other, adding salt and pepper. I have added too much salt, so I find it necessary to drink a second soda. For dessert, I have either the dark chocolate Hershey bar (Dr. Andrew Weil says dark chocolate is preferable to milk chocolate. I'm not sure why; it has to do with dairy content or some teeth-cleaning properties, not unlike cheddar cheese, a little-known dental aid) or the milk chocolate with almonds. Considering the paucity of protein in a mere potato, with only the cheese to provide this nutrient, I go for the bar with almonds. Almonds are also a well-known anti-carcinogen.

This is all by way of saying, I give these matters thought. It's not as if I'm one of those guys who wears baseball caps, operates heavy machinery, watches *The Drew Carey Show*, and eats whatever he damn well pleases without due deliberation. My mother used to read to us at bedtime from the works of Adelle Davis, so I know what I'm talking about here.

I admit, I'm still a bit hungry, and I'm not going to alter my normal behavior in order to get trumped-up results on my experiment, so I go for the other Hershey bar.

I wait 20 minutes and then measure myself again. Okay, it looks more like 47 inches now, but I figure that's mostly the soda, and as soon as I take a leak, then digest

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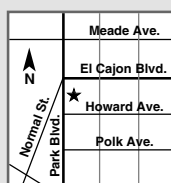
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my food overnight, I should be back to 46 inches if not 45 or even 44 after my morning constitutional to the library and back. I may do some sit-ups, but to be honest, probably not. The activity is not only tedious, it seems vain and vaguely masturbatory.

It might be worthwhile to examine the history of my belly. I weighed seven pounds and six ounces when the umbilical cord was cut at Saint Ann's Hospital in Chicago 50 years ago. I imagine the dimensions of my baby tummy were appropriately round and protuberant in a conventionally cute way. I have little recollection of stomach awareness until the eighth grade. It was a graduation party in June held at the Illinois Dunes State Beach, and I remember being mortified at my love handles. This period coincided with the final shedding of "baby fat" and coming off a long donut binge to fill the aching preadolescent emptiness and alienation I suffered.

The only other memory I have is of picking cher-

ries off a tree from a ladder at my grandmother's house in Berkeley, Illinois. I ate a pound or two of the things and got a pit caught in my throat. Grandma pounded my back and it went down. I can't remember if I was crying or not. Probably. She tried to make light of the experience by telling me that a cherry tree was going to grow inside me now, and while I sensed it was bullshit, I still would feel around down there once in a while, just in case. Anyway, for years afterward, she called me Cherry Tummy, which I hated as it evoked the image of a red, bulbous midsection, which could be the foundation of what may seem to the casual reader an inordinate fixation on the matter to this day.

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It is now morning of the next day. As I predicted, the evidence of last night's potato-and-chocolate dinner has dwindled. I now measure 45 inches, and I haven't even gone to the library yet. (Today I intend to research para-

sitology. I suspect something like this is going on with me since I went wading the other day too close to Imperial Beach, and an onset of the runs has ensued—the upside is, it may help me reduce.)

In the meantime, I have other interests. I am not fixated. For example, I have recently taken up an interest in Eastern religions. I have some Hare Krishna material, the *Tibetan Book of the Dead*, and a comprehensive primer on Buddhism titled *Zen to Go*. According to Zen philosophy, the desired state of mind is that of "wanting nothing and rejecting nothing." So I will have some breakfast at Harry's Pancake House and not worry about it. There seems little I can do about the size of my torso anyway. Before I go, I look over at the ceramic Buddha I got a deal on in Tijuana, reach over, and pat his belly for luck. While I'm sure it is a momentary illusion, I am briefly convinced that the little figure has winked at me in approval of my soul's progress. ■

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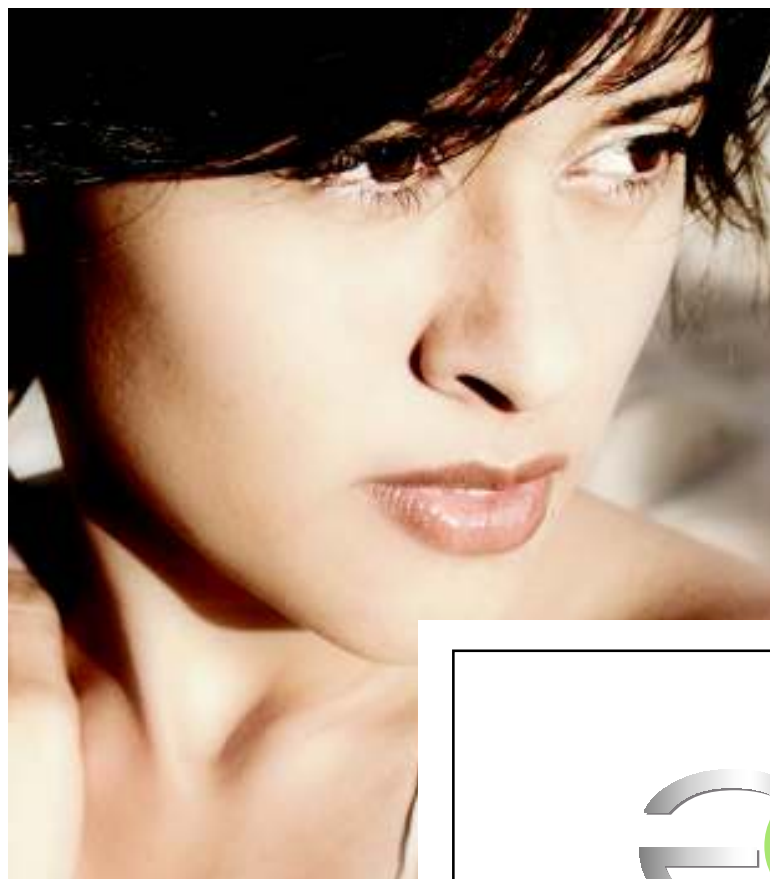
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He liked his peanut butter and banana sandwiches grilled in butter. He wouldn't sunbathe without an electric fan blowing directly on his body. He saw the faces of Stalin and Jesus in cloud formations. These are some of the things I know about Elvis Presley: a man of arguable talent but a cultural icon nonetheless. His life and music have been analyzed in more than 200 books written by people who knew him well, pretend they knew him well, barely knew him, and never even met him. All of these would-be biographers seem to agree on one thing, however: Elvis, the man, was a lost soul. Elvis, the King, was looking for something that he never found.

But what do we know about Elvis, the impersonator? What about the men who try to fill the King's jumpsuits? Are they searching for meaning in a world without Elvis? Or are they just lounge lizards in need of an act? Do they have families, pets, lawns to mow? Will they be around in the 21st Century? Are their sideburns real or glue-ons?

The E.P. Impersonators International Association, a group based in Aurora, Illinois, has identified 210 Elvis Presley imitators. There could be as many as 2500 worldwide, according to the group's secretary. ("That doesn't mean they're all good," she warned.) At the association's first convention last spring, no one was there to represent San Diego. This saddened me. A town without an Elvis impersonator is no place to live. So I set out to find any and every living effigy of the King. My search took me down many disconnected phone lines, but in the end, I turned up a

Mexican Elvis, a New Wave Elvis, an Elvis who arrives in a limousine with bodyguards, an Elvis team (two brothers), an ex-Marine Elvis, an ex-cop Elvis, a midget Elvis, and the 1980 Minnesota State Vocal Champion. Just when I thought I had found them all, someone told us to go over to the county courthouse and look for a bailiff with a pompadour.

Some of the Elvis impersonators I got to know, others I talked to briefly. Some I hope never to meet. There is little camaraderie among Elvis imitators; very few knew each other and most preferred it that way. But when I asked why they walk out in public in beaded jumpsuits, the answers were almost identical. They loved Elvis. He was the greatest performer of all time. They're just paying homage to the King's memory. Yet lots of people loved John Belushi, and you don't see them wearing bumblebee costumes. My Elvis encounter told me that there's something else going on here, something you can't put your finger on. Something, perhaps, you wouldn't want to put your finger on.

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Elvis Aaron Presley had a twin, Jessie, who was stillborn. While Elvis's numerous biographies disagree over which brother

came first, this much is clear: only one baby survived. But what if things had been different? What if there were two men to carry the heavy burden of being Elvis? I look to Bob and Albert Fisher of El Cajon for what could have been.

Bob, the older brother by six years, wears his hair like Elvis. Albert, the younger one, sings like Elvis. Together, they are an Elvis team. "I've got the look, but my brother has the voice," explains Bob, the elder, the promoter, the brains behind the Elvis brothers. Bob has no desire to go up onstage, he says. This is the plan for Albert, the real talent, the one who's going to out-Elvis the other impersonators because of his particular emphasis: Albert specializes in early Elvis. This distinction may pay off someday. It proves disastrous, however, on Albert's first tryout. The evening was enough to make any Elvis impersonator head for a bottle of Seconal.

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a teenager; Albert is losing his hair and often wears a baseball cap. The brothers, who grew up in El Cajon, share an apartment, a body builder's physique (both lift weights), and an impressive memory of singers, bands, record labels, flip sides, and other music minutiae of the 1950s and '60s. But nobody, and they mean nobody, ever came close to Elvis in terms of talent. This is why Albert, who works in an auto detail shop, wants to imitate the King. And why Bob would quit the T-shirt business in a hot second if it put him and Albert on the Elvis circuit.

But before they hit the big time, the Fishers are facing a dues installment. The first payment is on a warm Wednesday evening last July. Bob and Albert are sitting in Mr. D's, a nearly empty cocktail lounge attached to a completely empty steak and seafood restaurant in El Cajon. The debacle to come is still an hour away. Several other Fisher siblings and their spouses are already here to watch Albert, the baby of the family, during his debut. They sit at various fake wood-grain tables drinking beer, teasing each other. In the meantime, Bob draws a distinction between the young vibrant Elvis and the fat guy in the white stretch jumpsuit. Bob speaks for both brothers ("He's better at talking," states Albert) when he says that the King was in his prime while recording with Sun Records, his first label.

Elvis's life can be divided into four phases: Early Elvis (before he was drafted); Elvis the Bad Actor (he did a string of B movies after the Army); The Elvis Comeback (he became a Las Vegas phenomenon); and Puffy Elvis (too much food and pharmaceuticals). Unfortunately, the Elvis that most people picture is not the skinny, fresh-faced one from the '50s. "You ask people if they know 'I Forgot to Remember to Forget Her,' and they don't," says Bob. He is stunned, momentarily, when told that I've never heard the expression "Elvis the Pelvis." He is so astounded that he has to share this information immediately with his brother. "Albert! Come over here! Listen in."

Still incredulous, Bob explains how Elvis used to gyrate his hips onstage, which

was considered obscene at the time. Because of this, Ed Sullivan only showed Elvis from the waist up. (The King was also banned from performing at the Ouachita Valley Fairgrounds in Louisiana because he wiggled his leg

too much, according to a book written by an ex-girlfriend of Elvis's and the mother of his alleged illegitimate child.) Much later in his career, Elvis adopted some of the seductive poses of Tom Jones. Although he

found the Welsh singer's tight pants and protruding genitals to be "vulgar," Elvis was impressed by the effect it had on the audience.

Albert needs to practice the shaking and the shimmying, his brother

admits, but the Elvis voice has always been there. Still, every night, they've been going over the music for two or three hours. All they need to round out the act is a 1950s Elvis outfit: black or grey silk suit, shirt open at

the neck, no tie, and the trademark baggy pants, pegged at the bottom.

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are weathered tennis shoes and on his head a baseball cap worn backwards. This is, after all, only a tryout. The manager of Mr. D's is thinking of booking a '60s act, and Bob saw an opening for Albert. He made arrangements with the house band for Albert to sing three early Elvis songs: "Blue Moon Over Kentucky," "That's All Right," and "I Forgot to Remember to Forget Her." Bob's efforts included buying the sheet music, delivering it to the band, and gently reminding the musicians (three times) that they had to learn the songs by tonight. "No problem," he was told last week. "We've got them

down pat."

A few more people have arrived at Mr. D's, and Bob's anxiety swells. All along he's wanted his brother to do well; now he's worried in the opposite direction. "I don't want him to fall down, that's all. He's my brother. I care about him." Three or four songs into the second set, the bandleader invites Albert up onstage. He introduces him as an Elvis impersonator, adding, "There's only 199 of them in the world. Someday, there'll be 200." In the background, the band emits a confusing cacophony. Bob starts jerking around in his chair. "I can't believe this! They're

trying to practice the stuff now!" Meanwhile, the bandleader tries to persuade Albert to sing "Blue Suede Shoes" or "Hound Dog"—the only two Elvis songs the band knows. Albert resists, and Bob leans over and yells, in a stage whisper, "He's supposed to be doing the Sun session stuff! Not RCA!"

It soon becomes apparent that Albert has two choices: sing the two songs the bandleader suggested or sit down. Unfortunately, he doesn't know the lyrics to either song. The guitar player tries to feed him the words, and Albert attempts to muddle through "Blue Suede Shoes." But he can't hear the

rest of the band and sings ahead of the music. A few Elvis inflections break through the noise, but overall, everyone is relieved when "Hound Dog" is over. Albert, wearing a pained smile, slumps into a chair next to his brother. "That was messed up," he says.

"We died," says Bob. "We died." The other Fisher siblings offer their condolences and chagrin at the band's incompetence. They all get up and leave. Out in the parking lot, Bob and Albert try to be upbeat. After all, Elvis bombed at the Grand Ole Opry and made a bad first impression at Sun Records too. Recalling his

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Elvis's taste in movies ran toward two extremes: fantasy films with feel-good endings or limp, maudlin tearjerkers. He and his wife Priscilla (author of *Elvis and Me*) would watch *Miracle on 34th Street* and *It's a Wonderful Life* again and again. They would cry themselves to sleep over Bette Davis's cruel fate as a mislabeled harlot in *Mr. Skeffington*. Elvis even talked about doing a remake of *The Way of All Flesh*, a riches-to-rags story about a banker who loses everything through no fault of his own. Elvis wanted to star as his father, a perpetually out-of-work check forger, in the film.

The rise of Robert Lopez is also Hollywood material, though the movie may need subtitles. A man of humble origins (Chula Vista), Lopez made it into the big leagues of Elvis impersonation with a little ingenuity and a lucky break. "I do Elvis from the Hispanic perspective," he says, explaining his success. Using the Spanish pronunciation of Elvis — "El Vez" — and quite a bit of artistic license, Lopez has rewritten the titles and lyrics to numerous Elvis songs. Among his repertoire are "In El Barrio" ("In the Ghetto"), "Está Bien, Mamacita" ("That's All Right, Mama"), and "Viva la Raza" ("Viva Las Vegas").

Lopez, now a 30-year-old Los Angeles resident, is a full-time impersonator with bookings around the country. He plays Las Vegas, of course, and also does conventions, benefits, state fairs, and beauty pageants. His local appearances are rare, unless you count visits to his parents' house. "I spent my formative years in San Diego," he states flatly. As fame sometimes goes, Lopez's was instant. After graduating from Chula Vista High School, he moved to Los Angeles, started working in the import business (mostly South American folk art), and played bass and keyboards for various local bands. In 1988, on a lark, he went to Graceland for



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the anniversary of Elvis's death. Lopez entered the Elvis impersonator contest, a highlight of the week-long festivities. He was one of 100 performers, but the Hispanic angle caught the interest of the national press. Then the television networks picked up the story, and by the time Lopez got home, he was the subject of international attention.

The L.A. area is replete

with Elvis impersonators; one agent counted ten of them in Orange County alone. Lopez does not pay much attention to the competition, but he does remember hearing about an unusual Elvis act in San Diego. "Someone told me there was a short guy playing at a bar there. He was a midget, an old guy midget." I grill him for more information, but that's all Lopez can remember. He

considers himself to be in a different category than the other impersonators. His costumes, for example, are made in Mexico; they aren't replicas of those worn by the King. Lopez uses a design that is part mariachi, part bullfighter, part Elvis. One of his favorites is a purple crushed-velvet suit with Our Lady of Guadalupe embroidered on back. "Elvis was so much more than a jump-

suit," he says.

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Elvis Presley always wanted to be a cop. He collected sheriff and police department badges and once attended the funeral of a slain Denver officer while wearing a police captain's uniform. (This recollection is from a book written by his stepbrother.) One of the King's greatest thrills was being sworn in as a federal narcotics agent as part of President Nixon's "War on Drugs." But despite all his

honorary titles and his extensive weapon collection (revolvers, automatics, an M-16 rifle, a .357 magnum, and a Thompson submachine gun), Elvis was just a police impersonator. The only people he shot were those appearing on his television screen. The King went through a lot of TV sets this way, according to a book written by his bodyguards.

Elvis would have liked Von Dishong, the Superior Court bailiff who moonlights as the King. Sitting in

an empty courtroom on his lunch hour, Dishong (pronounced *Dijon*, like the mustard) is packing a .357 revolver today. Despite the green wool uniform, he has that unmistakable Elvis look. Mostly it's the pompadour, which is molded, sprayed, and shiny. The Escondido resident dyes his hair black and then pencils in his eyebrows to match. The coloring clashes with his fair skin and blue eyes; one glance tells you that a rule of nature has been violated. But no law has been broken, so the county marshal's office allows Dishong's *altera persona*. So does Superior Court Judge (and former city councilman) Dick Murphy, who requested Dishong for his cramped courtroom in the Hotel San Diego. "His other attributes make up for his...hairstyle," says Judge Murphy.

Dishong's coworkers don't make an issue of his appearance ("We don't kid him about it," says one, smirking), but the jailhouse defendants can be a little insensitive. "I've had them come out and sing Elvis songs right in the middle of the courtroom," recalls Dishong, who has grown his sideburns to near-Elvis length. Everywhere he goes, people stare. (In the later years of his life, Elvis wore a ski mask out in public to avoid detection. His face developed a skin rash because of it, according to a biography written by his former nurse.) Dishong doesn't mind the curious or the inquisitive. "The people that get to me are the ones that giggle behind your back in restaurants or when you're walking down the street," he says.

So why, I ask, does he take this abuse? Ah, yes. He

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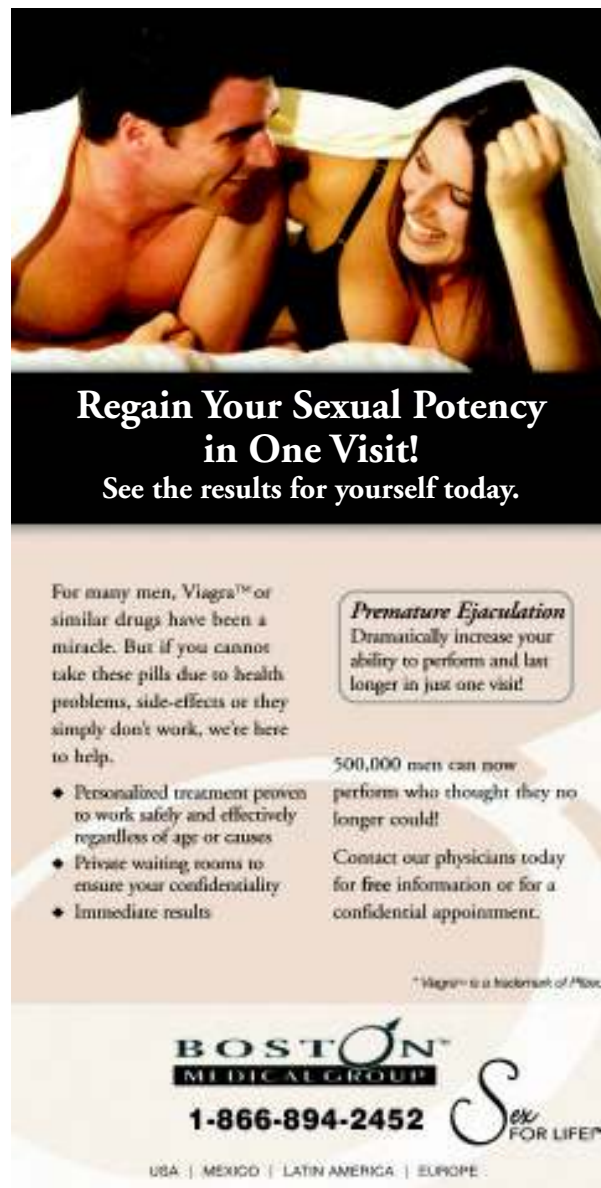
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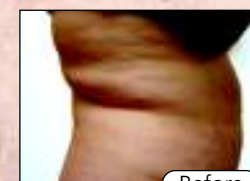
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loves Elvis. "I was raised on Elvis," says the Hoover High School graduate. "I started learning the moves when I was five years old." Dishong was a San Diego police officer when he first started impersonating the King at private parties; this is going back five, six years. He wore a wig and played with a band, but the bobby pins started hurting and the act stalled. So early this year Dishong got serious. He now has a manager, a trio of female backup singers, and a calendar that is booked (on weekends) for several months to come.

"There's worse things you could do than be an Elvis impersonator all your life," he says. One of them, apparently, is being a county marshal. Dishong's dream is to give up his day job and devote himself to a singing career. Not necessarily as Elvis, though. Even now he prides himself on not being a clone of the King. He performs songs that Elvis might have sung (like Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely") as well as songs that Elvis actu-

ally recorded. And he doesn't ham up the inflections. "I just use my natural voice, which happens to sound like Elvis," he explains. "I could sing 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and it comes out like Elvis."

Dishong does mimic the King's sexy movements, and the female fans respond in kind. This bothered his wife at first. "She was a bit leery because of the screaming women," he recalls. "I was scared, too, the first time 10 or 15 of them came running up [to the stage]." (Among the gifts Elvis received in the mail was an athletic supporter belonging to a fan's deceased husband. Women also sent hundreds of provocative photographs of themselves wearing negligees, underwear, or nothing at all. The King flipped through them dispassionately, according to a book written by one of his secretaries. Most were put in a desk drawer, unless one of the staff members wanted to take them home.) Now that he is a more seasoned Elvis impersonator, Dishong

has grown accustomed to the overly excited females that go along with the job. He doesn't seem to mind being treated like a show-room stud, a sex toy, an object of erotic fantasy. He puts up with the adulation because it's all part of being Elvis.

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When Elvis Presley died in 1977 at the age of 42, the cause of death was listed as cardiac arrhythmia. But word soon leaked out that Elvis died from a massive drug overdose. The latest theory involves suicide. Not surprisingly, the Elvis impersonators I interviewed tend to overlook the King's flaws. They point out that all his "medications" were prescribed by doctors. Elvis had a weight problem, they say, so he took diet pills. The amphetamines kept him awake at night, so he needed sleeping tablets. How about the narcotics and painkillers? I ask. Well, Elvis was sick. "I would have some Demerol in me too if I had cancer of the colon," says the Elvis impersonator at Knott's

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Berry Farm. But he is an out-of-town Elvis that I strayed to one afternoon, looking for solace when I was still reeling from "The Resurrection of Elvis," the impersonator show I attended on the last anniversary of the King's death.

The date was August 16, and I showed up at the Casbah on Kettner Boulevard expecting a tribute to the King. Instead I got Harley Davidson. The real Elvis was lying cold and clammy in his grave, still groggy from the sedatives, tranquilizers, painkillers, and antidepressants listed in his toxicology report — codeine, morphine, Quaalude, Valium, Placidyl, Amytal, Nembutal, Carbital, Demerol, Elavil, Aventyl, and Sinutab, all taken during the last 24 hours of his life — and it was a big joke to these people.

The Casbah is a small beer bar with red walls. Tucked between numerous car-rental operations, it caters to a certain species of nostalgia chic. The men drive Corvairs and Ford Fairlanes, the women wear black 1960s-

era cocktail dresses with black janitor's shoes. On the 13th anniversary of Elvis's death, the place is crowded with pompadours of varying heights. But not necessarily in honor of Elvis. These pompadours ride the buses and stand in line at the DMV. Tonight their owners are gesturing with bottles of Rolling Rock, yuck-yuck-yucking at the velvet painting of Elvis, the string of skull lights, and the other "decorations" in honor of the King. If Elvis could see this, and if he wasn't too doped up, he would rise out of his grave and smack these silly kids all the way to Memphis.

Outside the Casbah, Harley Davidson (his real name: Al Shapanos) tells of his limited background as an Elvis impersonator: Two years ago, at a Halloween ball, he appeared as Elvis back from the dead — complete with casket and hearse. Sometime during the course of the night, red dye from the coffin's velvet interior leached into his rented Elvis outfit. The costume shop tried to

charge him \$200 and wouldn't even let him keep the jumpsuit. Davidson ignored the shop's threats (including a phone call from its lawyer), and a cheesy Elvis impersonator was outfitted. Says Davidson: "I do Elvis as he'd be today — broke and appearing at shopping centers." He adds up his paid Elvis gigs, and the total is five. More often, he performs with Deadbolt, his rockabilly band. They will put on a normal show tonight, he says, and then "do the Elvis thing" before the second band comes on.

Halfway through the set, the ducktails get antsy. A few chants for Elvis can be heard above the din of Deadbolt's music. I can't understand a word of the lyrics; every song sounds like the theme to *Secret Agent Man*. But the band plunges through and then vacates the stage to restrained applause. Davidson disappears, and a few minutes later, a Mitsubishi pickup truck pulls up on the sidewalk in front of the bar. Friends of the band heave a

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When the news of Elvis's death reached Hollywood,

one agent was quoted as saying, "Good career move." Elvis's estate has made more money from the use of his name, songs, and movies than Elvis himself ever did. Now that he's gone, his fans can't get enough of him. Ironically, Elvis died from insatiability. In the end, money and fame brought him boredom and loneliness. Even Miss Tennessee (he dated two of them) couldn't fill the Elvis void. The King died on a bathroom floor, after having spent the night with the sister of a third Miss Tennessee title. Nothing funny about that.

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Elvis's generosity was legendary and at times bordered on the obscene. He gave lavishly to charities and bought cars and houses for his staff, his friends, and friends of his friends. He tossed an \$8000 gem-studded cape to a fan in Hawaii. He gave diamond rings to people he just met. His step-

mother, author of *Elvis, We Love You Tender*, recalls the day he noticed a black woman in Memphis admiring his Cadillac. Elvis sent her to the dealer to pick one out for herself.

I first heard the remarkable tale of Bob Lentz and the woman dying of cancer from Edna Blecha, a friend of the cancer patient. To abbreviate a long, sad story, Lentz heard that an Elvis fan was coming to San Diego for cancer treatments. In full Elvis costume, he picked her up at the airport in a limousine, gave her a dozen roses, and then whisked her away to the Holiday Inn on Aero Drive, where he had arranged to put on a show just for her. The following week, he did three benefit performances to help defray the cost of the cancer patient's trip. Lentz's manager helped arrange it all. "I couldn't believe it," says Blecha, a Serra Mesa resident. "We hardly even knew these people."

In a videotape supplied by Blecha, I hear Lentz talking in the back of the limo about his various brushes with the stars. The accent is New Jersey, maybe Philly. "...then I spent two days in Quincy Jones's house, along with Barbra Streisand and Gregory Peck. Oprah was there, Spielberg..." The tape switches abruptly to a dimly lit cocktail lounge at the Holiday Inn. Lentz is up onstage, doing a more sedate variation of Elvis than I'm accustomed to. No hip swaying, no seductive flirting, very few karate chops. Lentz substitutes romanticism for animal appeal. He gets down on his knees and sings to individual ladies. He hands out long-stemmed roses. It's the country-boy charm that Elvis once had but lost somewhere along the line.

"He is one of the nicest people I've ever met," says Blecha. "There are so many people who don't know that this wonderful person exists." Whose fault is that? I ask,

somewhat exasperated. After a brief conversation with Lentz's manager — during which time she extolled the talents of her client and offered press releases, photos, and an interview — I noticed that this woman wasn't returning my phone calls. Lentz himself was incommunicado. "Are you calling about the Elvis impersonator?" asked the piqued wife of the only Robert Lentz in the phone book. I apologized and hung up. Next I tried local agents; one told us about the middle-aged Elvis impersonator who arrives with limo and bodyguards. But no one else I talked to ever heard of this Elvis. Or Bob Lentz, for that matter.

Then I got A.J. Sagman of Celebrity Suppliers on the line. "A.J." (as I loved calling him) has 11 Elvis impersonators in his Rolodex, all shapes and sizes, living all over the country. ("I recently got a call from a shopping mall in Arizona,"

said A.J. "They needed an older Elvis for a grand opening. I had to dig out a fat one.") A.J. had hoped to add Lentz to his list. "I got a call from his manager, and she was supposed to send a video," he recalled. "But it didn't come. So I called her back, and she never returned the call. I only give people two strikes. If they don't return my phone call, they may not show up [for a performance]." A.J. was thinking that Lentz could handle the local bargain business. A typical charge, according to Sagman, is \$1000 per engagement, which includes a live band. But for \$500 a night, a cheaper Elvis will sing along to taped accompaniment. Although he's never seen Lentz perform, A.J. has a sixth sense for these things. The guy on the Invader Cruise, he said, is probably mediocre. If he were good, would he be singing in the middle of San Diego Bay? Anyway, talent is not one of A.J.'s major con-

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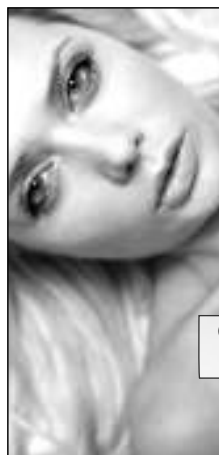
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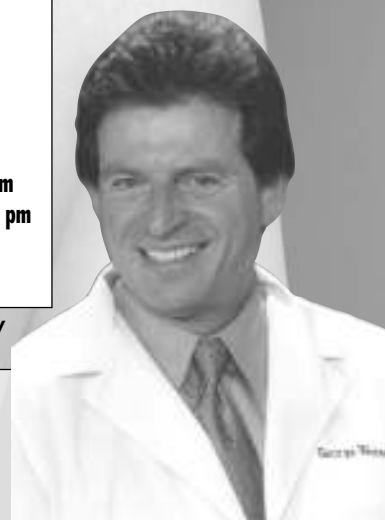
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siderations, "I don't care if they're bad, as long as they're reliable," he told us.

Before I closed the book on Bob Lentz, I placed a final call to devoted fan Edna Blecha. She had recently heard from Lentz and had a phone number for him. He and his manager had parted ways, she said. (It is widely believed that Elvis's manager, the greedy Colonel Parker, contributed to the King's demise by subjecting him to a grueling concert schedule. Elvis often threatened to fire the Colonel but stuck with him to the end. A theory put forth by Elvis's second cousin, author of *The Boy Who Would Be King*, is that Colonel Parker was blackmailing his client with a pornographic video, à la Rob Lowe.)

So I'm on the phone to Graceland one afternoon, getting the brush-off from

some twangy spokesman ("It's something we steer clear of," he says, as though I'm writing an article about vermin), and my line beeps with another call. It's the impersonator himself! Lentz confirms that he's severed relations with his manager, who had a habit of not returning phone calls. The 32-year-old former Marine Corps officer is just back from Athens, Greece, where he played the Diogenes Palace for six weeks. His next foreign engagement will probably be in Japan. (Elvis fans in England, Europe, and Japan had to travel to the United States to see the King perform. Despite the huge fees offered, Colonel Parker refused to schedule overseas concerts.) Lentz began his impersonator career in 1988, at a fundraiser for Adam Walsh, the Florida boy who was kidnapped and mur-

dered. In between various nightclub shows and television appearances (*Married with Children*, *Growing Pains*, *The Arsenio Hall Show*), Lentz has done benefits for an Escondido child with a brain tumor and a Santee girl mauled by a pit bull. Next on his charity list is a local AIDS group he saw profiled on the evening news. Why all the freebies, I ask? "There are some things you just can't explain," Lentz says. "When you have people who make you feel important, you can't ask for much more than that."

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"When Elvis heard that one of his physicians was developing an artificial heart, he ordered one for himself." (From *Elvis: Portrait of a Friend*, written by the best man at Elvis's wedding.) We're sailing in a wide cir-

cle around San Diego Bay, waiting for Eddie Powers to perform aboard the *Enter-tainer*. My friend Lisa is recalling one of the high points in her life: the time she saw Elvis in concert. It was June 28, 1976, the occasion of her 18th birthday. (Elvis performed the song "Hurt" twice that night, according to a day-by-day account of his life written by the producer of the Elvis Fan Festival. By this point in time, Elvis was slurring his words and forgetting lyrics. He would often stop in the middle of a song and start talking about karate, his jewelry, or the food at the hotel. When he finished rambling, the crowd would cheer wildly.) "I liked his voice," says Lisa, reflecting on her attraction to the King. "It was so raw. It was like sex. Although I didn't know this at the time." She also remembers seeing a man sit-

ting on the side of the stage, behind a small table stacked with folded scarves. It was this man's job to touch a scarf to Elvis's sweaty face and then throw it to the audience.

Of all the Elvis impersonators in San Diego, Eddie Powers appears the most regularly. Three nights a week, throughout the summer, he's shared the pitching and rolling floor with Ed Sullivan and the Supremes. It's a dinner cruise/impersonator show, and an expensive one at that. For \$39.95 a head, I expect Diana Ross, lobster, and an open bar. But on September 8, we don't even get the fake Supremes. (They had to cancel tonight.) We're left with Ed, Eddie, prime rib, and one free gin and tonic from the bartender who tries to stem my outrage over having to pay for drinks too.

Eddie Powers is also the

sweetest Elvis impersonator I've met. He's 28 years old, tall, and in possession of the prettiest, most sincere smile I've ever seen on a man. People walking by comment on how white his teeth are. (Elvis had frequent dental work done, some say in order to get more painkiller prescriptions. But according to a book written by Elvis's hairdresser, the King believed that money could buy perfect teeth. After meeting the Beatles, he expressed surprise at the bad condition of their mouths.) Walking around the upper deck after the salad portion of our \$39.95 meal, I see Powers talking to an older woman here for her birthday, compliments of her kids. "What's your name, sweetheart?" he asks. Other well-wishers approach, sheepishly, introduce themselves. Middle-aged couples, out on group dates, pair off by gender. Wives make comments to each other about Powers's derriere, tittering together over their naughtiness. Husband bands sing lyrics from "Hound Dog," laughing heartily at their own humor. Powers smiles at them all.

Sitting at our table, Eddie tries to articulate his *raison d'Elvis*. He is wearing white boots, white polyester Sansabelt slacks, a royal purple satin shirt, several gold rope chains, the dark-tinted Elvis sunglasses, rings on almost every finger. He is not in costume yet. A woman comes over, boyfriend in tow, with a question: Did Powers become an impersonator

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because he looked and sounded like Elvis, or the other way around? This is a good starting point for the Eddie Powers story.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Powers became enamored of Elvis at an early age. Like most of the impersonators I interviewed, he has a room in his house devoted to the display of Elvis memorabilia. "I had my Elvis room by the time I was eight," recalls Powers. Every night little Eddie would sing along with his live Elvis records, pretending he was the King in concert. The whole performance took three hours. "I didn't go to bed without doing my Elvis show," he says. "But I was just having fun. I didn't realize that I could grow up and become an Elvis impersonator."

The infatuation didn't subside with puberty. "Being a devoted [Elvis] fan was not real popular in [high] school," he recalls. "Other music was going on, like the Beatles, Kiss, the Rolling Stones." Powers couldn't interest himself in those groups. "I never saw any other performer that excited me like Elvis. He just had a way of drawing people to him." (Lisa nods her head knowingly.) "His love for his fans came across. Even in the late '70s, when he was performing in the jumpsuit. Those jumpsuits were hot and uncomfortable. They must have weighed 30, 40 pounds. Yet he didn't care. He was that devoted to his fans."

Powers was in the Navy when he saw his first Elvis impersonator. Elvis as a career choice had never occurred to him. As soon as he finished his enlistment, the former Minnesota State Vocal Champion put a show and some costumes together. His seamstress charges \$1000 and up for replicas of Elvis's famous outfits. Powers owns ten of them, including the Blue Eagle, the White Phoenix, the Las Vegas White Fringe, and Red Burning Love. Like many Elvis impersonators, Powers finds work at grand openings, theme parties, military bases, and bar mitzvahs. He has also appeared on many TV sitcoms. This past summer, he was interviewed on *The Joan Rivers Show* along with two other Elvis impersonators. "I gave her one of my scarves," recalls Powers. "She loved

it."

When it comes to the other Elvis imitators, Eddie has only nice things to say. He liked Bob Lentz's act at the Earthquake Café and also compliments Von Dishong. Powers and his wife (who acts as his manager) are personally acquainted with "Kinicke," who performs at the Del Mar Fair. But Kinicke is not really an Elvis impersonator; he does an Elvis tribute show. (I try to listen as Powers explains the difference, but there's a voice screaming in my subconscious. It's saying, "No more Elvises!") Powers also sorts the impersonators according to who, as far as he can determine, really loved the King. *Loved the King*. In fact, Powers applies this standard to everyone he meets. "Am

I an Elvis fan?" he asks.

On to the show. Powers gives the audience everything he's got, Elvis-wise. A particular part of him reminds me of Tom Jones. Grey-haired ladies approach him cautiously, pop off a flashcube, and scurry back to their tables. Others squeal with each pelvic thrust. Two women sitting towards the stern scream continuously, no matter what he does. One feisty lady throws her napkin at him. The show ends with "My Way," a song that Elvis often sang in concert during the last year of his life, holding up a cheat sheet because he couldn't remember the lyrics.

Powers figures he has 20 good years left as an Elvis impersonator. "After that, I'll probably have a traveling

museum, take it around the world. I've got quite a bit of memorabilia," he says. Elvis scarves? Sunglasses? A lock of his hair? "No, just [dinner] plates, wall hangings, pictures, things like that," says Powers. His mission in life is to keep Elvis's mem-

ory alive. He tells the story of a young boy, no more than six years old, who watched him getting into his car tonight. "He never took his eyes off me," says Powers. He is convinced that the kid, on some level, recognized Elvis. Do I under-

stand the significance of that? I venture a guess: There's a new generation of Elvis fans on the way up? That's right, says Powers, eyes aglow, that dazzling smile turned up bright. And he's going to be there for them. ■

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Skewered

The Brazilian restaurant review's phrase "The staff are" in the June 15 issue ("Rabelais in Rio," Restaurant Review) only made me wince, but Bedford's butchery of Bosnian food ("Tin Fork," June 22) made my blood boil. First, that "sexy red sauce," a.k.a. Bosnian ketchup, is not at all esoteric. It is sold in jars in local ethnic markets as well as chain supermarkets. It's called *ajvar* and is pronounced I-var. *Burek* (not "burck") is not sausage at all. It is phyllo (or filo) leaves layered with either herbed feta cheese or ground meat topped with yogurt and is a breakfast favorite (along with a half pack of Marlboros) throughout the Balkans. *Cevapcici* (not "chevapchichi"), the street food found on street grills throughout the former Yugoslavia and Albania, is seasoned skewered ground beef and/or lamb served with *ajvar*. It's their version of Persian *koubideh* and Turkish *kofte*. Are the proofreaders and fact-

checkers out to lunch?

S.G. Persaud
via e-mail

Ed Bedford responds: In the village outside Skopje where Vahida comes from, they make burek with chevapchichi inside. It is a local thing. "Burck" was my typo. Chevapchichi can be spelled either way.

Thanks For World As Cactus

Thanks for the great article on cactus and other succulents — well done ("The World Is a Cactus," Cover Story, June 15)! Just wish it had been published three weeks ago so people could have learned about the big June show on the 3rd and 4th. Would like to assure people who found this compelling, all are welcome at the monthly meetings of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, at Casa del Prado in room 101; next meeting is Saturday, July 8. Sales start at 9:00 and go till 1:00, when the meeting starts. There are lots of interesting people, plants, and information.

Pam Badger
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Reprint Re-Gift

I read J.K. Amtmann's article ("The Evidence of Her Sorrow," Feature Story, June 15) when it was first published as a winning entry in a writing contest back in 1991. Thank you so much for this great gift. Seldom do I read something as memorable as that article. It brought much joy and laughter.

Dennis Engel
via e-mail

Sanity On The Airwaves

Ken Leighton should retract his preposterous insinuation ("Blurt," June 15) that trusted 91X DJ Marco Collins is a liar. I heard

Collins's very impassioned announcement that a rival DJ (obviously FM 94/9's Halloran) had allegedly threatened to stop playing the music of local band Reeve Oliver if they played at 91X's X-Fest concert (June 9). I can't imagine he fabricated it.

Leighton went ahead with the attack on Collins despite the fact Reeve Oliver's leader, O, had told concertgoers at X-Fest they could believe Marco — not the "poop" Leighton was going to print in the "Blurt." O is now telling anyone who will listen that Leighton misquoted him and that Halloran did in fact blackmail him. I challenge Leighton to tell the truth now, but his bias for FM 94/9 and Halloran is obvious.

Leighton should check out his sources. Contrary to his quote of FM 94/9's Garrett Michaels, 91X did *not* boycott the Flaming Lips for playing at 94/9's Independence Jam (May 24). If Leighton had turned on his radio, he might have heard 91X playing "The W.A.N.D." (by the Lips).

The *real* liars are FM 94/9's owners, Lincoln Financial: "We don't sound like any other station in Southern California!" they brag in their promo. They run this egregiously false ad within minutes of playing the same songs as 91X — sometimes at exactly the same time. I heard the same Angels and Airwaves hit only about three seconds apart on both 91X and 94/9 within minutes of that promo! That's a negative for both stations, but at least 91X isn't making totally outrageous claims of uniqueness. I call FM 94/9 the "91X imitation station."

Before alleging the DJ's blackmail, Collins was very conciliatory toward the

"other" station (FM 94/9). He admitted that the competition is healthy, especially when it allows local bands to be played on more than one station. He said that what this "other" DJ (Halloran) had done, however, truly crossed the line and that he felt compelled to speak out. I've never heard such an emotional plea for sanity on the airwaves.

Anyone who listens to Marco Collins weekday afternoons should know he is a very down-to-earth DJ with an open mind to all types of music and a great sense of humor. He's been a champion of local bands for many years, and — on his groundbreaking show *Loudspeaker* — he was the first DJ ever to play Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam.

The main reason I trust 91X DJs like Collins is that — unlike those of FM 94/9 — they are no longer under the control of a big corporation, as 91X recently gained its independence and is striving to get back to its rebellious roots. What attracted me to 91X since the early '80s was that its DJs dared to play underground music and the latest punk, ska, reggae, new wave, and local stuff long before other San Diego stations.

What I liked most was that they were compassionate and really broke their backs — along with support from the musicians they played — to pull off highly successful radiothon fund-raisers to feed the hungry and save the rainforests. I believe 91X will champion those causes again and inspire more imitation. The world desperately needs more of that old 91X-style compassion — and less of the Lincoln Financial (FM 94/9)-style corporate dishonesty.

Lakota Felix
via e-mail

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Stories and Art at Timken Museum

I have a wall of books in my office that is 90 percent fairy tales from around the world,” says professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler. Geisler has divided her books into subcategories: “Hispanic, African, African-American, Spooky, Celtic, East Indian, Animals...”

On Saturday, July 1, Geisler will demonstrate her storytelling prowess at the Timken Museum of Art in Balboa Park. This will be the second of five planned storytelling events at the museum, each story inspired by a different painting in the museum’s collection. The paintings that

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have been selected are *Cho-looke, the Yosemite Fall*, by Albert Bierstadt; *Mrs. Thomas Gage*, by John Singleton Copley; *The Cranberry Harvest, Island of Nantucket*, by Eastman Johnson; *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Guercino; and *Blindman’s Buff*, by Jean-Honoré Fragonard.

Geisler’s first gig as a storyteller was for a women’s business association for which she told the story of Molly Whuppie, an old English tale. “It’s the female version of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk,’ the differences being [Molly] steals a sword, a bag of gold, and a ring, and escapes on a single strand of hair placed across a chasm instead of [climbing down a beanstalk].” Geisler enjoys finding stories to which she can relate.

“This is the story of my life: A girl is lost in the forest, pursued by giants, doesn’t know what’s going on. First she steals a sword, which represents personal power, then a bag of gold, which is success — however you define it — before she can have the

ring, which is love.”

For *Cho-looke, the Yosemite Fall*, painted in 1864, Geisler spoke of Bierstadt’s life (“how he made Yosemite famous through his paintings”) and El Capitan, a 3300-foot-tall chunk of granite that is an attraction for rock climbers. After describing the setting, Geisler shared a legend from the native Miwok people, who believed the huge rock grew from a small boulder.

“The Legend of the Tul-tok’-a-na” begins, “There were once two little boys living in the Valley of Ah-wah-nee who went down to the river to swim.” The boys fell asleep while lying on a boulder to dry off in the sun. As they slept, the boulder grew, until the boys “scraped their faces against the moon,” though this did not wake them. Many animals tried unsuccessfully to help them down, but none could jump high enough. Finally, the tul-tok’-a-na, an “insignificant measuring worm, despised by all the other creatures, began to creep up the face of the rock.” The measuring worm eventually makes its way to the top and brings the boys down from the rock.

Mrs. Thomas Gage is the subject of Geisler’s July 1 presentation. Geisler researched John Singleton Copley, who lived from 1738 to 1815, and his real-life subject, Margaret Kemble Gage. American-born Margaret married British-officer-turned-General Thomas Gage. “She’s a New Jersey girl; she’s an American. These are her people who are going to be murdered in the street. Is she going to be loyal to her husband or to her country?” Geisler’s research reveals, “There is a very strong suspicion that [Mrs. Gage] passed military information she got from her husband to



Harlynn Geisler at the Timken Museum of Art

the American forces. I’m going to say, ‘Do you think all spies look like James Bond? Look at this picture — would you even begin to guess that she was a spy?’”

For *The Cranberry Harvest, Island of Nantucket* in August, Geisler will compare woolly mammoths with cranberries to tell “a fruitful story.” For *The Return of the Prodigal Son* in October, children will learn how a boy’s overspending leads him to have to eat pigs’ food. In November, for *Blindman’s Buff*, the story will be about “rich peoples’ games 300 years ago.”

During the pilot program at the Timken last summer, Geisler told a story inspired by *Portrait of a Lady* by Nicolaes Maes. The painting is of a young woman (thought to be Mary Stuart before she married William III, with whom she ruled England) and features a King Charles spaniel. Geisler began her presentation by telling dog-related riddles. She then told a British

fable about a man who, with the help of a dog’s ghost, regains his family’s lost fortune.

After the story she sent the children on a scavenger hunt to count every image of a dog that they could find in the museum. Finally, she taught the group how to make an origami dog. Each child was able to take his or her paper dog home, the prize they received for counting...though not one of them had come up with the correct number.

— Barbarella

Storytelling with Harlynn Geisler

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BAJA

Actress Carmen Delgado presents readings, Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Wine, Voice, and Guitar," classical music by soprano Cherie Hughes, guitarist Roberto Limón, Thursday, June 29, 8 p.m., at L.A. Cetto (2108 Cañón Johnson, Colonia Hildalgo). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0182. (TIJUANA)

"Swan Lake" presented by Compañía de Danza de Baja California, Thursday-Saturday, June 29-July 1, 8:30 p.m., at Parque de la Amistad in Mesa Otay. 011-52-664-623-7906. (TIJUANA)

"Divorciados, Evangelicas y Vegetarianas," comedy performed Thursday, June 29, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo

de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Francisco Cespedes in concert, Friday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Country Club. Tickets: 011-52-664-104-7540. (TIJUANA)

20th-Century Peruvian Poets showcased during readings by Reynaldo Jiménez, Friday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

The Fab Four — "Beatlemania" returns, Friday, June 30, 8 p.m., at Teatro Zaragoza (on Fourth Street). Tickets: \$40, \$50 U.S. 011-52-664-685-8860. (TIJUANA)

Rosarito Beach Fair runs Friday, June 30-Sunday, July 30, with music, food, entertainment. In Palenque, see Juan Gabriel on Saturday, July 1, 11 p.m. (\$35, \$70, \$100 U.S.). 011-52-661-612-4391. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Bullfights planned on Saturday, July 1, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"Alien Volunteers in the Mexican Revolution," lecture by Lawrence Taylor, Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Colorful Foliage along San Diego's coastline lingers, despite the lack of rainfall and warmer, drier days. In the older, landscaped

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Magnolia, the southern-U.S.-native commonly planted as a decorative street tree in many of San Diego's older neighborhoods, continues to bloom this month. Called the "queen of the flowering broadleaf evergreens," its branches carry leathery, dark-green leaves

and large, white blossoms of pleasing fragrance.

June Bugs are emerging as summer's warmth is finally upon us. The green June beetle, only one of some 300 species of scarab beetles found in Southern California, flashes a metallic green underbelly as it buzzes about erratically. The mature scarabs flying about have spent at least a year underground in larval form munching at the roots of lawns or your favorite ornamental plants.

Agaves (a.k.a. century plants), are coming into bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century) of

growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the cycle anew.

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Summer Flower Search led by naturalists Simone Green and Barbara Van Horne, Saturday, July 1, in Daley Ranch. Expect strenuous, three-hour, 4.5-mile hike on three trails. Adventure starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, July 1, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

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Visit Buccaneer Park on foot with NC Walkers, Sunday, July 2. Six-mile, moderate-plus walk

starts at 9 a.m. at Tamarack Beach. Free. 760-942-1396. (CARLSBAD, OCEANSIDE)

Nature Hike, mountain natural-ist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including July 2, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

Independence Day, July 4, features a moon phase just one day past first quarter. Hovering over the southern horizon as darkness falls, the moon's glow will not significantly interfere with the much more brilliant displays of fireworks.

DANCE

Salsa Central! Dance to salsa and Latin club mix, Thursday, June 29, 8–11 p.m., in Mission Room above Valley Tavern at Mission Valley

Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). \$7. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Contradance with music by Old Twine String Band, calling by Steve Barlow, Friday, June 30, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Bellydance Dinner Show — Jasmina and Mimi perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Saturday, July 1, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). \$15.95 includes dinner buffet. Reservations: 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

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Israeli Tropical Dance Party — Dalya Dallal leads Israeli lines, circles, couples dance program, Saturday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6. 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, July 1, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30–10 p.m. Lesson: 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

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

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Meditation in Motion, Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (MISSION HILLS)

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FILM

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)

iCine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with documentary *Letters from the Other Side*, on Friday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Film interweaves video letters carried across U.S.–Mexico border by film's director with stories of "women left behind in post-NAFTA Mexico." Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (SAN MARCOS)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, July 2, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

Up for a Politically Charged Romance? See *The Girl in the Café* when the David Yates film screens for Film Forum on Monday, July 3, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tijuana as Muse I," films and videos by local filmmakers screened, with following discussion led by SDSU professor Norma Iglesias for Thursday Night Thing, July 6, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Music from Tijuana by Shantelle, Loopdrop, Audiofem DJs. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Deep Sea, Greece: Secrets of the*

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Cooper Canyon Falls roars with the melting snows of each spring season, then settles down to a quiet whisper by summer. This year's near-normal but unusually late rainfall and snowfall in the San Gabriel Mountains means that you can cool off in the spray of the 25-foot cascade through July at least. These falls are one of the best unheralded attractions along the Angeles Crest.

The Burkhart Trail takes you quickly to the falls, downhill all the way (an 800-foot drop in elevation), and then uphill all the way back. The forest traversed by the trail is dense enough to give plenty of cool shade for most of the unrelenting climb back up.



Cooper Canyon Falls

From Interstate 210 in La Cañada, drive 34 miles up Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) to the Buckhorn Campground entrance road — at mile 58.3, according to the roadside mile-markers. Drive all the way through the campground to the far (northeast) end, where a short stub of dirt road leads to the Burkhart trailhead. You must display a National Adventure Pass on your parked car there.

The trail takes off down the west wall of an unnamed, usually wet canyon garished by two waterfalls. The first — a

little gem of a cascade dropping ten feet into a rock grotto — is easy to reach by descending from the trailside. The second, some 30 feet high, is dangerous to approach from above, but is reachable from below by scrambling up the canyon bottom from Cooper Canyon.

At 1.2 miles, the trail bends east to follow Cooper Canyon's south bank. Continue another 0.3 mile, down past the junction of the trail (Pacific Crest Trail) that doubles back to follow the north bank upstream. Look or listen for water plunging over the rocky declivity to the left. A rough pathway leads down off the trail to the alder-fringed pool below.

Soak your feet in the shallow pool, or get right under the spray of water itself, which is likely to be icy cold until later this summer.

This article contains

pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry

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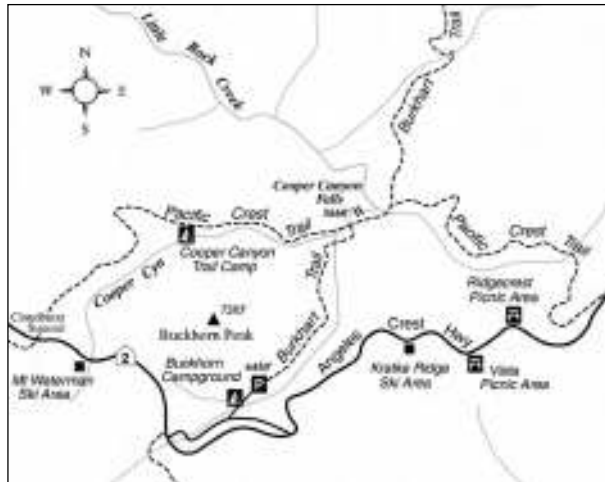
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Past and Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Bugs!* (6 p.m.) and *Alaska* at 7 p.m. on June 30. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, June 30, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other

canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (LINDA VISTA)

Beauty and Tranquility, bonsai class, Saturday, July 1, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

What to Do When Fido's Bleeding? Pet first aid is subject on Saturday, July 1, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$45. Re-

quired reservations: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

Lavender Wreath Workshop led by Nadine Spear, Sunday, July 2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$60 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Participating in Vain: The Betrayal of Women's Rights in Uganda" presented by Miria Matembe, Sunday, July 2, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Matembe is attorney, former member of Ugandan parliament, currently serving as member

of Pan-African Parliament. Free. 619-223-8074. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, July 4, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Class repeats Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Packing Tips, Personal Safety, traveling on a budget — Hostelling International seminar for "independent female travelers," Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Iraq: A Year Later: Hopes for the Future," Iraqi scientist, educator, feminist Naba Saleem Hamid speaks for Voices of Women, Friday, July 7, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. RSVP: 619-443-1265. (LINDA VISTA)

"Extinction Threats to Carnivorous Plants" explored by Jim Booman when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers, Monday, July 10, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Slide-illustrated lecture showcases the plants, their habitat, good steps taken by some commercial growers. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

"Double Visions: Combining Art and Literature as a Single Voice" presented by artist/writer Donna Barr, Wednesday, July 19, in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Barr's work is included in "Beyond Superheroes and Sidekicks" exhibit. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Kenyan Presidential Candidate Wahu Kaara examines human rights, global poverty, economic injustice, Monday, July 24, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Kaara was Nobel Peace Prize nominee in 2005. Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

IN PERSON

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series boasts "Queen of Haitian song," Emeline Michel, Friday, June 30, 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)

Blacklight Acts Only! The Disappearing TechnoMan presents a "negative striptease," TechnoGod plans negative-space puppetry for Technomania Circus, Friday, June 30, 9 p.m. at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). "Many other experimental ultraviolet performances by a variety of human and nonhuman artists." \$15. 619-231-1950. (BARRIO LOGAN)

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The "Ultimate Self-Contained Band"! Steve White in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, July 1, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Ohio Touring Artist Brian Henke is on hand for San Diego Guitar Society meeting, Sunday, July 2, 4 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). Steve White at 7:30 p.m. Meeting open to players of all levels, styles. Free. 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

British Folk-Rock Legends Fairport Convention in concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church

(4650 Mansfield Street). \$20, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Miles Ahead Crusade presents Revolution with Kirk Franklin, along with P.O.D., Lauren Silva, Kin Sol in concert, Tuesday, July 4, at Coors Amphitheatre (2050 Entertainment Circle). Activities, BMX bike demonstrations, fun zone for kids, graffiti art exhibit, skateboarding expo, music, dramas, "message from Miles McPherson," fireworks. Activities begin at 3 p.m., concert at 6:30 p.m. Free admis-

sion, \$10 parking. 619-223-4622. (CHULA VISTA)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series promises swing music by Rey Vinole on Wednesday, July 5; Mariachi Chula Vista takes stage on Thursday, July 6. Concerts run from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Four-Time Gold-Medal Olympic Diving Champion Greg Louganis discusses, signs *Breaking the Surface*, Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-459-3247. (NORTH PARK)

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County"

OUT & ABOUT

BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY bonsai class, Saturday, July 1, City Farmers Nursery.

(SEE LECTURES)



signed by Donna Lawrence, Thursday, July 6, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Av-

enue). Bring your canine! 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

South American Harp Music on tap when Carmen Barreiro performs for First Thursday Concert on July 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Dance and Music, Abdoulaye Camara performs, along with bellydancers Sabrina and Shalimar, music by Damaru, Thursday, July 6, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

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 Theatre (121 Broadway). Ross plays all characters, recreates effects, sings music, flies ships, and fights both sides of battles of first three Star Wars films. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday; 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12.75-\$37.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" presented by Bruce Blackwell, David Pinson, and Jaysen Weller, July 21-30, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mis-

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Life Among D-Listers! Comedian Kathy Griffin performs, Saturday, July 22, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets, \$37, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres host Oakland Athletics in Petco Park, Thursday, June 29, 12:35 p.m. The San Francisco Giants arrive for games June 30-July 2, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Padres head to Philadelphia for games against Phillies, July 4-6, at

12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, 4:05 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Golf Long-Drive and "guess your driver distance" contest, Friday, July 30, 6 p.m., at Carlsbad Golf Center (2711 Haymar Drive). Open to all golfers; free. 60-720-4653. (CARLSBAD)

Champion Freestyle Motocross Riders Dustin Miller, Mike Mason, and Jeff Tilton use mobile launch and landing ramp for freestyle motocross demonstrations, Saturday, July 1, in parking lot at Santee Trolley Square (9880 Mission Gorge Road). The 30-minute demonstrations run from 2-6 p.m. Autograph sessions follow. Free. 619-562-2364. (SANTEE)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, July 2, 8-11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

BRITISH FOLK-ROCK legends Fairport Convention for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, July 2.

(SEE IN PERSON)

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America's Cup Polo Competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, July 2. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Independence Day Arena Polo Tournament is slated for Tuesday, July 4. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club

meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

32nd Annual Coronado Independence Day 15k run and 5k run/walk over flat and fast course, Tuesday, July 4, 7 a.m., in Tidelands Park (adjacent to Coronado

Bay Bridge). Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. 619-298-7400. (CORONADO)

Run or Ride in Scripps Ranch, 29th annual Scripps Ranch 10k and 2-mile run, Tuesday, July 4, 7 a.m. (registration: 6 a.m.). Racing starts at Scripps Lake and Red Cedar (near Miramar Ranch School).

Same date: 20th annual Scripps Ranch Bike Rides, starting at Hibert Street and Scripps Ranch Boulevard (across from Scripps Ranch High School), finishing at Hoyt Park. The 50-mile ride starts at 7 a.m., 28-mile route riders set off at 7:30 a.m., 12-mile ride starts at 8 a.m. 619-685-8453. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Flow Rider Competition, Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m., at Wave Waterpark (101 Wave Drive). Team competition, stand-up competition, drop-knee division, masters, more. Manufacture, sponsor booths. Finals at 7 p.m. Dive-in theater at 8 p.m. Tickets: 760-940-WAVE. (VISTA)

SPECIAL

Plant Clinic with Master Gardeners of San Diego, Saturday, July 1, noon-4 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Bring plant clippings for identification, disease diagnosis, pest education, integrated pest



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Celebrate the Independence of the U.S.A. during lawn program by House of United States at International Cottages, Sunday, July 2, 2 p.m. Folk dancing, Barbara Spriggs performing on "Stanley Stradivarius" (a musical saw), music created on traditional American instruments. Free. 619-234-0739. Food for sale. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Celebrate Independence Day at events all over the county on Tuesday, July 4. Fireworks start at 9 p.m. off Ocean Beach pier. Barges off Harbor and Shelter Islands display fireworks in "Big Bay" at 9 p.m.; music simulcast on KMYI-FM (94.1). "Lights Over the Cove" is theme in La Jolla, with fireworks starting at 9 p.m. (OCEAN BEACH, SAN DIEGO BAY, LA JOLLA)

"Celebrate Chula Vista 2006" boasts multiple entertainment stages, children's activities, food, noon-9 p.m., at Bayside Park. Fireworks at 9 p.m. 619-420-6603. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

City of Poway's old-fashioned Fourth of July festivities run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Live music, food (for sale), quilt display, Ford Model Ts, patriotic crafts for kids, crafts, gunfight and train robbery reenactments, model train display. Free admission. 858-668-4576. (POWAY)

Bradley Park is site for festivities including live entertainment (5:30 p.m.), food, fireworks (9 p.m.). Find park at Linda Vista Drive and Santa Fe Road. Free. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

"Santee Salutes...July 4" is offered 3:30-9:30 p.m. at Town Center Community Park ballfields. Live music, fireworks (9 p.m.), carnival games, Taste of Santee food court, more. Free. 619-258-4100 x201. (SANTEE)

Valley Center's July 4 fireworks picnic runs 5-9 p.m. at Valley Center High School football stadium (31322 Cole Grade Road). Live music, fireworks, food, kids' games, climbing walls. Free admission. 760-749-1919. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Communication — How Labeling People Deters Communication" is topic for discussion on Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m. at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Wines of Argentina showcased, along with live jazz, Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). \$7 wine flights. 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

"Beyond Superheroes and Sidekicks," offbeat worlds created by artist/writer Donna Barr chronicled in display of work on view through Friday, August 18, in Special Collections and University Archives at San Diego State University Library. Exhibition includes works by Robert Gregory, Chynna Clugston-Major, others. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Calligraphy and lacquer objects created by Ayako Stott are on ex-

hibit through Sunday, August 27, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Gardens open at 10 a.m. each day, close at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission: \$3. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

The "One and Only Truly Fabulous Hat Contest" is Wednesday, July 19, part of opening-day festivities for 2006 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. Hundreds of guests expected to compete. Meet continues through Wednesday,

September 6, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 4 p.m. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

26th Annual U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition is Sunday, July 23, with professional and amateur sandcarving teams competing. Competition: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 a.m.; street festival, live music, en-

tertainment. Festivities get underway with parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22; Imperial Beach Optimist's Kids-n-Kastles competition at 2 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. Free. 619-424-6663. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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And yet I cannot go.
Clouds beyond clouds above me,
Wastes beyond wastes below;
But nothing drear can move me;
I will not, cannot go.

— Emily Brontë



Emily Brontë

ductions, Wednesdays-Sundays through 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: \$19-\$34. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

"The Magic of Ventriloquism" explored by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, July 2, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. There's a "July 4th Special Tuesday Show" planned on July 4. *Big Joe's Fireworks* continues July 5-9.

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)

"My Emperor's New Clothes" presented by actors and crew of

San Diego Junior Theatre, June 30-July 16, in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on July 15 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9-\$12 adults, \$7-\$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Snoopy: The Musical" presented June 30-August 6, at Coronado Playhouse (1835 Strand Way). Schulz's *Peanuts* comic strip characters come to life with big-band jazz score for family.

Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Reservations: 619-435-4856. (CORONADO)

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)

Stories Inspired by Paintings at Timken Museum of Art told by Harlynne Geisler, Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For those five and older. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

Wiggly Squiggly Garden Friends, class for kids five through seven explores world of worms in garden, Saturday, July 1, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants will craft their own compost bins to take home; snack, stories. \$25. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

Celebrate Independence Day during story time about "good old USA," Saturday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.,

Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Kids make festive necklaces to wear on 4th. Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Teddy Cruz's Hybrid Postcards provide inspiration for family day events, Sunday, July 2, 2-5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Mustard Pancakes!" Courtney Campbell, host of the PBS children's program, arrives with puppet cast-mates for concert, Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). \$10. 619-287-5762. (ROLANDO)

MUSEUMS

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

OUT & ABOUT

BEYOND SUPERHEROES and Sidekicks, exhibit of work by artist/writer Donna Barr, SDSU Library, through August 18.

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THE DESERT PEACH, DONNA BARR

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County.

Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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Museum of Making Music, “Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered” is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas, and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston over 100 years ago. Howe-Orme were awarded a series of patents for “the uniqueness of their functional design features and style.” Through April 2007.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

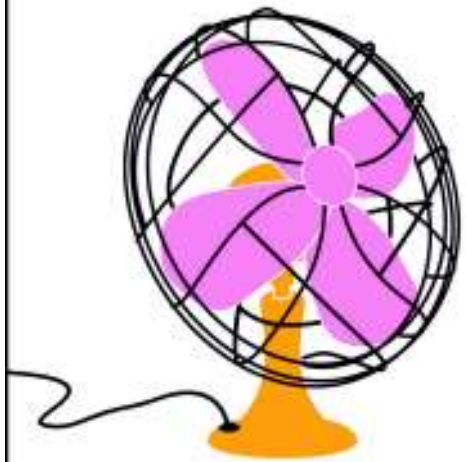
Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Sea of Genes” offers visit “to the genomic frontier”; “Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet” explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. “Wonders of Water” waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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Reading

Poet's Choice



Edward Hirsch

By Edward Hirsch
Harcourt, 2006, \$25, 448 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

In *Poet's Choice*, the gifted poet and critic Edward Hirsch offers a new way to look at the world through the art of poetry. The author of the best-selling *How to Read a Poem* collects and reflects on the work of more than 130 poets – from Asia and the Middle East to Europe and America, from ancient times to the present – and demonstrates how poetry answers the challenge of finding meaning in the midst of suffering. Rich, relevant, always inviting, and suffused with Hirsch's deep sensitivity to the nuances of language, *Poet's Choice* deftly illustrates how poems need readers to experience them and how individuals can appreciate the full beauty of life through poetry.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Booklist: Hirsch celebrates poetry as a "human fundamental" in his incantatory introduction to this brimming collection of 130 masterfully distilled essays based on the famed "Poet's Choice" columns he wrote with passion and imagination for the *Washington Post Book World* for three years, beginning soon after 9/11. As in his cherished best-seller, *How to Read a Poem* (1999), Hirsch, a natural-born teacher as well as a poet, shares his extraordinary erudition and love for poetry with lucidity and intensity, empathically summarizing the lives of poets past and present, and offering poems to readers as though they are food or

benedictions, gossip, or prescriptions. The first half of the book is international in scope, and Hirsch writes with particular ardor about Russian, Spanish-language, Muslim, and Jewish poets who shed light on some of the worst of humankind's countless tragedies. The lament essays in the book's second half form a new map of American poetry as Hirsch stakes out territory for underappreciated and emerging writers, reveling in works of humor as well as gravitas. Hirsch's aesthetic is unerring, and his interpretations are profound as he considers our "collective destiny" and takes measure of poetry's encompassing vision.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Edward Hirsch is the author of six books of poems and three books of prose, among them the national bestseller, *How to Read a Poem: And Fall in Love with Poetry*. He has received the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Prix de Rome, and a MacArthur Fellowship, and is president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. He lives in New York.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

On the morning of our interview, Mr. Hirsch is in his office at the Guggenheim Foundation on Park Avenue in New York. We exchange pleasantries and sing the praises

of mutual friends and acquaintances, including Juris Jurjevic (my writing partner for the "Reading" column of the *San Diego Reader*) and Judith Moore. I tell Mr. Hirsch that *Poet's Choice* was the last book Judith gave me to read before she passed away.

"She had responded very warmly to my work a couple of times, and it meant a lot to me. I'm really sorry she's gone."

"Originally the pieces in this book appeared in 'Book World' in the *Washington Post*. When you were preparing a weekly column on poetry, how did you go about selecting the pieces, and then, from all of those, how did you decide what to include in the present book?"

"I think that a poem's meaning exists in the relationship between a poet, a poem, and a reader."

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic col-

lections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the

events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the

Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258.

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on rail-

roads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dinosaurs: Reel and Robotic," on view through December, demonstrates how dinosaurs first came to life in movies, follows their transformation over the years through artistic portrayal and advances in scientific information and technology. Exhibit includes original movie memorabilia, posters, models, dino dig box, giant robotic dinosaurs.

"Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibit opening on Saturday, July 1, showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through Sunday, February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Or-dover Gallery, with variety of na-

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Adopt an Abortionist

How a Chula Vista Man
Helped an Abortionist
Find a New Path

BY ROBERT KNOX

D octors who perform abor-
tions often meet in a Man-
chester universe where there
are only two kinds of people: Those
who leave them alone about their
work and the "monks" who stand
in front of their clinics with picket
signs and prayers. Some have extra-
ordinarily resistant faith in and out of
their abortion clinics. The idea of ac-
tually having a relationship with one
of the protesters is unthinkable.

Yet in early 2005, Dr. John Mendez,
an abortionist, found himself hav-
ing coffee with Luis Mendoza, a gen-
tly spoken, bald, and somewhat frum-
some Chula Vista resident.



John Mendez

In front of this clinic, I started going
more often. There was a Pro-life
prayer group there on Thursdays
who needed someone who could
talk to them.

Mendoza was
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"One, there were many poems I loved and poets that I'm deeply committed to, and I knew that at one time or another I'd want to bring them forth to readers in 'Book World.' Sometimes I would just write about these poets. Other times there would be a poem that had a kind of topical connection, or be related to a season or to something that had happened.

"Then, there were new books that were coming in, and I would try to respond to them. Sometimes they were by poets I cared about already and sometimes by poets I didn't know or sometimes anthologies. My goal was to bring forward poems and poets that readers of the *Washington Post* wouldn't necessarily come across on their own."

"Did you have quite a bit of freedom in those choices?"

"I had total freedom to choose what I wanted. It is a newspaper, though, so I did have

a length for the columns. I started to treat that length as if it were a poetic form. I knew that if I had more commentary, I'd have to have a shorter poem, and if I had a longer poem I could have less commentary.

"Then, when I came to structure the collection as a whole, I reshaped the columns so that they didn't have any particular ties to dates, weren't particularly linked to the seasons, and had nothing to do with the news."

"I've heard you describe a poem as a message in a bottle addressed to the future and to an unspecific reader. In other forms of writing — in prose, for example — authors often have a specific readership or type of reader in mind. Without knowing your reader, as a poet, how do you know if you've been successful in a particular poem?"

"I don't think a poet can know. I think you can do your best, and I think you can make some-

thing that you believe is true and well made. At times, Emily Dickenson must have known, 'this is great,' some of those Shakespeare sonnets — he must have known. And yet, on some other level, you can't know, because it's not just up to you as the writer. You are making something that stands apart from you."

"What do you mean when you talk about the reciprocity between poet, poem, and reader?"

"I don't think that poems have meanings unto themselves. I think that a poem's meaning exists in the relationship between a poet, a poem, and a reader. The poems really only take place when that circuit of communication is completed. That's why I like Martin Buber's notion that 'in the beginning is the relation.' The relation precedes the word because it is authored by the human. A poem is an event in language. It is completed when the reader fulfills the experience by

reading and internalizing a poem."

"As readers we encounter poems that speak to us, or dramatize our own inner life, at various times, but we all change with age and experience. Are there poems whose voices no longer speak to you?"

"Yes. I think that one of the oddities of being a reader — and this isn't just in poetry — is that there are things that speak to you deeply when you are young that, as you get older, no longer seem to have the same hold on you."

"Are there poems that you have never outgrown?"

"Oh, yes. I don't think I could ever outgrow Keats's Odes, which I read as a teenager and which have a tremendous lasting power and poignancy."

"Who read to you when you were young and couldn't yet read yourself?"

"My mother's father came from Latvia. He was the one per-

"I'm not saying I mastered it, but from that time I started to become a poet rather than a person who was just writing poetry."

son in my family who was a reader, and he was the one person that read to me. He also wrote poems. He died when I was eight years old.

"The knowledge that he wrote poems, later, was a great comfort to me. Even though the poems were lost, the fact that he had written them struck me as a reasonable thing that someone could do."

"Would you please retell the story of your encounter with the Brontë poem in his anthology? [See page 96] I've read it in a couple of places."

"I've written about it a few times, most extensively in *How to Read a Poem*. But I guess also in *Responsive Reading*. It's a meaningful story to me:

"After my grandfather died,

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ture-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Vikings: Journey to New*

Worlds and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is lo-

cated "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the

last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first

ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an

RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to

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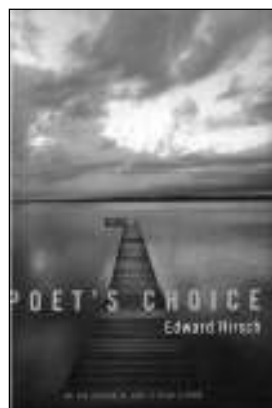
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Reading

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when I was eight years old, I went down to the basement of the house. We had some books there in a library, and I pulled down a book and read a poem that I somehow thought my grandfather had written. I knew that he

had written poetry, and it struck me that it sounded just like him, and I was very moved by the poem. It was very consoling to me.

"I never spoke about this experience. I just walked around feeling that I knew, very well, one of my grandfather's poems, which were otherwise lost. I kept this as a kind of vague inarticulate notion...but real to me. Sometime in high school I was looking through a poetry anthology, and I started thinking, 'This poet writes so much like my grandfather.' Then I thought, 'Oh my God! Here's my grandfather's poem.' It turns out it had been written by Emily Brontë and is often given the name 'Spellbound.'"

"In a lecture you gave at Wellesley a few years ago, you said, 'The history of poetry is a mausoleum of forms.' What did you mean by that?"

"There are certain forms that spoke very powerfully to readers at a given moment in

time, but when that time passed, the form wasn't flexible to the new conditions of life that prevailed, like reptilian creatures that can't adapt to a new environment.

"I would oppose that to certain forms that have been endlessly malleable — the sonnet, for example. From the time it was first invented, in Provençal Europe, it became a repository for the subject of love, and people have been writing sonnets ever since. There have been times when there were greater sonnets and times when there were lesser sonnets, but the form speaks to something in our condition (in many different languages) that seems to be, if not permanent, at least lasting. No one knows exactly why. Who knows why a particular 14-line structure could speak so much about the nature of love?"

"When did you roll up your sleeves and say to yourself, 'OK, I need to master form?'"

"That happened very powerfully when I was a freshman in college. I had been writing poetry through high school. Well, it's generous to call it poetry. I was writing things down. I had feelings and thoughts, and I thought that was poetry.

"In college I began to encounter poems and read them and think about how they were structured. Then, I tried to imitate how that was done. I began to see that poetry is a form of making, and a poem is a made thing; it's not just a form of self-expression. Now, I'm not saying I mastered it, but from that time I started to become a poet rather than a person who was just writing poetry."

"Are there forms that elude you or remain particularly challenging yet interesting to you?"

"Yes. I haven't myself been able to write a good *ghazal* [pronounced guzzle]."

"And what is that?"

"It's an Arabic form that

"Poetry is very alien in the larger culture."

was brought very strongly to the fore by a poet, whom I write about in *Poet's Choice*, named Shahid Ali. Shahid edited a book — *Ravishing Disunities* — of *ghazals*. It's a very rigorous form — very common in the Arab world. Because of the number of repetitions in the form, I haven't been able to do anything with it to my satisfaction; though, God knows, I've tried."

"Poetry seems to be increasingly popular. Does it surprise you, given the country we are?"

"The culture has such a short attention span. And it is a celebrity-driven culture, so it does seem very ill disposed toward

serious art. At the same time, it's not surprising, then, that a significant number of people are seeking something more significant, deeper, and more meaningful and that these people are turning to art, in general, and to poetry, in particular.

"On the one hand, poetry is very alien in the larger culture. On the other, people are really trying to make some kind of meaning out of their lives. Some people, at least, are finding that mass culture can't supply all their needs. And so they are turning to other forms of communication, and poetry is one of them."

— Jerry Miller

Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have

been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and

fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found

at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from

Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

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

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“An American Salute” promised when San Diego Symphony Summer Pops season gets underway with concerts Friday–Sunday, June 30–July 2. Matthew Garbutt leads symphony in pieces by Sousa, Copland, Rodgers. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$16–\$70, available by calling 619-235-0804. (BALBOA PARK)

The Early German Baroque in music by composers working in northern Germany around 1600 explored by Pacific Camerata in concert, Saturday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Pieces by Schütz, Schein, Buxtehude, Praetorius. Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 seniors, students. 619-527-4457. (MIDDLETOWN)

Chinese-Austrian Pianist Rueibin Chen in concert, Saturday, July 1, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$28–\$75. 858-388-2518. (LA JOLLA)

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

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ganist Robert Plimpton and mezzo-soprano Patricia McAfee perform for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Listen up for tunes by Ives, Sousa, Kern. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

Three-Dimensional Wall Sculptures created from foam core by Denise Brook and paintings by Karen O’Brien are on view through Sunday, July 2, at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Artist talk and reception: Friday, June 30, 7 p.m. 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

Classically Trained Artist Thomas Stiltz appears to sign and “dedicate purchased artwork,” Saturday, July 1, 5 p.m., at Chuck Jones Studio Gallery of Old Town (2501 San Diego Avenue). 619-294-9880. (OLD TOWN)

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 “Ju-

dit 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 “ACarnavall!” in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 3. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

“Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents” may be seen through March 2007. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly,” includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo

Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana” documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores “subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world.” Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 17.

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Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana” documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores “subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world.” Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Concurrently, see “Today’s Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair.” Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in

Middle East. Both close on Sunday, September 17.

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

San Diego Museum of Art, 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 Briggles. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

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"I am here to say there is no love."

Harry Kondoleon and Christopher Durang wrote about dysfunction long before it became fashionable. And in many ways the hordes of warped comedies produced since feel like footnotes to Durang and to the gifted playwright who died of AIDS in 1994, aged 39.

Christmas on Mars is pure Kondoleon: some ties bind with concertina wire.

A New York apartment's become available. Bruno and pregnant Audrey want it. Both are broke and need her estranged mother, Ingrid, to sign the lease and pay the rent. Enter Nissim, Bruno's gay roommate with minus-self-esteem. Though his name is Hebrew for "miracles," his life's been anything but. He wants to move in; so does Ingrid, who abandoned Audrey as an infant. When she hears a child's in the offing, Ingrid sees a window for redemption.

Nick Fouch, on a scenic design roll in San Diego, suggests the story's complications on the bare Cassius Carter Stage. The dull, rose-pink apartment — surrounded by a moat of detritus — is empty. But traces of its former inhabitants linger on the hardwood floor. Like footprints, beige rectangles and an elongated oval show where bookcases stood by the walls, and chairs and a throw rug close to the heater. The apartment has a history that no scrubbing, apparently, can gloss over. So does the quartet eager to rent it: each brings emotional furniture that may cramp the space.

As the play unfolds, hope and despair do a

snake dance. Surely, you want to say, all four could coexist in the apartment. It's big enough, and bonds do form. Maybe each could bring something special to the child, and each other: the whole, like the characters in Philip K. Dick's *Clans of the Alphane Moon*, becoming greater than its parts. But look closer, another part of you says: Bruno's a bug-eyed narcissist who never met a mirror he didn't

adore; Audrey's an emotional black hole ("I am here to say there is no love"); Ingrid wouldn't know a boundary if she slammed into one; and Nissim, whose parents "knifed each other," is need personified.

So no chance. But then they'll be alone. And none demonstrates the slightest aptitude for *that*.

Beneath his absurdist, unsweetened veneer, Kondoleon honors each character's point of view. When one speaks, you understand that person, maybe even empathize. When others speak about him or her, they become goofy as all get out. One point of view's "Christmas"; another, pure "Mars."

The Old Globe production suffers from an antsy, sometimes forced, physicality. Actors stretch, and double over, and roll on the floor, as if the script were a foreign language needing visual translation. And Angela Calin's costumes opt for the cartoonish, especially in Act Two: Nissim and Audrey, pregnant enough for quadruplets, dress like elves.

But what Kondoleon's menagerie says is bizarre enough. And the actors work best when their characters try to explain themselves. For

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Jack Ferver, Colette Kilroy in *Christmas on Mars*

Christmas on Mars, by Harry Kondoleon

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Kirsten Brandt, cast: Jack Ferver, David Furr, Colette Kilroy, Sarah Grace Wilson; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Angela Calin; lighting, David Lee Cuthbert; sound, Paul Peterson

Playing through July 9; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

Not I and Krapp's Last Tape, by Samuel Beckett

Ion Theatre, New World Theatre, 917 Ninth Avenue (across from the City Library), downtown

Directed by Glenn Paris; cast: Claudio Raygoza, Coleste Martinez; scenic design, Raygoza; costumes, Jeannie Galieto; lighting, Andy Cameron; sound, Rachel Levine

Playing through July 9; *Not I and Krapp's Last Tape* run in repertory with *The Chairs* by Ionesco. For days and times of each, call 619-374-6894.

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Krapp's Last Tape

David Furr's peppy Bruno, Sarah Grace Wilson's cold Audrey, Colette Kilroy's daffy Ingrid, and Jack Ferver's near-(and sometimes over-) -the-top Nissim, trying to sum up who they are becomes an exercise in subtraction.

Claudio Raygoza's Ion Theatre has a brand-new, richly deserved space — New World Stage — on Ninth, half a block south of Broadway. The one-story structure has a lobby; raked, comfortable seats; good sightlines; and a fairly deep stage with some elevation. Raygoza's inaugurating his new home with Samuel Beckett's

Not I and *Krapp's Last Tape*, running in repertory with Ionesco's *The Chairs*. One can imagine much easier works for a shakedown cruise, but not Raygoza. His *Endgame* in 2003 was the best staging of Beckett I've seen in San Diego since Alan Schneider directed at UCSD two decades ago. The current production validates Raygoza as San Diego's foremost interpreter of Beckett.

Not I pinpoints a mouth, talking nonstop. Across the way stands an "Auditor," who gestures on occasion but doesn't speak. Neither is a "character" in any conventional sense; nor do they signify anything famil-

iar. The temptation is to connect this non-landscape with common ground. So it could be a confessional (Ion makes the "Auditor" a 12-foot monk or abbeys)?

Beckett was aggressively Other. "No symbols," he wrote, "where none intended." What you see is just a disembodied mouth, talking at a Morse code clip, saying uncontrollable things about how it became this way, and a mute listener. You can almost hear Beckett shouting from his grave, stern as Hamlet's father's ghost, "That's all there is, folks; deal with it!"

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I demands both, and New World passes the exam. Beckett, who loathed even slight deviations from his scripts, might object to the voice on video, rather than live, but he would appreciate the piece's somber look and how it honors his verbal spillway that holds puzzled spectators hostage: "she who but a moment before... but a moment!... could not make a sound...no sound of any kind...now can't stop...-imagine!"

Compared to *Not I*, which has no theatrical referents, *Krapp's Last Tape* feels almost like plain old realism. But it isn't. A 69-year-old man celebrates his birthday by eating a banana, slurping from an off-stage whiskey bottle, and performing an annual event: he makes a year-in-review tape and listens to previous recordings of a life of dreams deferred. But Krapp does these movements, and repeats them, in hyper-slow motion. And his crusty tone of voice links him with Beckett, who said, "I had little talent for happiness."

But, and here's where the play almost turns itself inside-out, Krapp may have a talent for unhappiness. The 69-year-old pounces on every hope in previous tapes, sneers at former selves: as when, at 39, he

abandoned a lover for writing, then failed at it. He also senses that his current tape may be his last ("Death is standing behind him," Beckett said).

Gray-haired, dirt- or ink-smudged face and hands, Raygoza's Krapp looks like an ancient newspaper printer. Under a solitary overhead lamp, he sits on the wrong side of a desk — the drawers face the audience — and moves ritualistically out of sheer habit, minus the original content. When Krapp speaks, Raygoza gives him a wry Irish accent both bitter and strangely triumphant. It's easy to see Krapp as another of Beckett's forlorn existents facing the demise of a bankrupt life. And Raygoza suggests that possibility. But, in a complex, arresting performance, the actor also suggests that Krapp, *really* enjoying that banana and making several slow trips for more whiskey, might also be having — on his terms at least — a pretty good day. ■

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Amadeus

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 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 23; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Awaiting Judgement

Common Ground Theatre presents a staged reading of Art Cribb's drama: in a prison cell, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dietrich Bonhoeffer discuss theology and debate

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The Chairs

Ion Theatre premieres its new space with Eugene Ionesco's absurdist drama. Claudio Raygoza directed. ION THEATRE, NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 9. *THE CHAIRS* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *KRAPP'S LAST TAPE* AND *NOT I*. FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-374-6894.

Chiang Kai Chek

Anyone expecting a biographical look at Mao Zedong's Christian arch-enemy should steer clear of Sledgehammer's poetic multimedia piece. Also anyone expecting a major work by Charles Mee, one of America's few major playwrights. *Chiang Kai Chek* is minor Mee, a 12-page, glancing meditation on power and violence stretched by director Scott Feldsher to 90 minutes of Noh-slow movements and long, aggravating gaps: home movies of children swimming; at least two minutes of screams and blinding lights; the central figure building pyramids of cards, forever, it sometimes feels (will he EVER run through those

decks?). A series of monologues that move from exquisite things to forms of torture described in cold detail, *Chiang* is something more to see, when arresting images finally coalesce, and hear — especially Tim Root's eerie music, performed on guitars and a red balloon — than ponder (Mee deftly blurs the transition from freedom to fascist state control, but other than that the script's easy to get ahead of). Individual elements are often quite strong: Markee Rambo-Hood sings impressively in various voices and languages; gifted Ericka Moore sways with grace; in whiteface with red warpaint across his cheeks, John Polak's an undeniable presence whose often smug, distant readings give descriptions a needed sting. And Christopher Hall lights Nick Fouch's set (three playing spaces, like piers on pylons) with Sledgehammer bravura.

Worth a try.

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Christmas on Mars

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Fall

Diversionsary and Moxie Theatres present Bridgit Carpenter's comedy about a rebellious 14-year-old "navigating the muddled waters of adolescence, relationships," and swing-dance camp. Jennifer Eve Thorn directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, JULY 1, THROUGH JULY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 5) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Fully Committed

Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Jean-Paul Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Nah. Hell is other people demanding all-vegan cuisine for 15 at a 7:30 p.m. seating, while five other callers blink on hold. Cygnet Theatre is reprising David McBean's Noel Award-winning performance. He plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people. A logistics boggle? It's the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean must change characters as fast as he can say "hold, please." He's so terrific, however, logistics disappear into Sam's frantic, behind-the-scenes world. Sam, it turns out, is an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of personal entitlement" — just what every irate caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with flying colors. Throughout, the audience's "oh yeah's" and "that's right's" punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or taken reservations

(a friend of mine, who books for a local hotel, refers to the public, off the record, as "the beast") will empathize with *Fully Committed*. And, given McBean's special performance, so should everyone else. *Critic's pick.*

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Hannah and Martin

Martin Heidegger, the archromantic exponent of *Dasein* ("being there, in the world"), loathed dualism and believed in the authentic unified person. Although Jacques Derrida called him the "last humanist," Heidegger was also aligned with Hitler and the Nazis. Like Wagner's music, Heidegger's nostalgic yearnings for a lost wholeness dovetailed into *Mein Kampf* idiocy. He didn't murder, but his silence constituted tacit approval of atrocities. Kate Fodor's intriguing, unevenly written drama (much of which comes from Catherine Clement's novel *Martin and Hannah*), traces his relationship with the political theorist

Hannah Arendt, his student, lover, and, later, detractor/defender. As if their relations weren't complicated enough, Arendt was also a Jew, which, you'd think, would ship Heidegger beyond any thought of forgiveness. One could cut 25 minutes from the text, and *Hannah* loses focus in the big confrontation scene. Nonetheless it's refreshing to see a big drama that explores urgent themes and moral issues in an age that prefers the microscopic examination of trivia. Director Francine Chemnick has made a noble effort to pace and deepen the play's collage-like demands and often stilted dialogue. And though some pseudo-German accents blur the sense of the words, performances by Christina Barsi, as the intellectually/emotionally torn Hannah, and especially Stanley Madruga (richly detailed; maybe his best work ever!) as Heidegger propel the evening through a Scylla and Charybdis of potential snares. *Worth a try.*

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Reviewed this issue. ION THEATRE, NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 9. NOTE: *KRAPP'S LAST TAPE* AND *NOT I* RUN IN REPERTORY WITH *THE CHAIRS*. FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-374-6894.

Mother Courage

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Bertolt Brecht's theatrical parable about life, war, and loyalty. Lisa Peterson directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, 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 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

The Mousetrap

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “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.



The Mousetrap

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San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show” — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.”

Worth a try.

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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 members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith's interactive “race-track romp.” It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Zhivago

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

Worth a try.

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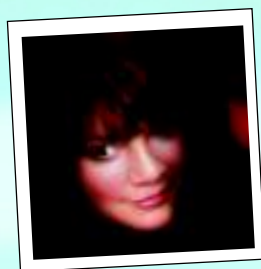


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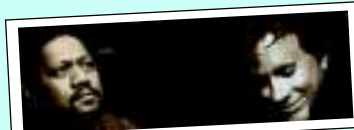
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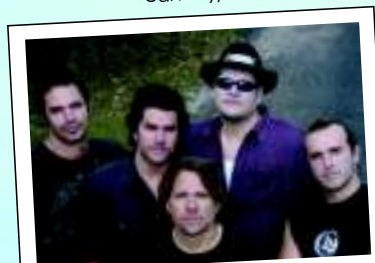
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Thursday, August 24 • 7:00

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Mayhem at Every Show “He looked like a Tijuana skinhead,” says Allen Camp, the soundman who worked June 18’s all-day show

the Jakked Rabbits. The beating occurred shortly after 9 p.m., when the last band, U.S. Bombs, was onstage.

“The U.S. Bombs weren’t being cooperative at all,” says Camp. “We told them to quit playing, that we had to get the crowd out of the building, but they wouldn’t quit.... [Security was] nowhere to be

of those porcelain china dolls in the lobby.... It’s just way too much of a liability. I’ll still do shows, just not any underground punk.... There is mayhem at every show. And it’s not that bad in other cities. People in San Diego just don’t get it. I heard rumors that some bands skip San Diego entirely.”

Other punk shows put on by Carter have included one at Bregle Terrace Park in Vista (“The cops came with mace” after reports of vandalism) and at the now-closed Hindquarter restaurant.

“The owner [of the Hindquarter] said to me, ‘No more punk shows.’ Then, the next promoter came in and the same thing happened to him. The bathrooms were destroyed again; there were more holes in the wall.”

About the victim of the recent attack, Carter says he was helped by his friends. “It looked like part of his head was split open. Police were called to the scene, but no arrests were made.”

— Ken Leighton

Big Government by the Sea

Hank Williams III’s recent obscenity-laced appearance at the Fiesta del Sol was a topic of discussion at the June 14 Solana Beach City Council meeting. Although no action was taken, some councilmembers suggested that the city should not allow the event to be held next year.

At the council meeting, Fiesta chairman Dan

Herzberg said he had been assured by Williams’s agent that Williams’s hour-long show would be family-friendly. But Williams repeatedly said “fuck” over



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COMMON SENSE SAYS NO TO DRUG REFERENCES

the P.A. One city councilman said he could hear the obscenities at his home, six blocks away. Another Solana Beach councilman commented on a couple of other bands that performed at the weekend-long event.

“The San Dieguito Alliance for Drug-Free Youth said, ‘Don’t focus on Hank III,’ ” said councilman Dave Roberts. “The San Dieguito Alliance said look at other groups. Common Sense [and] Stone Senses, these are drug groups. They have drug references in the music.”

Common Sense lead singer Nick Hernandez responds, “There is not one drug reference in any of our songs on any of our [five] CDs.” Ford Motor Company sponsors Common Sense and helped finance their last album. Hernandez believes Roberts’s assertion could impact the band’s relationship with Ford and other potential sponsors.

Stone Senses sax player Mike Flanagan says, “We have one full-length CD and one five-song EP, and we’ve never had any drug references in any of our lyrics.”

How did Councilman Roberts formulate his “drug group” charge?

“I talked to a number of people. That’s what one parent told me who was screaming at me.” When told that the bands said they have no drug references in their songs, Roberts said, “That’s great to hear. If I was wrong, I will publicly admit it.... I am not a musical person.”

At a previous Solana Beach City Council meeting, Roberts asked if there was anything the city could do to keep Showtime’s *Weeds* series off Solana Beach TV sets. (The comedy series is about a single mom who sells pot to support her family.)

— Ken Leighton

Ken Leighton is Fiesta del Sol’s talent coordinator.

Disneyland amidst Wildflowers and Border Patrol

Promoters of the TeleMagica Art and Music Festival (held in Jacumba June 16–18) say, “The highlight of the event was ‘The Return of the Buffalo’ opera spectacle: a Scottish kilt-dressed narrator followed by children twirling light sticks as the giant buffalo effigy rose out of the darkness with blazing eyes illuminating the crowd just as the narrator announced, ‘We have returned and we will come

again next year!’ ”

Though promoters anticipated around 1500 attendees, they say “about 600 people including bands and vendors” showed. (Some patrons estimate the total at 200.) Marketed as “a perceptual Disneyland created amidst the boulders and wildflowers,” the festival featured drum circles, art exhibits, vegan food vendors, and around 20 bands and DJs (including 7 San Diego acts).

“The main stage was only about six inches [high] off the dirt and 15 feet wide, with a really old PA and maybe three lighting poles,” says one local player who performed. “It was 110 degrees, with bloodsucking bugs the size of Volkswagens, and there were tons of cops and Border Patrol guys everywhere, especially at the campsites where [police and security guards] were confiscating liquor but leaving potheads alone.... All the kids were tripping on acid or E.”

Zindu drummer Salvatore Folisi says, “We played our set



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the inside track

at Heartland Masonic Lodge in El Cajon. Camp describes the primary assailant who led the charge to beat a patron.

found. We had to become the security.”

Promoter Willie Carter says he’d hired security until 9



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GUTTER-PUNKED: CARTER AND CAMP

“There were three or four guys who jumped a guy, punched him, knocked him down, and started kicking him.”

Camp estimates 300 people paid \$12 to see U.S. Bombs, the Ignorant, Orange, Born to Lose, Media Blitz, Tim Raldo and the Filthy Fucks, Dreaded Solution, and

p.m., when the show was supposed to end. Though Carter has presented about 15 shows at Heartland Masonic Lodge, he won’t host any more of what he calls “gutter punk” bands in San Diego.

“[At the Masonic Lodge,] someone smashed the mirror in the girls’ bathroom and one

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day.... It was so hot out there, I felt kinda like TeleMagica was a modern version of the Native American sundance ritual, where you sweat your prayers and purify your soul and body through release and surrender to the heat." He confirms the event's high

reservations whatsoever that we never put out a shitty record, and we never sold out to The Man." The group has been around, with various members, since 1996.

"[Money was] the biggest problem with being in this band," bassist Ashish Vyas told *Pitchforkmedia.com*. "Everyone who had a job quit before the U.S. tour in February. We didn't come home with any money, and that reality, which we were aware of at the start of the European tour, fueled our decision to stop this band."

GoGoGo's last gig was at the Casbah on May 22. Mike



GOGOGO AIRHEART QUILTS BEFORE CASH-OUT

"trip" quotient and mentions flying-saucer devotees who attempted to levitate an RV in a late-night anti-gravity demonstration (they failed).

"I saw some chick in a towel flashing her friends," reports Zindu saxophonist Jeffrey T. Sooy. "And one of the exhibits had Styrofoam art. I thought, 'Isn't this supposed to be an eco-friendly festival?'"

Zindu appears July 1 at the Casbah.

— Jay Allen Sanford

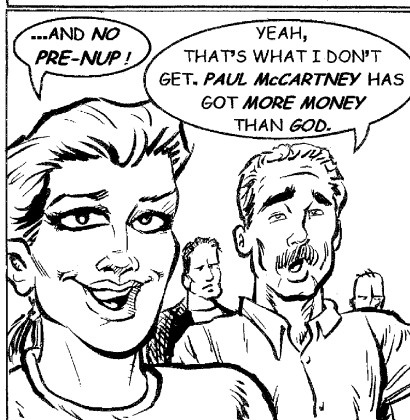
GoGoGo to Work "Yes, it is true, we have broken up," says GoGoGo Airheart drummer Andy Robillard on the band's MySpace blog. "At least I can say without any

Vermillion has moved to Long Beach to play guitar with area bands, while guitarist Ben White has relocated to L.A. to DJ at the Echo on Sunset Boulevard. Robillard still plays drums here, and Vyas will spend the summer touring with the Thievery Corporation, which appears at 4th & B on July 21. There are no plans to issue unreleased tracks recorded in 2003 with John Reis.

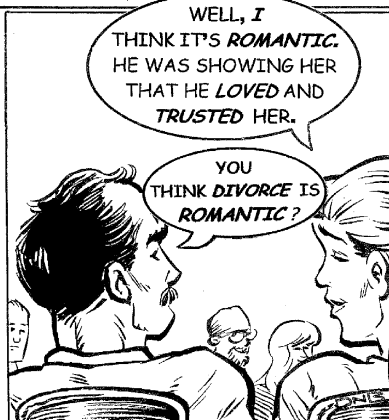
— Jay Allen Sanford

Hip-Hop Is Worse "I just got a bill for \$8000, and that was just for the orthopedic surgeon," says Ben Labrake. "I haven't even received the hospital bill." Labrake attended the June 2 Battalion

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of Saints and Dirtbag show at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos.

"We were leaving and there was a commotion on the patio. People were jumping over the railing and throwing chairs in the parking lot. We started walking back to see what was going on. People started running out the front door. It seemed like there was a fight. This big guy — over 240 pounds — took a dive right onto my leg. He snapped it on impact." Both the tibia and fibula broke. "They cut my leg open and put a titanium rod in from my knee to the ankle. I stayed in the hospital three days."

Labrake, 22, says someone from the Jumping Turtle told him "chances were slim" that the venue's insurance would cover his medical costs because the incident occurred outside the bar.

"I didn't witness it, but I heard he was trying to break up a fight," says Sulo King, promoter of the show. "I believe it is security's responsibility to break up a fight."

Jumping Turtle owner Matt Hall says his bar is "fully

covered" with insurance but that it doesn't apply to Labrake. "He got involved in a fight, and he hurt himself in the fight," says Hall, who notes that no claim has been submitted by Labrake.

With such potential liability, does Hall consider the type of bands he allows to



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LABRAKE GETS BUSTED UP

play his club?

"We turn down a lot of punk shows. We don't want the 'oi' crowd. We don't want any part of that.... We screen the crowd to the best of our ability, but fights do happen,

yeah. There is only so much live music available out there. What's left, hip-hop? That's worse."

In other San Marcos club news, Sgt. Tom Bulow of the Santee Sheriff's Station says "running gun battles" between cars on Highway 78 have been linked to Thursday "Urban Night" events at Club Tropics. San Marcos city manager Rick Gittings says the nightspot's liquor license is at risk.

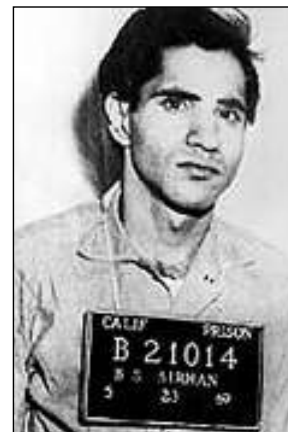
The Longshot Saloon, another San Marcos bar, was recently forbidden to host live music. Three weeks ago, the City of San Marcos suspended the Longshot's entertainment license after an after-hours shooting occurred outside the bar. A hearing to determine the future of the Longshot is set for July 28.

A fundraiser to cover Labrake's medical bills will be held at the Jumping Turtle on July 23.

— Ken Leighton

Shock Rock! "We get occasional audience members who give us a hard time over it," says bassist Mike Johnston, whose band Sirhan Sirhan is named after the assassin who shot and killed Robert F. Kennedy 38 years ago this month. Johnston, who works at M-Theory

Music, says, "Probably the most pissed-off person was this guy on our last tour, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was leaving the bar as we were loading in and saw our

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name and he had a fit, asking us what the hell we were thinking, having a name like that, and saying, 'You might as well call yourself Adolf Hitler.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

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The band formed in 2001 and is currently recording a CD for Rhode Island-based Empyrean Records. “Our music is sometimes heavy, sometimes gentle, but always freaked,” says Vaughan. “Lately we’ve been digging on heavier, progressive, and wyrd-folk sounds.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Richard Vaughan

1. Comus, *First Utterance* (“The most beautifully evil, psychedelic/progressive folk album ever made.”)
2. Premiata Forneria Marconi, *Storia di un Minuto* (“Italian prog...epic songs with soaring Mellotrons and Moogs galore.”)
3. The Flower Traveling Band, *Made in Japan* (“Japanese heavies with the darkest hooks.”)
4. Kevin Ayers, *Joy of a Toy* (“The blond guy from Soft Machine — sounds like Nick Drake meets Syd Barrett.”)
5. DOM, *Edge of Time* (“A simply amazing Krautrock, space-folk masterpiece.”)

Stuart Sclater

1. Freedom’s Children, *Astra* (“Hear it for yourself.”)
2. Quella Vecchia Locanda, self-titled
3. Caravan, self-titled

Conor Riley

1. 2001: A Space Odyssey, soundtrack (“A beautiful epic.”)
2. Aphrodite’s Child, 666 (“Ethnic psych-rock sung in broken

English.”)

3. Whitney Houston, *Just Whitney* (“What can I say, it’s Whitney.”)

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Richard

1. *Zardoz* (“A postapocalyptic sci-fi film starring Sean Connery in a red diaper...one of the most psychedelic movies I’ve ever seen.”)
2. *Zoolander* (“There’s nothing more funny than watching male models explode in a gasoline fight montage to the tune of ‘Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go.’”)
3. *The Wicker Man* (“Paganism vs. Christianity, with a brilliant creepy-folk soundtrack.”)
4. *Evil Dead II* (“Work shed. That’s all I have to say.”)

Conor

1. *Shock ’em Dead* (“This movie represents everything I am about and live for.”)
2. *Threads* (“Gives good insight into the future of the Earth.”)
3. *Dragonhead* (“Same as *Threads*.”)
4. *Xanadu* (“Sometimes, when I’m alone, I like to pretend I am in this movie.”)



Conor, Richard, Stuart, David

FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

Richard “The one where there is a human-looking Martian hiding out in a diner from the police [“Will the Real Martian Please Stand Up?”]. When all of the humans finally leave, the Martian brags to the cook about his species’ plans to invade Earth. However, the cook then reveals that he is in fact from Venus and his species has intercepted the Martian fleet.”

Conor “The episode where a lady is living on Earth and it’s heading towards the sun [“The Midnight Sun”]. It turns out to be a dream, and when she wakes up, the earth is moving farther away from the sun.”

MONTY PYTHON OR KIDS IN THE HALL?

Richard “Monty Python, although I always preferred *The Benny Hill Show*. He was such a funny and loveable little pervert, and ‘Yakety Sax’ is the

best TV theme song ever.”

Stuart “Monty Python. Are you kidding?”

Conor “Monty Python. Although I grew up watching the Kids every day, nothing can beat *Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life*.”

WORST GIG?

Richard “When we played Scolari’s Office, and Conor had to stop our set to go to the bathroom. He said he had to piss, but I definitely caught a whiff of something when he came back. I think he ate some bad shellfish.”

Conor “An art show in Orange County where everyone in the audience was 5 to 12 years old.”

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Counting Crows and the **Goo Goo Dolls:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

FRIDAY

America and **Richie Furay:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

SATURDAY

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

SUNDAY

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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.

MONDAY

Carrie Underwood: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Pat Green: 4th & B, Monday, July 3, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

TUESDAY

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 4, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

WEDNESDAY

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.

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

JULY

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Vans Warped Tour" with **NOFX**, **Saves the Day**, **Anti-Flag**, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 6, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pearl Jam and **Sonic Youth:** Cox Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Teena Marie: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, July 7, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Brand New: House of Blues, Friday, July 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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"Ozzfest": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Sunday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Hapa Barefoot Natives: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Eddie Money: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Roy Book Binder: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, July 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ray Davies: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, July 15, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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 **Marc 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 Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

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Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena,
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Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey’s
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20,
2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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,
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The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B,
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Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre,
Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment
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The Fray: House of Blues, Saturday,
July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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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,
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Robin Trower: 4th & B, Monday, July
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Steely Dan: Bayside Concerts at the
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Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Duncan Sheik: Belly Up Tavern,
Monday, July 24, 143 South Cedros
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The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27,
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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-
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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.

The Game: 4th & B, Saturday, July 29,
345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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,
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AUGUST

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
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Lester Bangs was a rock critic who made his name in part by equaling the excesses of acts like Iggy Pop and the Velvet Underground. Intelligent to an extreme and a committed dooper to boot, Bangs chronicled the first wave of garage bands to take root in New York and Detroit. In time, Bangs’s prose became as much a part of that heavy scene as the music. Were he alive today, would he have liked **Thee Emergency**, a power-pop outfit that the Seattle press singled out this year as one of the ten best local bands to watch? I believe Bangs would have flogged them one week and then praised them the next. He was like that.

Bangs would have noted that Thee Emergency’s sets are fests of wild energy

(another Seattle critic called them “junior devils on a weekend pass from hell”) fronted by a chick with a sexy voice. That Thee Emergency’s musical DNA clearly contains fragments of the Stooges (guitarist **Sonic Smith** sings just like Ron Asheton) and the MC5 would not have escaped Bangs either. Thee Emergency are imitators of the ’60s, skilled in the use of the wide-open power chord, but as mentally unencumbered as Lenny Kravitz. Bangs would have panned them for that. He would have said that their silver bubble of fame would soon burst because they are derivative.

But good rock is good rock, and besides, this is what it’s all come down to. Today’s generation of garage rockers worship their heroes just as much as Bangs did. Career advice? Lester might have told them to cover Iggy’s “I Wanna Be Your Dog”



THEE EMERGENCY

or “Search and Destroy.” Many have over the years. But unlike the Stooges, the Dolls, Television, etc., Thee Emergency might eventually answer the question: Can there be great rock without major drug abuse?

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Sean Hannity, Hank Williams Jr.,
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The Rippingtons: Humphrey’s
Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August
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Julio Iglesias: Viejas Casino Concerts
in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005
Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Foreigner: Humphrey’s Concerts by
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Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey’s
Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6,
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Ramblin’ Jack Elliott:
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6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal
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Ian Anderson: Humphrey’s Concerts
by the Bay, Monday, August 7, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Randy Newman: Humphrey’s
Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August

9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
Island.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra:
Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay,
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Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, August 10, 143 South
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Yolanda Adams: Humphrey’s
Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11,
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Creedence Clearwater Revisited:
Viejas 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,
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Death Cab for Cutie: Bayside
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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: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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 Drive, Shelter Island.

Michael Franks: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 21, 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.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: 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: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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. 619-671-3600.

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

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Friday, September 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Saturday, September 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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, Thursday, September 7, 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.

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. 619-671-3600.

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.

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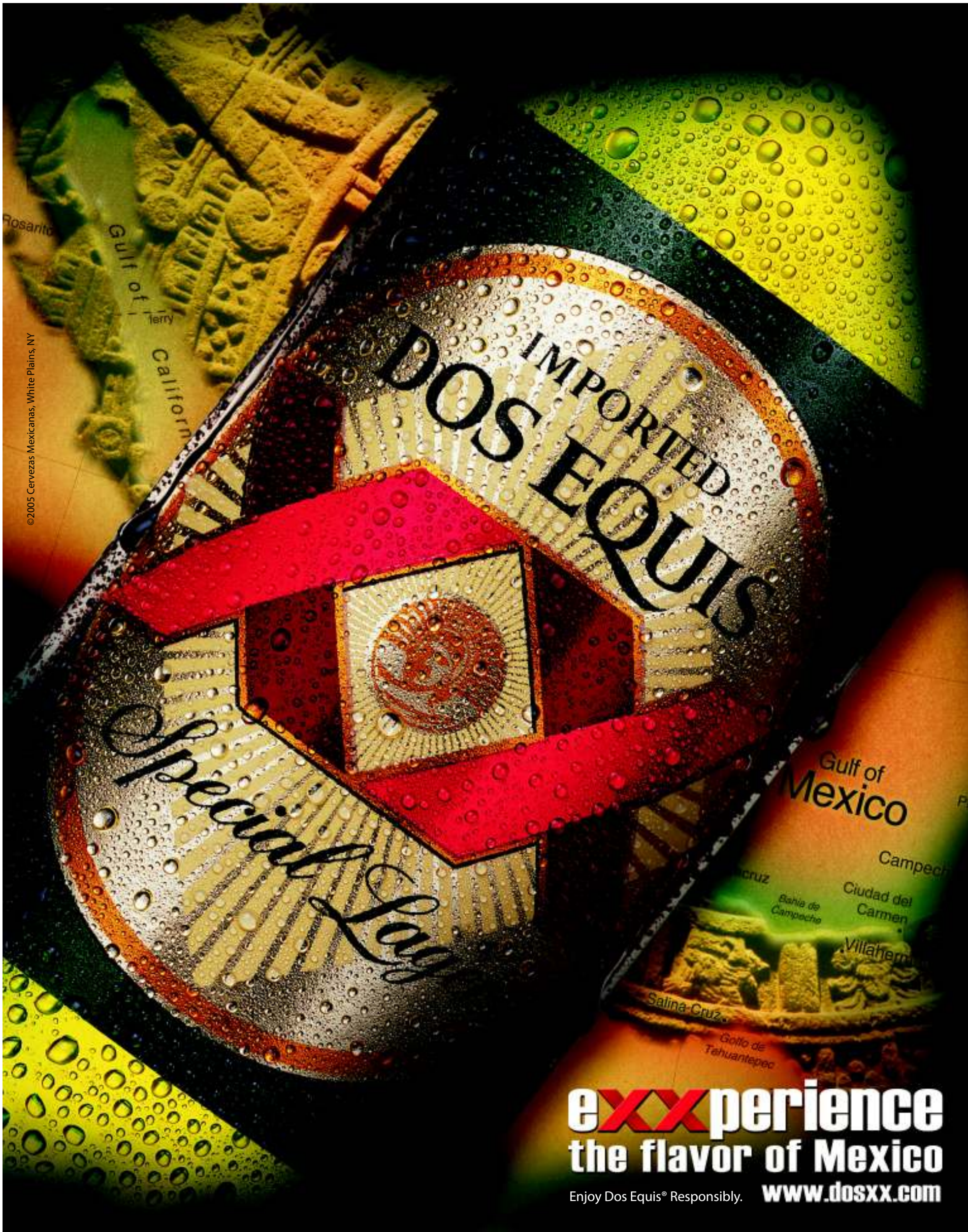


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Bonnie Raitt and Keb' Mo': Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, September 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dwight Yoakam: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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. 858-481-8140.

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.

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: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I listened to the **Rentals'** first album the other day, smiled at its squiggly, self-consciously early-'80s-reminiscent keyboards, and suddenly got nostalgic for the '90s. The new-wave revival album, confusingly titled *The Return of the Rentals*, was released in 1995 during some downtime in the career of Rentals leader **Matt Sharp's** other band, Weezer. Yes, Weezer has been around that long. More to the point, the '80s revival has been around that long.

Marx said that history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. But pop-culture revivals usually begin with the farce. Back in the mid-'90s, Sharp got together with Petra and Rachel Haden and some other L.A-

scenester friends and called themselves the Rentals. They pulled out an old Moog Source keyboard and played some goofy arpeggios in catchy songs, and it made them laugh. At the time, alternative rock was full of bellowing grunge bands, each claiming to be more miserable than the last. The Rentals thought it was good to laugh again. Other people thought so too, and the Rentals had a hit with the silly song "Friends of P." Eventually, Sharp decided he was having such a good time that he left Weezer altogether. But the Rentals released only one more album, 1999's *Seven More Minutes*.

Since then, Sharp has been expanding his Rolodex a little more, working with Tegan & Sara, among others. He performed solo for a while but decided recently to



RENTALS

announce the return of the Rentals, again. And so, in a sea of new bands aping the darker sounds of '80s post-punk, the Rentals bring us the cheerier revival of the new-wave revival.

RENTALS, Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, July 2, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$15.

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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, middleton, 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.

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Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of
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Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups,
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2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th
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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
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Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum
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Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc
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Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue,
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Mashed-Up Wednesdays:
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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 hip-
hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves.
9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas,
416 Third Avenue, downtown.
619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays,
underground hip-hop and downtempo
with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m.
to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive,
1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street,
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Moondoggies Pacific Beach:
Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop
and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco.
9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet
Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth
Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-
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Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-
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Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real,
Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of
the month, gothic, industrial, and dark
'80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom,
and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and
up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard,
Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month,
fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs
Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests.
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Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma.
619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the
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and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns,
circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to
2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge,
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Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic,
and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7,
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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay
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Transport: First and third Saturdays of
the month, Brit rock, indie, and
electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and
guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern

Street (corner of 30th and Juniper),
South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Third
Saturday of the month, house,
progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper
and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and
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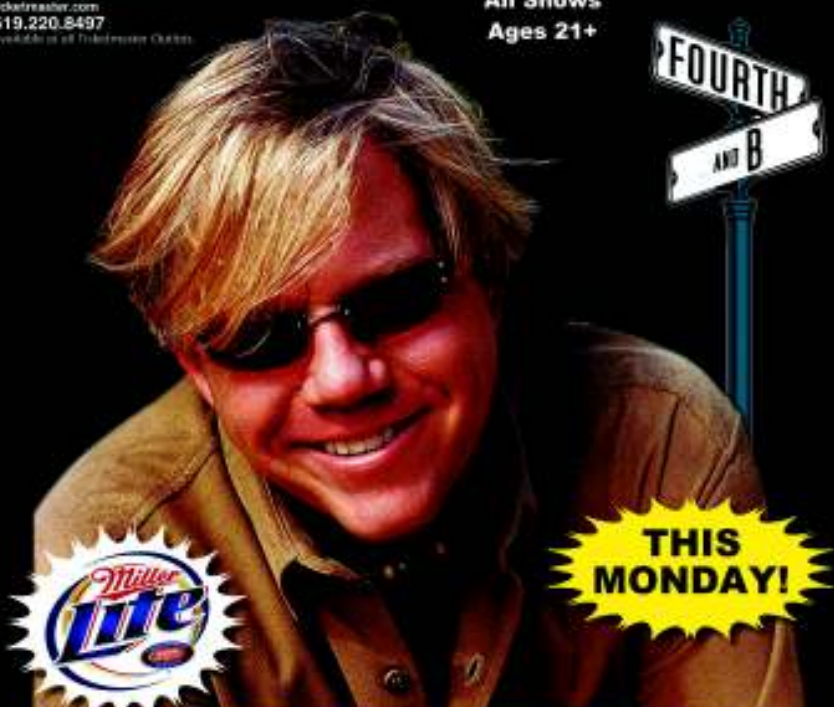
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Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Band Without a Name*, *Sanu*, and *Blue Tendryl*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Changing Names*.

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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.

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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.

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Nena Anderson*, jazz.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9312. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ten Years Late*, rock.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta*, *Gil Barron*, *James East*, and *Israel Maldonado*, Latin/smooth jazz/soul/pop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore*, *John Giulino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Sam Johnson Jazz Quartet*.

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, *Fish Out of Water*, rock Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Big Backyard*, rock. Wednesday, call club for information.

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, *the Ethereal Plane* and *Random Traveler*, alternative rock. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel*, *the Revelations*, and *Humo Verde*, reggae. Saturday, *Aphrodesia*. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Fish Out of Water*, rock/funk/reggae/hip-hop.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris & Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Six Inch Man*, *Audible Mainframe*, and *High Tide*, hip-hop/reggae/ska. Friday, *Whitestarr*, *Mickey Avalon*, *Bluespring*, and *Pacific*, classic rock/rock. Saturday, *Penny Royal*, *Blind on Bourbon*, and *Stolen*, rock/grunge. Wednesday, *Runaway Phoenix*.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., *Sariah Storm*, electronic music.

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. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the Alliance*. Saturday, *Imperil* and *Unite & Concur*.

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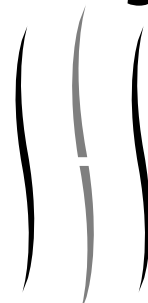
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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80's*. Friday, *DJ's Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes*, dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, *the Stilettoes*, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, jazz/blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday and Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Nova Menco*, Latin jazz, 9 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*. Monday, two shows, 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., *the Steely Damned*. Tuesday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues. Wednesday, *Debra Arlyn*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 *Volt*, rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Music is heavy rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Enter Telescope*, *Doomsday Device*, and *the Sess*. Friday, *Secret Apollo*, *the Republic of Letters*, *True Crime Stories*, and *Char Star*. Saturday, *Alta Voz*, *Channing Cope*, and *Fascination*.

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*.

Kung Food Express Cafe, 2949 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-7302. Sunday, noon to 2 p.m., *the 7-Minute Jazz Duo*.

Landing Strip Cafe and Bar (at Brown Field), 1425 Continental Avenue, San Diego. 619-661-6037. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Super Trax*, oldies/Latin/classic rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *the Gooses*, *Sheila Sondergard*, and *Melissa Maki*. Friday, *Bushwalla*, *Aaron Bowen*, and *Annie Bethancourt*. Saturday, *This Holiday Life* and *Trevor Davis*. Sunday, *Acoustic Underground*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Jack the Original*.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Electric Soul*, old skool/funk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *the High Rollings*, *the Northstar Session*, and *the Steve Carson Band*, rock/alternative/country rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Barbara Nesbitt*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.



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Album: *Another Ride* (2006)

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Songs: 1) Like Water 2) Fallen Down 3) More Inside 4) Guiding Star 5) Another Roll 6) Growing Up 7) It's a Shame 8) Come So Far 9) Lies 10) Confess 11) Damned 12) Gone Again 13) Another Ride

Band: Chad Farran, guitar, bass, flute, accordion, cajon, pandeiro, and other percussion instruments; Chris McGreal, guitar, bass; Jimmy Lewis, guitar; Davey Carano, guitar; Israel Maldonado, guitar solos

The first track, "Like Water," has a nice reggae beat with island drumming, but it's also complemented by a stereotypically Italian accordion and mandolin

riff. Seriously, it sounds like the Godfather visits Jamaica. I'm not usually one for fusions, but this seems to work.

The rest of the CD shapes up to be a bossa nova or samba

compilation. A jazzy flute is added on track three and comes alive with high-flying twists on a couple of songs, especially "Gone Again." All of the songs feature the squeaks and bonks of Latin music, made by obscure instruments. Farran plays a caixa, pandeiro, alfia, cavaquinho, reco reco.... Who knows what those things are? I'm guessing they're what make this record sound Brazilian.

The feel of the CD is mid-century, urban, lounge-y. The music wouldn't be out of place at art openings or chic cocktail parties, and the vocals have that dry melancholy of Jack Johnson and could play well in a surfer household. Everything on the CD is masterfully played.

I don't see Farran busting into a much larger arena. Bossa nova? Reggae? Except



Chad Farran

maybe for some weird hour devoted to them on Jazz 88, there's not much call for those types of music on local radio stations. Too bad; Farran's talent deserves recognition.

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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Nite Shift*, classic rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *X Factor*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Escape the Fate*, *Vanna*, *the New Addiction*, and *Invictus*. Friday, *the Scene Aesthetic*, *Danger:Radio*, *Anarbor*, *the Seasons Company*, *the Doodz*, and *the Paper Life*.

Sunday, *Flogging Molly*, *the Creepy Creeps*, and *the Wrecking Crew*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*. Friday, *Blue Rockit* and *Janet Hammer*, blues/jazz. Saturday, *the Farmers*, rock. Monday,

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Bianca Para* and *Billy Candler*. Saturday, *Elise Levi* and *Jordan Reimer*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., open mike.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic folk.

Cafe Cerise, 1125 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-595-0153. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Jon Garner Trio*, traditional jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Flipper*, *Battalion of Saints*, *D.P.I.*, and *Doug Sanchez*. Friday, *the Dwarves*, *End of Power*, *Wanted Dead*, and *the Wrecking Crew*. Saturday, *Zindu*, *the Spots*, *CBA*, *the Buzzkill Romantics*, and *Dreaming of Tanks*. Sunday, *Ten-Mile Drive*, *the fuusa*, and *Zevin*. Monday, *Jivewire* and *One Nation Under a Groove*. Tuesday, *the Black Heart Procession*, *Dan Sartain*, *the Glossines*, *the Carnival Barkers*, and *DJ Miss Liss*. Wednesday, *Cash'd Out*, *the Scotch Greens*, *Bartender's Bible*, and *Sultry Savage Burlesque*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock. Sunday and Monday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Monday, *Pat Green*.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Buzzbombs*, rockabilly.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *the Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Diva Soul*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, classic jazz.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas* featuring *Laura Jane* or *Z-Bop*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*. Friday, *Crossfire*. Saturday, *Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects*. Sunday, *Mojo Rising*. Monday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Tuesday, *Shelle Blues*. Wednesday, *Larry Logan*.

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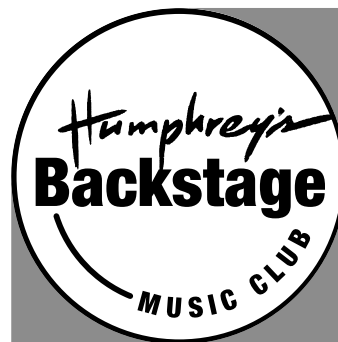
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Lei, Lady Lei

Lei Lounge has been generating a lot of buzz lately. Like last week's Confidential, it serves a summer-friendly menu of creative global tapas meant for sharing, along with a drink list of what I'd call "candy cocktails." You remember Ogden Nash's quip, "Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker." Today's hip bartenders combine the quick and the dandy into easy-drinking cocktails that appeal to the newly legal set.

Lei also serves up comfort with an underpinning of cool. In front, it's a minimalist-chic room with a faux-waterfall behind the bar, a dozen-plus barstools, and a few tables set around the room. But the real action is through the back door. On a generous-sized outdoor patio, groups of six or more cluster into thatch-roofed white-leather cabanas, each furnished with white-leather benches and a low table for grazing — plus all the mod-cons: chandeliers, fans, heaters, speakers, and flat-panel monitors showing peaceful tropical scenes. The cabanas even have filmy white curtains that theoretically can be drawn for a bit of privacy, but nobody actually does. Smaller parties sit in the center of the patio at umbrella-shaded tables decorated with pink paper-flower leis or can lounge by the fire pits on a white-leather banquette in front of a well-tended garden wall. If it's chilly, the patio is warmed by heat stanchions and flaming metal tiki torches. The mood lights and video projections come on after darkness falls: Welcome to South Beach — or is it Waikiki? — or is it just spring break in Rosarito?

Maybe it's closest to a spiffed-up version of the latter. While the crowd encompasses all ages, the majority of patrons are those whose drinking licenses are still fresh and unwrinkled. The early-comers are waiting when the restaurant opens its door. As their friends arrive and join them, the volume grows raucous with cocktail-fueled hilarity. Some of the customers also wear loud fragrances. One young woman seated at the bar sported such a quantity of some shrieking "celebrity" floral (probably Liz Taylor's White Diamonds) that her scent KO'd us all the way out on the sidewalk.

Arriving with my partner and the Lynvester, we came not to party but to eat. Lei's menu ranges from small dishes for a couple or threesome to nibble on, up to medium-large plates that can be



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noshed by a group. The kitchen sizes many of the plates to match the number of people at the table — a smart move that spares diners the dilemma of dividing a three-piece hors d'oeuvre into four portions. (You may still have to halve the pieces on the sampling plates.)

Although the menu lists 37 tapas plus nine starch side dishes, many choices offer only slight variations on a theme, e.g., coconut shrimp vs. coconut calamari, or pistachio-dusted mahimahi vs. pistachio-crusted squid. Three of Lei's main food groups are dumplings, skewers, and spring rolls — all available either solo or grouped as samplings.

"Dumplings" are actually Japanese-style fried wontons. ("You can get them steamed if you prefer," said our waiter, making a sour face. As it turns out, the chef himself prefers them steamed, like Chinese dim sum.) The flavors lean China-ward: Fillings include lobster with a good soy-ginger dip, crab with garlic-oil dip, and shrimp with a gooey Southeast Asian sweet chili sauce. We chose the sampling, with two of each filling and all three sauces. Lynne and I liked the garlic-oil best (warm

olive oil with a couple of whole roasted garlic cloves floating at the bottom of the cup), regardless of what filling it accompanied. My partner favored the soy-ginger. The shredded bulk lobster meat had little flavor, but the lobster filling was lively, seasoned with ginger and sesame oil. The shrimps were small but tasty, amended with tiny snips of chives. The crabmeat served is bland lump crab, which returned to haunt us in other dishes.

The most attractive-sounding skewer, of premium Kobe beef, was also disappointing: The ultra-thin slice of meat was cooked well-done and tough, coated with a slick of coconut sauce that added nothing. If you like Kobe, or want to find out if you do, you'd be better served by investing in the Kobe steak-frites, a grilled mini-steak that you can order rare. The chicken skewer is pounded breast coated with Indian-style curry sauce. If you order this solo (rather than in a sampling), it comes with basmati rice and sweet-pepper chutney. There's also a Thai chicken skewer with peanut sauce (that we didn't try) and an ahi tuna skewer.

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available in three flavors. Our favorite filling, Mongolian duck, is a sweet, mu-shu-like mixture of caramelized onion shreds, shiitake slivers, and julienned carrots, plus a few chunks of dryish duck confit. Alongside is a thick cherry-flavored dipping sauce. The veggie roll is stuffed with mushy cabbage and carrot shreds and is served with more of the sweet chili dip. The Philly cheesesteak roll — well, that's what it is.

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Our favorite dish fit none of the above categories. Seared sea scallops with curry cream sauce turned out to be fine-quality dayboat catch, exuding a lovely maritime aroma (an amazing bargain at \$12). They arrived with crisped surfaces and translucent centers. The Madras curry powder in the sauce was mild, warm, with plenty of saffron (and no floor sweepings from the spice warehouse). The menu says that the dish has a garnish of candied ginger. It doesn't — the chef later confessed that, with his kitchen slamming, he hasn't gotten around to making it yet.

When we ordered the pistachio-crusted calamari salad, the waiter warned us that the squid would be salty. We decided to take that chance. They proved saline, indeed, but for good reason — the salt is deployed as a distinct flavor, not a habit, complementing the nuttiness of the ground pistachios. (Surprisingly, this was the only notably salty dish we sampled.) Crisp calamari sat atop a salad of fresh spring greens and ripe little pear tomatoes moistened by a mild miso dressing that worked just right with all the other flavors.

Lobster tempura turned out to be hunks of tender but anonymous-tasting seafood dipped and fried in a delicious

batter that dominates. It tastes like half of a heavenly fish 'n' chips — so pair it with one of the great shoestring fried-potato variations (from the "Sides" section of the menu), like the Belgian *frites* with chipotle remoulade. The fries are crisp and ultra-thin, rich with potato flavor. (These are exactly what I'd hoped for at Confidential.) If you'd prefer a green accompaniment, you can also get a combo of lobster and shrimp tempura on a salad dressed with a passionfruit vinaigrette.

Shrimp and mango rolls come wrapped in chive-flecked crepes (rather than the cabbage still noted on the menu). The filling includes chewy lime-marinated shrimp mingling with mango chunks and touches of Chinese mustard and soy. The crepes were a bit thick and gluey; they needed more crisping. Undercooked, they soaked up too much liquid from the fruit and split at the seams, making it nigh impossible to transfer them from platter to plates.

Coconut shrimp were intensely sweet, nicely cooked, and came with a mango chipotle sauce, but the overall impact was so forgettable that... What was I saying? Crab empanadas had semi-crisp flour tortilla wrappers. "These aren't empanadas, they're chimichangas!" Lynne exclaimed. They're stuffed with that insipid lump crabmeat and are topped with melted Boursin (French garlic cream cheese).

The menu says they come with tomatillo *salsa verde*. This was both missing and sorely missed. Something sparky would have brightened up the bland-on-bland flavor combination.

Faced with a short and uninspiring wine list, and by a weeknight happy hour offering specialty drinks at half price, I started with a Hurricane. Katrina it was not. Made with only one type of dark rum (rather than several, in the classic style) and lots of passionfruit juice, it tasted heavier and sweeter than the authentic N'awlins rendition. I passed on a Blue Hawaii when I saw the ingredient list and discovered that it included coconut and (*gaah!*) cherry liqueur. (The true Blue Hawaii that grownups drink on the islands consists of pineapple juice, vodka or rum, blue curaçao, and a squeeze of fresh lime — nothing more, unless you count ice.) Meanwhile, my partner explored the international beer list, featuring brews from nine countries, plus Hawaii. Next round, Lynne and I both switched to pomegranate martinis, which taste something like Kir royale, bright and not too saccharine. If you're still sitting up straight at the end of the meal and you want a dessert other than crème brûlée or "dim sum donuts," the drink list can furnish that course, too. Something called a "frozen coconut" (made with ice cream and coconut-flavored booze

and served in a coconut shell) sure looked like dessert as the waiter walked by.

Most of the dishes we tried were fun and tasty but a tad predictable, less cutting-edge than they were at Confidential last week. Even so, as the meal ended, Lynne (who lives nearby) was scribbling a list of things she wanted to try again. "I'd return for those," she said. "It's a great place to hang out." Indeed, it's an absolute hoot. I'd love to come with a gang some warm summer night, snag a cabana, graze and down cheap silly drinks until we're all silly, too. That's what Lei Lounge is there for.

ABOUT LEI LOUNGE

Lei Lounge opened in late April. Its owners are brothers Bill and Michael Weiss, who also own several restaurants and nightclubs in Philadelphia as well as the popular Bourbon Street bar next door. They're partnering at Lei with Mike Mack and Michael Skueish. "San Diego being known for an outdoor climate, me and Michael Skueish had a concept for an outdoor restaurant with cabanas, sort of like a tropical getaway," says Bill Weiss. "We're here from the East Coast. We don't take the climate for granted like everybody else does. We wanted to have a South Pacific sort of feel to it." What, I asked, will they do when it pours in winter? "We'll probably have to close it when it rains. We

have a lot of umbrellas over the tables, but if we have a heavy downpour...."

The restaurant's original chef was from Philadelphia and returned there once things were rolling. Now the head chef is Philadelphia-born San Francisco transplant Guy Ferguson, who was hired in January, months before the opening. "I got into the profession because I like to be around food," he says. "I tried other things, but I keep going back to the kitchen. I love cooking for people, I love sending things out for people to enjoy. After kicking around for a number of years after high school, doing all kinds of stuff, I finally found my way into the kitchen around 1994 and decided to make the culinary field my occupation. I went to the CCA [California Culinary Academy] in San Francisco, and for the next ten years I worked at Italian and Greek restaurants there, and then at Aqua, at Huntington Hotel, and at Black Cat, one of Reed Hearon's restaurants." While living in the Bay Area, he explored the many great Asian restaurants, ranging from his favorite, the famed Slanted Door, to the various "great little holes in the wall."

Then he and his wife took off for two years in Paris so that he could attend the world-famous Cordon Bleu cooking school. "I studied pastry there, to round myself off in the field," he says. "When I got

back from Paris — one of the great things about the culinary industry is you can pretty much go wherever you want. After ten years in San Francisco, my wife and I were ready for a change. San Francisco had peaked as a place for food, and we lived right downtown in the city and it was starting to get to us. I've always loved California, and we decided on San Diego. It's just a great spot — great food, restaurants, amazing weather, just about everything you can ask for over here. You tie all those things together, it was a no-brainer... But Northern and Southern California turn out to be two different animals as far as food goes — not as many foodies here, not as much experience with eating in restaurants, with trying different ingredients. I'm still getting used to that."

Ferguson doesn't get to exercise his newly learned pastry skills much at Lei Lounge. "We're just doing some basics," he says, "crème brûlée and a sort of dim sum donut. The space is really limited in this kitchen, but we're planning on putting on some more desserts down the road. The restaurant just opened, and it's taken off so much, we're just trying to get everything together and we don't have the time yet [for fancy desserts]. We can count on a fast pace every night. But it's a great spot for being creative. The owners give me a lot of freedom, which I really appreciate." ■

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At the Nexus

"You've got to distinguish between your id and your superego."

Ah. This is the life. Kicking back at 30th, Fern, and Juniper. I'm at Rebecca's. Outside. Cawfee, \$1.50 (30-cent refills). This guy Mike Hernandez sings softly under the jacaranda tree. "Your ma said you cried in your sleep last night." Robert Plant, the Led Zeppelin guy, right?

Sun shines brutally beyond our gentle shade. Alice studies here under the pepper trees, and two guys, Peter and Philip, play chess. "Go back," says Peter. "Go back!"

"What you telling me, 'Go back?'" says Philip. "Check!"

He shoulda gone back. Three moves and it's over.

Philip gets up, takes over the guitar. Starts playing the Band song "The Weight." "I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin' 'bout half-past dead..."

Me, I'm looking across the road at a mud-colored building topped with a dome. "What is that place?" I say.

"It's a, like, French restaurant. Vagabond," Mike says. "Every day, people line up."

Huh. Fact is, it's coming up to a year since the lovely Carla broke her leg. Gotta celebrate the anniversary. Finances being what they are, can't break an arm and a leg doing it, but maybe this is worth a look. I hop across. It has a red-and-khaki-colored canopy. Dead outside, but inside — whoa! Every table is full. Beehive hum of chatter, waiters laying down new paper tablecloths over

starched white cotton ones, chinking silver...classy. Definitely not my scene...

"Welcome," says this guy with a French accent. He catches me pinching one of his menus to scrutinize.

"Just seeing if I can afford you guys," I stammer, zooming in on the magic numbers on the right. Hey. Single figures! \$6.50, \$7.50...\$12.50, tops. Long as I don't blow it on drinks, I might be able to handle this.

Jerome leads me into an Asian-looking section, a row of tables under a saying of Lao Tsu's scrawled across the wall: "Thus the sage knows without traveling. He sees without looking. He works without doing."

Uh, Ho-kay. If you say so, Lao baby. The waiter flaps a new paper topping onto my table, chunks a preserving jar filled with stainless cutlery on top. Folks must have just vacated the spot. That's how crowded it is.

I sit down between these two couples.

"But I don't know your wife yet," a woman says to this guy.

"You've got to distinguish between your id and your superego," a guy at the other table says. "You are at the nexus..."

Oh please. You can tell, this is people plucked right out of the 14th-floor corner offices of Copley Towers. They've Beamed over for the lunch hour. All the while they're munching on salad and tuna, salad and big golden shrimps loaded on

big white plates. Which reminds me. Decide quick, so you don't get blindsided.

Let's start off with the cheapest. Bunch of salads. The Vagabond house blue cheese salad with black olive croutons and pine nuts is \$6.50, a dollar more if you add slices of prosciutto ham. Caesar salad's \$6.50, with a soft-boiled egg, Parmesan, and anchovies, \$8.00 with chicken, \$8.50 with shrimp. Calamari *duo* salad has both grilled calamari and crispy garlic calamari for \$8.50. All this I can handle. Even the grilled scallops and skewered-shrimp salad comes in at \$9.50. The gent to my left has the grilled calamari salad, and it looks huge.

They have a section of panini and sandwiches. Grilled chicken panini, \$8.50, or, yeah, Kobe beef burger, also \$8.50. Half-pound patty. Dollar more with cheese.

Then, oh Lord, further down the list are things like *Assiette Française*. Get this: "The traditional French plate of charcuterie; assorted pâtés, imported sausages, cornichons (gherkins), and olives. Served with a fine selection of Imported Cheeses and a Small Vagabond House Salad." It's \$9.50.

I'm pretty much set on the burger when Emilie appears. French. And very cute. I order a coffee (\$1.75 with refills), ask her what she thinks of the burger. "The filet mignon sandwich is more interesting," she says. I check the menu. "Caribbean Filet Mignon Sandwich with Avocado," it says. "Thinly Sliced Filet Mignon Marinated in a Caribbean Dress-

ing of Olive Oil, Garlic, Honey, Ginger, Herbs and Spices. Served Grilled with Spread Avocado and Spicy Jack Cheese on Toasted Telera Roll. \$9.50."

"It's sweet," Emilie warns.

That's what sells it. While I'm waiting, a guy brings French bread and a pot of aioli. Oh man. Perfect marriage. Garlic, mayo, virgin bread. I chew cud and look around. The place yammers. People are excited to be here. You can understand it. I'm here in the Asian section, but over by the blue arches there's a Caribbean area. To the left of that, a glamorous oriental woman sits in Little Morocco, framed by a Corinthian column and glowing, pierced-metal lanterns. And out by the blacktop bar, there are poems in Spanish on the wall and a big joker-card mural. It makes you think of Argentina.

One thing I know: Carla's gonna love this. The other is that my sweet filet mignon is great. Love that honey-ginger taste coming through. But yes. I have regrets. It's still just a sandwich. I coulda had that calamari *duo* salad, or *Assiette Française*. Charcuterie! Those cheeses! Or, Lord, the *moules frites* — black mussels steamed in wine and cream, and *pommes frites* — except that that one's \$12.50.

In the end I'm glad I held the line. My bill comes to \$12.13, coffee, tax, the lot. I prepare a last mouthful of honey-ginger beef with avo and tomato. Mmm. Carla, honey, this bite's for you. After we're through, I guarantee you're gonna cry, "Oui! Oui! Oui! Oui!" all the way home. ■

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"Some people talk a good talk, but in the end, they don't really know much."

For once, it didn't start in Europe — not exactly, anyway. Yes, Wine Smarties' Lindsay Pomeroy did spend a year teaching English in Italy; but, she says, she "didn't drink much wine. I went on some vineyard tours, but I had, for whatever reason, some allergic reaction to the wines that were poured in the region. So I avoided wine."

It started here in San Diego, after she moved here from Boston to join her sister. "The first job I had was as a wine broker — selling wine over the phone. I thought it sounded fun — drink wine all day, talk on the phone. It was a crash course in basic wine-tasting — you had to have some sort of knowledge in order to say anything about the wines."

After nine months of that, she wandered past Wine Steals in Hillcrest, became a customer, then a part-time employee, then full-time, then assistant manager. The big lesson from her time there: "People need education — there's really a thirst for it. No pun intended. Some people talk a good talk, but in the end, they don't really know much. But what I hear an insane amount of times is, 'I really like wine, but I have no idea what I'm doing.' Or, 'I don't know what I'm doing. My husband always orders the wine for me.'"

Statements like that aroused the teacher in Pomeroy — that part of the Italian experience did have some influence. If people said they liked

sweet whites, she introduced them to Moscato d'Asti. She built flights based on what they said they liked, choosing wines that were similar but not the same to their stated favorites — "not so different that they would be closed to them."

And in the beginning, business was slow enough that she could take time to not only prepare flights but discuss individual wines. But business did not stay slow, and she began to miss the in-depth discussions. Along the way, she had become a certified wine specialist through the Soci-

ety of Wine Educators, and now she was working towards becoming a certified wine educator. It occurred to her that "there's really no company devoted to educating the population about wine through events and consulting. There are individuals, but no company." Thus was born Wine Smarties, a company devoted to helping folks enjoy "thoughtful drinking." "My end goal is to have an entire country of Wine Smarties, complete with a TV show. I want the TV show. I am for sure a visionary and for sure a dreamer, but luckily, I have a good work ethic and I'm slightly relentless."

The time in Italy plays a part here, but it's more about the teaching than the wine. "I understand you need to break information down and present it in a logical way. As with ESL, there are levels. Some people may want to take just one

or two classes; some may want to come along for the whole ride." Even a basics class can quickly require division. "We can do a Basics of New World vs. Old World, a basics class on the classic varietals and what they're supposed to express, a basics of winemaking.... I want to be flexible and to gauge people's interests and cater to them. What I've found most successful is my 'Drink Smarter' series, which are the introductory wine courses."

A more experienced group might prefer something like her "Limo Bus Wine Bar Crawl." "We did Wine Steals and the Third Corner; it was part of the 'Buy Smarter' series that I do. We walk around the shop — I focused on France and Italy, because those are the scariest to new wine drinkers. I teach people who have no idea what a Vouvray is how to decipher labels. They're usually excited to discover a new wine, as long as you put it so they can relate to it."

For now, she is casting her net wide, seeing what catches. "I'm working with a couple of restaurants, helping with the wine list, doing events, training the staff. I'm working on a curriculum for industry professionals. Part of the reason I started the company is because I was sitting in this restaurant, asking simple questions of the waiter, and he didn't know anything." Too often, she says, "They haven't even had most of the wines that are listed on the menu, let alone having enough basic wine knowledge to be able to recommend something. I really, really want to help industry professionals."

She is hosting parties, together with chef Sean Magee. It's the "Unchain Your Palate" food and wine series. "I'm fun and spunky, and they really learn stuff." The food and wine pairing smart-chart offers tips on creating matches (a rich Chardonnay with a lobster risotto), contrasts (a high-acidity Champagne with the same dish),



Lindsay Pomeroy

and disasters (a fruity New World Sauvignon Blanc with same). After that, students/partygoers assess the style of four wines and then attempt to pair them with two different dishes. "If I say, 'Here's this creamy risotto and this Champagne, and they're a perfect match,' they're going to believe me. Instead, I bring the food, pour four different wines, and have them play and determine: What is the match? The contrast? The disaster? Maybe it doesn't quite match my chart, and that's interesting, and we discuss why. It's interactive, it allows them to be a part of the process, and it's really fun."

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bars, and trying to build buzz through a website — but, says Pomeroy, “I’m also liaisoning with a meeting-planning company. They have corporate clients who are looking for events. I’m trying to nestle in with a couple of hotels that book lots of corporate clients. Some sales companies — real estate companies — want to sweeten the pot. They think, ‘Hey, why don’t I send my customers to your events and help close the deal?’ I’m kind of throwing stuff everywhere; I know that something is going to click.”

And someday, after something has clicked and cities nationwide are turning out Wine Smarties, “There needs to be a TV show or a wine network. Like what the Food Network does — they’re traveling around, meeting and talking to winemakers, discussing the wines of the region, or going to wine bars or restaurants. Just kind of super-fun and interactive. I’m thinking it would be really cool if it was with a group, like a family — different generations of people involved, because that’s how the wine industry is. It’s kind of an ageless industry. Who knows where that could go?” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: “The Billy” is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). “The Cindy” is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is “The Pablo.” It’s standard but generous fare, a formula that’s kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We’re talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano #2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don’t leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. “Early bird” cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie’s by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker’s, you can still get great fish’n’chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica’s Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers

which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don’t miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there’s live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Kim’s Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere “pho joint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of “ground shrimp on sugar cane” so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and “Star of the Sea” curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

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Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic nonfusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg

custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W.* (5/05)

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Loma Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Loma Santa Fe Drive (one block east

of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseke* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.* (5/05)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during rac-

ing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D.* (5/05)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for exmple, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (6/04)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic

menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/05)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent *crème brûlée*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.* (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (7/04)

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B.* (10/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of

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sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.* (8/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avo-

cado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D.* (10/05)

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/06)

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate.

The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited; a reservation is recommended. Open daily for dinner, call first about weekend lunch. Moderately priced. — *S.M.* (2/04)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers,

lumpia "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table

if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gae-jang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (8/99)

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Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many

featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream “something for everyone” choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki “plate lunch.” Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito

with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hang-out. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients

from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or potato-crustéd Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but “charming”? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food

(surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner

six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *saji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *saji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the

spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily, until 2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

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Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or

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Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Couleur Cafe 7820 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-697-0036. Couleur has gone "raw." The Living Room-comfy café, with couches and classy swirly cane chairs, always had interesting big sandwiches, but now raw is the rage. Walnut burgers, "seafood" cucumber salads, hazelnut-and-raisin breakfast cereal with bananas, macadamia, and Brazil nut milk — all are part of the new diet of live-enzyme food. If you're not ready, four traditional sandwiches are still there (BLT, tuna, salmon, and chicken). Open 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

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Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or ba-

con. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like *linguine mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicy shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta’s Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg’s Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin’ Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta’s lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country’s best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta’s homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil’s African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont),

Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn’t be missed if it’s on the menu. There’s some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel’s outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Chilango’s Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it’s real because there are no “combo plates” on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The “Yucatan salad” with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave “wine.” Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it’s all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipally sum. Dinner is more expensive. Don’t miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Seven days, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive (buffet); moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B. (1/06)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there’s no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, “The Ultimate Boat” (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a “100-percent plant-based menu,” use solar-heated water, give their food waste to farmers to

compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a “live” food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas’ mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” say the wait staff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja

restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, et al., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Monday through Saturday three meals, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Phil’s BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil’s any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it’s kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you’ll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner;

closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren’t the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house’s workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons’ favorite beverage. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It’s colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you’re eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Venissimo Cheese 754 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don’t ask for Velveeta here. Everything else, they’ve got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sand-

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DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Lunch daily; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Long-board Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples,

Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unconfused. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*) and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-

macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/04)

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind — it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides.

Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and Market. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — N.W. (8/05)

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — N.W. (10/05)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajalajara. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies

call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and

roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)



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Merkel's Deli-BBQ 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkel, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkel's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town's soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays

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Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed.

Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevaphichia* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and

lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

BAJA

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El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Mariscos el Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old

hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brickly drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations (different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terracotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

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Our Man Melville

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My slight disappointment in Jean-Pierre Melville's *Army of Shadows* in no way diminishes my gratitude to Rialto Pictures for dusting it off, buffing it up, and sending it around for the first time in these United States. (Arriving at the Ken on Friday.) Had it been the "masterpiece" that several critics have branded it, I might have felt, in the first place, a certain inevitability that it would have surfaced sooner or later, and, after second thoughts, a degree of resentment that it took so long to have done so. Because I see it as not one of the filmmaker's best, I feel more fortunate to have gotten to see it at all. It likelier might never have escaped oblivion.

In Melville's filmography, *Army of Shadows* falls between *Le Samourai* and *Le Cercle Rouge*, both of which have previously been reissued by Rialto and both of which I had already seen beforehand. (Lower level of gratitude.) We can now say with some assurance that *Le Samourai* stands as the last great peak of Melville's career, a twin peak with the immediately preceding and fractionally taller *Second Breath*, thus far neglected by Rialto.

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

My own chronology of his work, the sequence in which it came to me, was unavoidably disordered: first 1962's *Le Doulos* (known back then as *Doulos the Finger Man*), then 1950's *Les Enfants Terribles* (alias *The Strange Ones*), then 1961's *Leon Morin, Priest* (alias *The Forgiven Sinner*), then 1967's *Le Samourai*, then 1966's *Second Breath*, then 1970's *Le Cercle Rouge*, then 1956's *Bob le Flambeur*, then 1972's *Un Flic* (English-dubbed on television under the name of *Dirty Money*), then 1947's *Le Silence de la Mer* (on tape from Kensington Video), and now 1969's *Army of Shadows*. In that succession, everything that came after the twin peaks, even those things that came (if you will) before them, has had the effect of tempering my early and ascending enthusiasm. Such is the luck of the draw. There remain three I've never been able to see, all pre-peaks — 1953's *Quand Tu Lira Cette Lettre*, 1959's *Deux Hommes dans Manhattan*, 1962's *L'Ainé des Ferchaux* — and although I would be grateful for the chance (Rialto deals the cards), the craving is gone.

In some ways, at least superficial



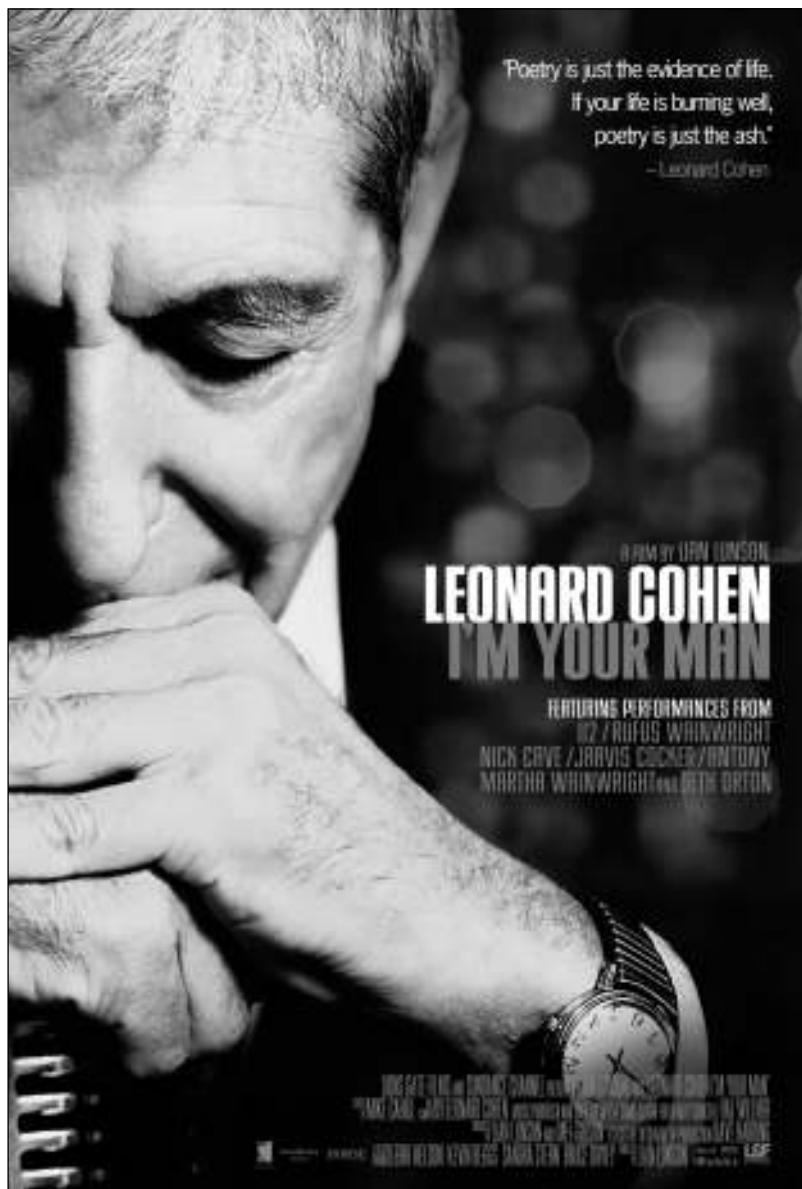
Army of Shadows

ways, this latest release would appear to be the filmmaker's most "personal" project, deviating from the archetypal, abstract, imitation-American gangster films with which he is most identified, veering instead toward his first-hand experiences as a Jew in the French Resistance. Granted, he has deviated before. Or more accurately,

he had deviated before his primary course was quite set. His first feature, *Le Silence de la Mer*, an outside-the-system shoestring production that presaged the New Wave, is likewise a tale of the French Resistance. And *Leon Morin, Priest*, with Jean-Paul Belmondo cast against type in the title role, parrying the advances of Em-

manuelle Riva, is again set against a backdrop of WWII. And *Les Enfants Terribles* is a Cocteau chamber piece. *Army of Shadows*, however, is the only deviation in the final decade of the director's career, the only deviation after his reputation was cemented.

Accounts of his exact involvement in the Resistance tend to conflict, and



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MOVIES

it would be inadvisable to demand cold hard facts about a relentless self-mythologizer who took his pseudonym from his favorite American novelist and affected a public costume of cowboy hat and boots. (You might have seen him on screen in *Breathless*, a cameo role as the shoot-from-the-hip novelist interviewed at the airport by Jean Seberg.) That he spent some time in England during the war (one of the settings of *Army of Shadows*) and that he was in on the liberation of Italy and then Lyon (another of the film's settings) seem to be facts well established. No matter how large the element of autobiography in it, the actual source of the film is a novel by Joseph Kessel, author of *Belle de Jour* (of all things), and it's safe to say that this is a Melville film for people who want more overt "substance," more basis in reality, and above all more virtue in their outlaws. That's not to say that people who just want more trench-coated gangsters will be left out in the cold. Or out, rather, in the warm. It is possible, to some extent, to fit pieces of the film into a classic crime-story pattern: jail time, jailbreak, revenge on a rat, caper plans, recruitments, betrayals, and so forth. But the extent of that is limited. The tautness and unity of a Melville

gangster film have here been supplanted by the episodic, the discursive, the desultory, and the disjointed, stretching out to a taxing two and a half hours. The assortment of first-person and third-person narrators is one gauge of the disunity.

There are admittedly many arresting images and scenes: the opening shot of a depopulated Arc de Triomphe on a gray morning, a column of marching Nazis entering from the left and taking a right turn directly toward the camera; the prison escapee's foot-pounding flight down the sidewalk through a gentle snowfall; the pathetic, horrific execution of a resigned and unresisting traitor; the first-time parachute jump for which the bespectacled hero, in a telling detail, has taped his glasses to his face at the temples and bridge; the comradely tossing of a cigarette pack around a circle of condemned men in a holding cell. And doubtless many others.

But there are also bits of silliness: the reverential treatment of the shadowy figure of de Gaulle in a private medal ceremony in London, reminiscent of the faceless Jesus Christ giving drink to a parched Ben-Hur; the immediately following scene of Resistance fighters taking four hours off to watch *Gone with the Wind* ("The war will be over for the French when they can see this great movie," a true and touching sentiment that might have deepened if the film had been *His Girl Friday* or *Hellzapoppin*); Simone Signoret's

trying-on of disguises in front of her mirror (a streetwalker, an old lady) in preparation for an upcoming caper (she settles on a nun); the improbably staged, impossibly timed rescue of the hero, with smoke bomb and dangled rope, from a Nazi shooting gallery. Silliest, if I could confirm it, possibly by freeze-frame in the eventual DVD, would be the blink-of-an-eye snapshot of Signoret's daughter in her wallet: my instantaneous impression, before I had time to remember that Signoret would have recently appeared with her in *Games*, the American rip-off of *Diabolique* (also starring Signoret), was that this was the face of Katharine Ross! It rather disrupted the mood. Silliness in any measure is apt to do more damage in service of Resistance heroes than of dime-novel gangsters.

The weary stoicism of Lino Ventura, star of *Second Breath* in addition to the recent Rialto reissue of Claude Sautet's *Classe Tous Risques*, is always good to see. (The omniscient, fortune-telling coda of *Army of Shadows*, incidentally, strongly echoes that of *Classe Tous Risques*, a film Melville openly admired.) And Paul Meurisse, the knowing police detective of *Second Breath*, makes a strikingly unimposing head of the Resistance, bundled up in his library in a knit cap and scarf when we first meet him, taking his meal in a sort of indoor greenhouse to retain the heat, with Beethoven's bust on the mantel and his *Pastoral* Symphony on the gramophone.

While the gray-blue colorless color carries on the look of *Le Samourai* (a modest advance on Melville's standard black-and-white), the carrying-on is markedly less artful with Pierre Lhomme as cameraman in place of Henri Decaë. And the actual camerawork evinces the slippage toward expedient, lazy zoom shots (one camera set-up where two are called for) that became so conspicuous in *Le Cercle Rouge* and so detrimental to the di-

rector's reputation for masterful control. The truth of the matter seems to be that he lost a bit of his grip after *Le Samourai* and that he never fully secured his grip until *Le Doulos*. Inasmuch as Rialto has announced plans to reissue that one in the near future (it was already reissued in the not too distant past), as well as plans to re-issue its immediate predecessor, *Leon Morin, Priest*, we ought soon to have a better ability to judge. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Army of Shadows — Reviewed this issue. With Lino Ventura, Simone Signoret, Paul Meurisse, Jean-Pierre Cassel, and Paul Crauchet; written and directed by Jean-Pierre Melville. ★★ (KEN, 6/30 THROUGH 7/6)

The Break-Up — Battle-of-the-sexes romantic comedy accurately hits numerous notes of stridency, nastiness, pain, and so on, and next to none of laughter. More of an unromantic uncomedy. (The screenwriters, Jeremy Garelick and Jay Lavender, and the director, Peyton Reed, are all male, so no equal representation.) Vince Vaughn, Mr. Glib, comes across as too insouciant to be truly involved, and in order to convey a scintilla of commitment he must resort to the devices of Burt Lancaster as pointed out by Vincent Canby: he "acts with his hair." Or in Vaughn's case, his hairpieces, sporting a mild approximation of a 1950s rock-and-roller's pompadour for special occasions but favoring otherwise something resembling a scoop of hot fudge, creating continuity problems when he huffs out of dinner parties looking like Fabian but, a bit later at his favorite watering hole, looking more like Tony Bennett. Jennifer Aniston, Miss Coppertone 2002-06, does better at acting engaged, but the chemistry of the

couple, the basis for their relationship, is never established beyond a pre-credits meet-cute at Wrigley Field and a behind-the-credits photo montage in which they look as well matched as Scott and Laci Peterson. The least you can say about the resolution is that it does not totally betray what precedes it. With Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Favreau, Judy Davis. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Cars — The Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envision a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do cars come from?), but of course anthropomorphized cars, such that the windshields are eyes and the hoods, grilles, and front bumpers form noses and mouths. 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, toy-like 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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Piven, Jami Gertz, Garry Marshall, Daryl Hannah, Doris Roberts, Cheryl Hines, and Richard Benjamin; directed by Scott Marshall. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 6/29)

The King — The bastard son of a Corpus Christi minister (Glad Tidings congregation) tracks down his father, upon release from the Navy, to make his life miserable. Gael Garcia Bernal keeps his cards close to the vest — no bad thing — but a dim image and a stagnant pace defuse the tension. With William Hurt, Pell James, and Laura Harring; directed by James Marsh. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/30; KEN, THROUGH 6/29)

The Lake House — Irrationally romantic remake of a South Korean film with the Italian name of *Il Mare*, set 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, a two-year time barrier that separates the occupants of a see-through house on stilts — “Le Corbusier meets Frank Lloyd Wright” — who are able to correspond with one another, and fall in love without the risk of actually having to keep company, through the agency of a magic mailbox. Only the most thoroughly enraptured viewer will be able to suppress petty thoughts of stock tips, Super Bowl outcomes, etc., that might have been passed down profitably from the future. And 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



The Devil Wears Prada

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 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. Dylan Walsh, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Christopher Plummer. 2006.

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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 tentative, 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 Tropicito 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, THROUGH 6/29; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 6/30)

Mission: Impossible III — The throbbing Lalo Schiffrin theme music from the original late-Sixties TV show is still the best thing about this third mission, as it was about the first two. It’s hard to decide what’s the worst thing. Tom Cruise would be a too-easy fall guy. Granted, he seems to be getting worse and worse as an actor. (His brief disguise as a Czech citizen at the airport bears a striking resemblance to his Ron Kovic in *Born on the Fourth of July*, a reminder of an earlier and better phase.) Yet Cruise is really no more than a cog in the machine. A better actor might supply more grease, but he could not retool the

machine. J.J. Abrams, the new director, the third director in three films, a TV director in his feature-film debut, is himself closer to a cog than were either of his forerunners, lacking their established personalities. But that’s not necessarily a bad thing, a worse thing, when the established personalities are as gaudy as Brian De Palma’s and as grotesque as John Woo’s. On a project such as this, there’s only so much a director can do, and most of what he can do is to make matters worse. The film — the series — the *franchise* — remains fatally committed to the ideal of action as swift, smooth, precise, pre-rehearsed, and worry-free as a Cirque du Soleil production number. (“This is intelligence,” Laurence Fishburne, the IMF commander, remarks at one point. “So far I haven’t seen any.” Of athletics and acrobatics we see plenty.) The film remains committed, too, to that lazy and alienating device of the latex mask which will enable anybody, good guy or bad, to assume the identity of anybody else, bad guy or good. And it’s an open question whether these masks are less bad here because they are hand-me-downs or even worse because they were held onto: less bad, that is, because innocently inherited or worse because uncritically accepted. The plot is perhaps too slight to be a legitimate contender for Worst Thing: the black-market sale of something code-named the Rabbit’s Foot, of which we know only the price (\$850 million) and nothing more. Nor do we ever know more. Nor, to be frank, do we ever care to. And a late, a last, a still less legitimate contender for Worst Thing would be the hip-hop title song by Kanye West, “Impossible,” over the closing credits. This, though, can be easily avoided by heading for the exit, with all due speed, to the final reprise of that Lalo Schiffrin theme. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Crudup, Ving Rhames. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green — Totally unvivacious gay comedy about Mr. Picky looking for Mr. Perfect. Not only shot digitally, but projected in theaters that way, as if further to encourage the moviegoer to wait for the DVD. Or eternity. With Daniel Letterle, Diego Serrano, David Monahan, and Meredith Baxter; directed by George Bammer. 2006.

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Nacho Libre — Nothing if not esoteric: a backhanded salute to Mexican wrestling movies — campy superhero adventures of masked *luchadores* with names like Santo and Blue Demon — and, more broadly, the whole south-of-the-border wrestling sub-culture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, follow-up to *Napoleon Dynamite* for its director, Jared Hess. 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. The hero’s mask and mission will take on Zorro-esque 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 desirable, 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 rope. Héctor Jiménez, Richard Montoya, Peter Stormare. 2006.

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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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Over the Hedge — A population of computer-cartoon Cute Critters, plasticky, foam-rubbery, styrofoamy, and styled to please the eye of the pre-schooler, teaches the lesson that oneness beats aloneness. There are some elaborate and well-timed visual gags, pretty awful to look at nonetheless. The buzzed-up squirrel, not unlike the squirrel in the first *Ice Age*, rather steals the show. With the voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, William Shatner, Nick Nolte, and

Allison Janney; directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slo-mo nightmare of a world-class gymnast — drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings — comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: “This is a service station. We offer service. There’s no higher purpose.” The story, from a novel by self-help author and former athlete Dan Millman, is purportedly “inspired by true events,” and at the very least the quadrennial Olympic qualifying tournament could be said to be a true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Poseidon — The remake of *The Poseidon Adventure* trims down its 1972 forerunner by two words of the title and twenty minutes or so of the running time. The result is inarguably lively, although arguably so much so as to neglect to soak up the sights. And on an upside-down ocean liner on New Year’s Eve, there ought to be a lot to soak up. Inarguably, once again, the special effects are improved (German director Wolfgang Petersen, who made *A Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*, has been through some of these waters before), and arguably the cast can hold its own: Kurt Russell, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss, and scrubs (Josh Lucas is top-billed) versus Gene Hackman and a team of almost all-stars. 2006.

★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 Wobegone, MN. The sole setting is the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, named after native son F. Scott, and ticketed for the wrecking ball; and the plot situation is closing night of a long-running old-fashioned live radio variety hour, mixing gospel music, cowboy songs, bluegrass, and blues: a fragile audio fantasy made heavily (and unconvincingly) concrete. Director Robert Altman brings, along with his drifting, disengaged cameras, a deep-seated condescension that makes the loss seem like no big loss. And it goes without saying that he also brings an ensemble cast: Kevin Kline as a Clouseau-esque private eye unfortunately named Guy Noir and unfortunately narrating in first person, Virginia Madsen as a heaven-sent angel in a white trenchcoat, Tommy Lee Jones as the heartless new landlord, and a host of nonsingers as singers, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly, Woody Harrelson, L.Q. Jones, and the regrettably irrepressible Keillor himself. Lindsay Lohan, purportedly a professional singer, sounds the worst of the lot. (Streep, a passable warbler, always gives more than required or requested, and she alone thought to give a Minnesota accent.) 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 al-

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Chef! was a mid-'90s BBC series starring Lenny Henry as the uncompromising, abusive head chef of a French restaurant in England. He loves to inform people that he's the best chef in England, possibly the world. He berates his staff, calls his waiters morons, assaults patrons who add salt to their food, and is too tired at the end of the day to make love to his wife. It's hilarious British humor, and it makes me hungry.

BARAN (Iran) 2001, Miramax
List price: \$19.99

CHEF! SEASONS 1-3 (England) 1993, BBC Warner
List price: \$59.98 (three discs)

ready 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Raiders of the Lost Ark — Director Steven Spielberg and executive producer/co-writer George Lucas pay homage to the cliffhanger serials of the Thirties and Forties — and they pay handsomely, pumping the project so full of money, production values, and technical razzle-dazzle that it no longer remotely resembles its grade-B models. Not intending exactly a spoof, but not maintaining entirely straight faces either, Spielberg/Lucas seem to want to play both sides of the

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Michael Winterbottom’s *In This World* parallels MoPA’s recent run of photojournalism. It’s a painfully similar story of human migration and struggle that unfolds every day in our own back yard. The film follows two men along their illegal journey from Afghanistan to England. The extras on the DVD reveal events not seen in the final edit, adding a vital layer to the film. The film demonstrates the immigrant struggle with poignant clarity.

The Cruise is a philosophical and surreal voyage into the heart of pre-9/11 New York. Star Timothy “Speed” Levitch weaves a poetic and emotional tale of the city from atop a double-decker tour bus. Shot entirely in 16mm black and white, it’s a cinematic treat that’s gone under the radar for far too long. Were it not for the success of *Capote*, this documentary by Bennett Miller would probably never have seen the laser light of DVD.

IN THIS WORLD (England) 2002, Sundance Channel
List price: \$19.99

THE CRUISE (USA) 1998, Live/Artisan
List price: \$14.98

street, to have both the innocent thrill and the sophisticated titter. Some will find that this two-facedness tends to lower the level of excitement, that although the action is consistently lively it is also without real suspense, and that the viewer is always required to meet the moviemaker more than halfway and fake a response that otherwise would never be extracted by such rudimentary perils as a shower of poison darts, a roomful of human skeletons, a blanket of furry spiders, an army of sadistic Nazis photographed with shadows crawling up their cheeks. The essential point to be made about *Raiders* is that it is really just a kiddie movie — a kiddie movie *de luxe*, but a kiddie movie all the same. With Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. 1981. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/29 THROUGH 7/2, 8:30 P.M.)

PATRICK WHITE

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For an “oldie but goodie,” Peter Weir’s *The Year of Living Dangerously* comes to mind as something relevant to our times and shows Mel Gibson in top form. Linda Hunt also delivers a most Oscar-worthy performance.

In the documentary category as the best piece on 9/11, I can’t recommend *Loose Change: 2nd Edition* enough. I agree with the two young filmmakers that this is something every American needs to see. It’s available on DVD and accessible at Google Video for free. It’s that important.

And now for the guilty pleasure...beating *Donnie Darko* and *Dazed and Confused* by a fraction is Kinji Fukasaku’s *Battle Royale*. See Chiaki Kuriyama before she was Gogo Yubari in the *Kill Bill* films. Takeshi Kitano is awesome. His comedic past comes through very well here.

THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY (Australia) 1982, Warner Home Video
List price: \$24.98

LOOSE CHANGE: 2ND EDITION (USA) 2005, www.loosechange911.com
List price: \$17.95

BATTLE ROYALE (Japan) 2000, Toei
List price: \$19.95

Superman Returns — Brandon Routh takes on the role of the Man of Steel, with Kate Bosworth and Kevin Spacey, directed by Bryan Singer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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)

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about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, *Twins*, *Kinder-garten 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: over-protection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: “Jeff invented product placement.” Further plot



Waist Deep

mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered. 2006. ★★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 6/30)

Waist Deep — Deep waste. The ex-con father of a kidnapped boy cannot very well

go to the cops after he has shot two of the kidnappers on a public street; the gold-hearted hooker who took part in the kidnapping, but who really dreams of another life on a quiet Mexican beach, will be the only ally he needs. Laughable blaxploitation film, grimly contemporized with hip-hop music and hopped-up visuals. Tyrese Gibson, Meagan Good, Larenz Tate, The

Game; directed by Vondie Curtis Hall. 2006. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wordplay — Breezy, jaunty, yet rounded coverage of the subject of crossword puzzles. We get to meet the editor of the vaunted *New York Times* puzzle, Will Shortz, and learn from him a little of the history and tradition; we get to meet one of his regular contributors and glimpse the actual construction of a puzzle from a blank grid; we get to meet articulate celebrity puzzlers (Bill Clinton, Jon Stewart, the Indigo Girls, Ken Burns, and — yes, an articulate baseball player — Mike Mussina) and watch them work on the very puzzle we had seen under construction; and above all we get to meet some of the leading contestants in the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in Stamford, CT, a gathering of compatible oddballs (one of them likens it to “finding a lost tribe”), and we even get some drama and histrionics in the championship round. It inspires you to try your own hand, if you haven’t already been burned. Directed by Patrick Creadon. 2006. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/30)

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 up-graded Class Five mutant: “The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a cocoon that protected her.”) The story-telling 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; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS CINEMAS; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:25, 5:25, 7:20, 8:20, 10:15; **The Celestine Prophecy** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:40; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:10, 10:35; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45; **The**

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LA JOLLA

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Devil Wears Prada (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); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13)

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
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EAST COUNTY

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2951 Jamacha Road

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SANTEE

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The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:30; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:25; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 1:10

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CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **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; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:30; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:45; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:45, 2:15, 3:15) 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 3:46) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

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Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:15,

10:25; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13)

Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **The**

Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13)

Fri.,-Sun. (3:15) 8:10; **Garfield: A Tail of Two**

Kitties (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35,

7:35, 9:35; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG)

Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15;

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Home Companion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30,

2:00) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; **Superman Returns**

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3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Lake House** (PG)

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Fri.,-Sun. 10:00; **The Devil Wears Prada**

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8:15, 10:45; **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo**

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bre (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45)

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8:25; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13)

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6:35, 7:20, 9:20, 10:05; **The Fast and the Furi-**

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cho Libre (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:20, 4:55)

5:45, 7:20, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50; **Over the Hedge**

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Returns (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 11:30,

12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:00) 6:30,

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Desean cruzar

Mari Paz Ortega Rosales, de 42 años, ha intentado cruzar sin suerte tres veces de forma ilegal a Estados Unidos.

Su sueño americano no es ir a trabajar, ganar dinero y vivir con comodidades; su deseo sólo es ver a su hijo, a quien hace seis años despidió en su natal Hidalgo y desde entonces no ha visto.

"Hace unos meses hablé por teléfono con mi hijo, me dijo que no se sentía bien, que había bajado de peso y que se sentía muy

cansado. Después volví a hablar con él y me dijo que lo había visto un médico y que sólo era estrés. Mi hijo trabaja de 12 a 14 horas en una fábrica en Houston", explicó Ortega Rosales.

Otras 100 mujeres que atiende el Instituto para mujeres migrantes "Centro Madre Assunta", han intentado ingresar clandestinamente a la Unión Americana hasta ocho veces.

De cobrar entre mil y mil 500 dólares por persona, ahora los polleros cobran 3 mil dólares.

espectáculos



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Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Y llegó el Dios Baco para escuchar sones, rancheras, huapangos, canciones de José Alfredo Jiménez y música mexicana en el Valle de Guadalupe con el que es considerado como 'el mejor mariachi del mundo', el Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, en lo que fue el segundo evento para celebrar la Época de la Vendimia.

No podía ser un mejor

escenario la Plaza de Toros Guadalupe enclavada en los propios viñedos de L.A. Cetto para tener una tarde-noche inolvidable, llena de vino y música mexicana.

Ya para terminar la velada, El mariachi Vargas interpretó 'El sinaloense', 'El cascabel', 'Ella', 'Si nos dejan', 'Paloma', 'El rey', 'Loco' y cerraron con el "Mariachi loco". Seguro que el Dios Baco disfrutó la velada en los viñedos L.A. Cetto.

portada



Farmacias en la mira

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

La pseudoefedrina, una sustancia con acción descongestionante que durante dos años estuvo controlado su uso en farmacias y negocios de venta de medicamentos, podrá venderse de nuevo sin receta médica en Tijuana.

El director de Regulación y Fomento Sanitario del Instituto de Servicios de Salud de Baja California (Isesalud), Juan Carlos Mariscal, informó que la Autori-

dad Federal de Salud y la Comisión Federal contra Riesgos Sanitarios (Cofepris) les comunicó que todo lo referente al manejo de la pseudoefedrina queda sin efecto, por lo tanto las farmacias no requerirán de licencia sanitaria para el manejo de estos medicamentos.

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No crecieron

México se reivindicó ante Argentina y enseñó que está listo para soñar aunque hoy se va a casa eliminada y con la sensación de que merecía más que los octavos de final del Mundial de Alemania 2006.

Los mexicanos sacaron lo mejor que tienen para jugarle de frente a Argentina, pero otra vez han tenido que marcharse de un torneo eliminados porque el fútbol se inclinó a favor del rival con un gran gol de Maxi Rodríguez que no deslució su rendimiento y su mérito.

Ya es una frase común la de que jugó como nunca y perdió como siempre, pero su comportamiento en el Zen-

tralstadium de Leipzig fue así. Tocó la pelota, presionó la marca y en momentos tuvo a Argentina en un puño, pero le amargó la boca en no poder superarla.

Este partido fue lo mejor que ofreció en esta Copa del Mundo, tras una primera ronda irregular en la que sumar puntos y calificarse a los octavos fue su máximo objetivo, y al final superar algunos problemas que le surgieron.

Alemania 2006 será para México el Mundial en el que confirmó su crecimiento y su presencia constante en los octavos de final, pero también un sabor un poco amargo porque se preparó como nunca para hacer historia.



Urgen hispanos

América Barceló-Feldman

Diario San Diego

En Estados Unidos hay sólo 3.4 por ciento de abogados de origen hispanos, lo cual refleja la carencia de estos profesionales en la nación.

En California, el estado con mayor número de hispanos, solamente hay 3.8 por ciento de abogados latinos que atienden una población cuya mayoría es migrante y necesita estos servicios con urgencia.

"No hay abogados hispanos, existe un gran número de personas en California que requieren de sus servicios pero son muy pocos los profesionales que los pueden atender", aseguró Beth Kransberger, asistente del rector de la Escuela

de Leyes Thomas Jefferson en San Diego.

Según cifras de la Asociación Nacional de Barra de Abogados, los grupos minoritarios están mal representados en la profesión legal en la nación.

El problema se agrava en California, entidad que cuenta con el mayor número de grupos étnicos.

Apenas una quinta parte de los 1.1 millón de abogados que hay en el país práctica la ley en California, de ellos sólo una mínima parte son hispanos o de otro grupo étnico minoritario.

"Los exámenes de admisión no son equitativos", explicó Isabel Medina, profesora de leyes de origen cubano.



Descontentos

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Que mal acostumbrados están los mexicanos. El equipo Tricolor pasó a los octavos de final de la Copa del Mundo de fútbol y los aficionados están molestos.

Claro que México entró a la segunda fase mundialista en reversa tras la derrota ante Portugal, pero... ¿eso qué importa?

Qué importa si el Tri pasó a la siguiente ronda del mundial en el segundo lugar de su grupo. De cualquier manera ya se sabía de antemano que el cuadro que dirige Ricardo La Volpe iba a tener que jugar la vida ante Holanda o Argentina.

Finalmente el duelo fue

contra los sudamericanos.

Parece que los seguidores del Tri ya no se conforman con solamente pasar a la segunda ronda del Mundial.

Esto se debe, en mi opinión, a que algunos medios de comunicación les han hecho creer que México es una potencia futbolística.

A mí me han tocado ver todos los mundiales desde 1970, y no fue hasta 1986 que tuve el gusto de disfrutar el pase de la selección mexicana a una segunda fase mundialista.

No se me olvidan las goleadas que le ponían al Tri en los mundiales.

Por eso que yo sí celebré el pase de México a los octavos de final en el Mundial 2006.

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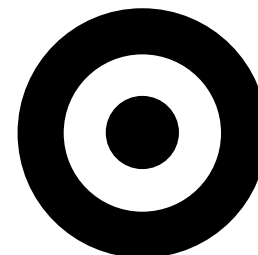
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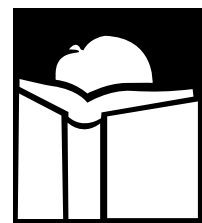
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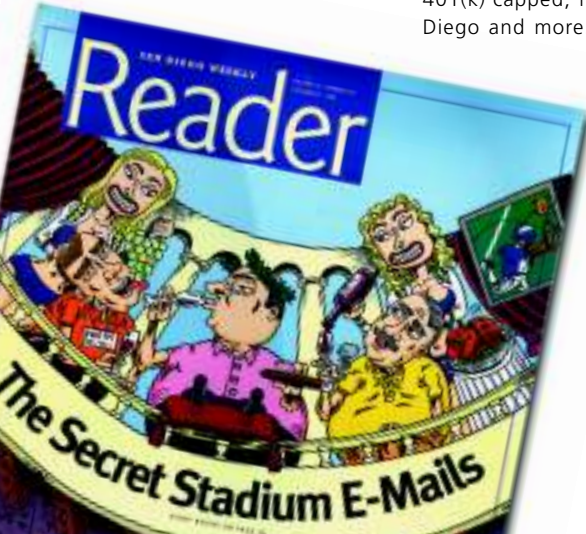
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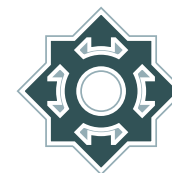
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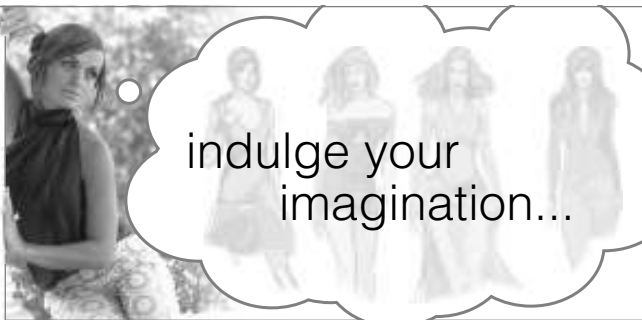


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SHAPELY, APPEALING, Blonde hair, green eyed, 40-something, confident, professional woman. Seeks educated, secure, good hearted, honest professional man, 39-63, for possible relationship. (7/5) **69167**

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**

LET'S EXPLORE THE FAIR! Pretty, slender, 40. Seeks 30-45, Caucasian, cute, slim, clean-cut, classy, mellow gentleman. Be into amusement parks, movies, animals. No smokers/drinkers. (7/12) **69194**

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, Sweet, cultured. Enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Wants to meet a nice, white gentleman, aged 30 and up. Nonsmoker. No drugs. (7/12) **69197**

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (7/5) **69176**

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) **69171**

SCUBA BUDDY WANTED, Single female, 40, desires to meet experienced single male diver, 35-45, for fun, adventures, friendship. Are you available, to experience the deep? (7/12) **69586**

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) **69162**

CAVIAR TO PEANUT BUTTER, Jeans to ballgowns, vivacious, sophisticated, intelligent, adventurous, successful small blonde, 50-something going on 7. Seeks man for all seasons, 55+. (7/12) **69191**

CUTE, SASSY REDHEAD, Pretty smile. Seeks gentleman 45-55 who is average height/weight, intelligent, fun, and enjoys dancing, movies, dining, outdoors, new adventures. Call! (7/5) **69169**

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM, Caucasian, 41, 5'4", green eyes, full figured. Looking to meet and share long term relationship with the right man. Be between 35-51. (7/12) **69181**

CUTE REDHEADED DOE, Seeks buff, handsome bucks 45-53 (not doing insurance commercials), to romp around town with and rub noses. Walks in the woods optional. (7/12) **69190**

LONELY CAUCASIAN, Brown haired, hazel eyed, mid thirties, female wants financially secure gentleman for dinners, trips, family, love, happiness, movies, jazz festivals, holidays forever. (7/12) **69196**

SWEET, SINCERE, KIND, White female. Looking to share good times with. I like the beach, dining, movies, concerts.

You're a handsome white male, sincere/fun. (7/12) **69193**

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) **69155**

VERY UPBEAT, Outgoing personality, former New Yorker, Jewish, 59, tall, slender, attractive, nonsmoker. Seeks similar man for companionship. Enjoy walks and having a compatible relationship. (7/12) **69189**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, In North County Coastal to share with pretty blonde sweetie. You are tall, 60s, quality, kind, tired of being alone, man. Let's talk. (7/12) **69182**

ONE OF A KIND, 35, Hispanic, 5'8", plus size, green eyes. Loves kids, cuddling, beach, movies. Seeks male, 35-43, honest; love kids, romantic, cuddling, sincere. (7/5) **69165**

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 51, slightly overweight, sincere, easygoing, creative, intelligent, non-smoker. Looking for same for casual companionship. I love cats, cooking, crafts and laughter. (7/5) **69157**

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (7/5) **69168**

PRETTY MUSIC TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs, enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, yoga. Seeking gentleman 5'10+", interested in his spiritual growth, active, enjoys similar interests. (7/12) **69185**

INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY, Humorous, 57 lady wants the company of a gent 52-63 for fun, adventure and companionship. Be educated, sense of humor, for monogamous relationship. (7/12) **69178**

BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, Professional baby-boomer. Seeking 39+ athletic professional for hiking, sports, museums, the arts. Honesty, integrity, kindness and humor are important. (7/12) **69200**

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, Real Estate agent, 59, enjoys travel, arts (was a docent) fun. Seeks a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (7/12) **69177**

IF YOU'RE HANDSOME, 30-45, sweet, sincere, successful, funny-you're the one for me! I'm pretty, kind, smart, love to laugh and currently available. Call me. (7/12) **69188**

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HEART OF GOLD. 6', 185lbs. good looks, chivalrous, creative and enriching man. Handy too. Candles, massages, and adventures. Look 40-something. One-woman man. (7/5) **690621**

SPIRITUAL MAN, 46, 6', 175, very affectionate and loving, wants to meet spiritual woman with beautiful soul and passionate heart for true relationship. (7/12) **69596**

YOUNG MAN, OLDER WOMAN, I'm white 33, 5'8", blue eyes, brown hair. I'm in shape and good looking. I'm open to race and size. (7/5) **690611**

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) **690622**

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) **690628**

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Across

- 1. What Germany has but Ghana doesn't
- 6. TV actress Susan
- 9. TV, radio, magazines, etc.
- 14. "All systems ____!"
- 15. Pink-slip
- 16. Hollywood bigwig Michael
- 17. Kindled anew
- 18. "America's Next Top Model" airer
- 19. Slightest
- 20. "The laundry detergent is at no cost!"
- 23. Place
- 24. Spike and Harper
- 25. Start of a John F. Kennedy quote
- 29. Bouquets
- 33. "Your laundry detergent isn't pouring correctly because of the way you're holding it!"
- 37. Boise's state: Abbr.
- 38. Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 39. Run on TV
- 40. Support group?
- 41. Modern address
- 42. "I'll buy the multi-pack of laundry detergent!"
- 46. Insultingly small
- 48. Crime boss Meyer
- 49. Number two
- 51. ____ Plains
- 52. "Alas! We're out of laundry detergent!"
- 58. Sharp-tasting
- 60. Jazzman Gillespie, to fans
- 61. Kind of position
- 62. Zoo heavyweight
- 63. "Aloha Oe" accompaniment
- 64. Spitting ____
- 65. Shot for Shaq
- 66. Author
- 67. Lugs

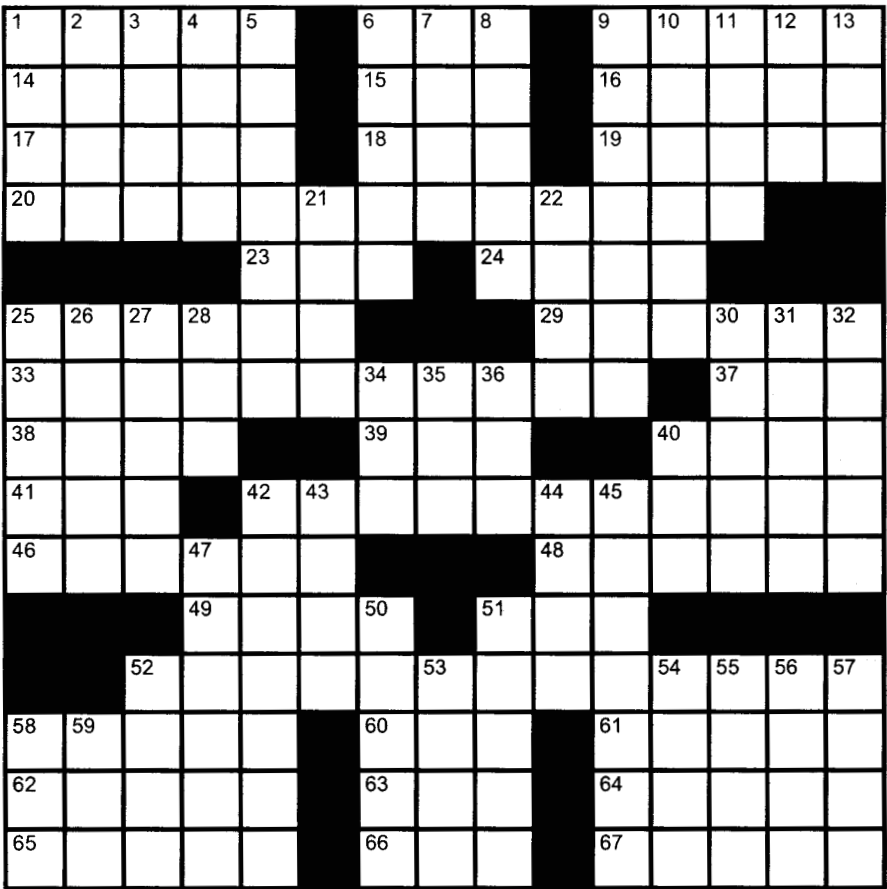
Down

- 1. Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 2. 1988 World Series MVP
- 3. Hershisier
- 3. Dropped
- 4. "Whew! The workweek's almost over!"
- 5. Crumble
- 6. Unnerve
- 7. 1967 Montreal event
- 8. 1983 Streisand role
- 9. "Tartuffe" author
- 10. "Still ..."
- 11. Bishop's dir.
- 12. " ____ a girl!"
- 13. Antiviral drug

- 21. U.S. Supreme Court appointee after Clarence
- 22. Word with cold or case
- 25. Devoured
- 26. Lowest Hindu caste
- 27. Crustaceans eaten by whales
- 28. SSW's opposite
- 30. Bogs down
- 31. "It was ____ and stormy night ..."
- 32. Fresh-mouthed
- 34. Swimmer's ____
- 35. 20-20, say
- 36. Red state?
- 40. Guitarist Harper
- 42. Tested, as clothes
- 43. Murderous alter ego of fiction
- 44. Musical staff symbol
- 45. Flies off the handle
- 47. Falafel sauce
- 50. Culminate
- 51. Baker's ____
- 52. Klutzy move
- 53. Sandbag stack, maybe
- 54. Pixar fish
- 55. Caroline de Nord, e.g.
- 56. Red state?
- 57. Draft picks
- 58. Carney of "The Honeymooners"
- 59. City where "ER" is set: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/22/06.

There were 169 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Bill Mass, San Diego
- 2. Jack R. Winans, San Diego
- 3. Douglas Fruehling, San Diego
- 4. Angela Gilmore, National City
- 5. Barney Firks, San Diego

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs, handsome, healthy, always exciting, hard-working, dependable, homeowner with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with sincere, easygoing lady. (7/12) ☎50641

ATTENTION FEMALES, ATTENTION. Single white male, mid 40s. Seeking female, 35-48, for indoor sports, romantic dinners, sunsets, moonlight sunrises. Extra, extra read all about it! (7/5) ☎50609

LIVING FOSSIL. 57. Tall, slender, bald. Spiritual interests with wild side. Astrologer (Pisces). Sensitive, sensual, (com)passionate. Nonmaterialistic, vegetarian, beer drinker. Unconventional, centered, stable. Work nights. (7/5) ☎50631

HANDSOME NORTH COUNTY, Retired white executive, tall, trim, blond, blue eyes, super romantic, athletic, youthful 69. Seeks younger modern lady, very romantic, for meaningful relationship. (7/12) ☎50635

SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE, Who wants to have fun with their life everyday. Dancing, talking, taking trips and looking into local events and discussing world affairs. (7/12) ☎69595

SEEKING WOMAN 50+. For companionship, possible long term relationship. I'm 57. I enjoy working out, sports, movies, dining with caring, affectionate nonsmoking lady. San Diego. (7/12) ☎69589

ATTRACTIVE EBONY. Christian lady desired by tall attractive, 43, 250, ivory

male, hazel eyes, shaved head, who enjoys the simple things life has to offer. (7/5) ☎50613

CAUCASIAN, 62, 5'6", 142. Enjoy bookstores, videos, TV, long walks, most music. Seeking unpretentious woman who needs to be loved, uninhibited, affectionate, not overweight, sincere. (7/5) ☎69172

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (7/12) ☎69591

DEL MAR MAN, Seeks nice lady for friendship, fun and adventures. Spontaneous and light hearted preferred. (7/12) ☎69588

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (7/5) ☎50612

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) ☎50620

THE BEST IS YET TO BE! Talks and walks, swimming and sailing, dining and dancing. I'm open, fit, fair, fun and 65. (7/12) ☎69609

HEALTHY, WEALTHY, And wise heterosexual Caucasian gentleman with beach cottage and room for one healthy female. Brown hair, blue eyes, straight white teeth, 5'10", 160lbs. (7/12) ☎50640

NICE APPEARING BACHELOR, Early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown. North County Coastal homeowner, without encumbrances. You 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious minded. (7/5) ☎50624

DON'T YOU WANT ME! Fun-loving, sincere, tall, boyish, energetic, outgoing man. Seeking extrovert dancing warm-

hearted, sexy, sensual woman to have good times with me. (7/5) ☎50630

30-SOMETHING, Knight in doll armour, kids OK, movie, nights and beach parties. Car fanatic, let's cruise with the top down. (7/5) ☎50615

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 70, retired, love to travel, movies, desert, cruises, stable finance, La Mesa area. Like to share life with like minded lady. (7/12) ☎69593

OLD SCHOOL ROCKER, Would like to meet an honest, hard working woman to hang with. I love music and movies and many other things. (7/12) ☎69592

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, gentleman's standards/morals, Fashion Valley. Seeking motivated lady, 43-51, to enjoy life's adventures and daily living with, possible commitment. (7/5) ☎50625

SPORTS MINDED, I like sports. Seek female 40-50 in the East County, no drugs, no drinking, no games, I also like music, call soon. (7/12) ☎69608

TALL AFRICAN AMERICAN, Handsome, educated, intelligent with sense of humor. Seeking athletic runner, Caucasian, educated, attractive, sense of humor, fun and happiness for two. (7/5) ☎50626

THE LIFE YOU'VE DREAMED OF. Successful executive, 49, nonsmoker seeks younger, attractive female, nonsmoker, ages 23-39, who's classy, sassy, sexy, for dinners, dancing, shows, the good life. I'm 6'3", 195lbs., good looking, GQ dresser, fun, kind, caring. Be my monogamous companion. Let's have fun and go shopping. (7/5) ☎50636

FUNNY, SMART, ITALIAN, Lover, me 5'10", brown hair, brown eyes. You, Caucasian woman between 30-45 and with a little meat on your bones, please reply. (7/5) ☎50629

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. (7/12) ☎69602

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, WHITE, Male, 54, loving, caring, sincere, sensitive, fun loving, easygoing, unencumbered. Seeks female, age, weight, unimportant, for intimacy, affection, dining, enjoying, life together. (7/5) ☎69173

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) ☎50633

GUYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN! World class executive, European educated 6'2" sportsman, friendly, peacefully playful. Seeking cool, intellectual supermodel for trekkie tour adventures. Ciao bella. (7/12) ☎69607

GLOBETROTTING EUROPEAN, Seeking globetrotting Caucasian/Latina under 60. I am 5'9", 180lbs, nonsmoker nondrinker, healthy, educated, arts-lover, tactful, honest, nonbagged, dress to occasions, retired hobbyist. (7/5) ☎69174

ACURA TENNIS CLASSIC! Let's go! You be Ebony. I am Ivory. Walk also enjoy dining out, movies, zoo, walks on the beach, day or nighttime. (7/5) ☎50634

WIDOWER CAUCASIAN, Late 60s, 5'7", 170lbs, Bay Park homeowner, well-groomed, enjoys most simple pleasures. Seeking warm, affectionate lady companion under 65 for dining, dancing, long-term relationship. (7/12) ☎50637

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! (7/12) ☎50638

SENIOR WHITE MALE, Seeks older lady lover. CEO, white blue eyes, 140lbs, no smoke, college, looks 40s. Size open, plump to thin, for happy times. (7/12) ☎69585

AFRICAN AMERICAN, Attractive male. Seeking same in female. Must be childless, attractive, nonsmoking, thin, adventurous and of course African-American. Preferably 30-46 for dating, friendship, adventure. (7/5) ☎50616

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, Senior, nonsmoker. Seeking special lady for good times, walks, hugs, dining, dancing. Please call. (7/12) ☎50639

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) ☎50617

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) ☎50614

OUTDOOR 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

SINCERELY SEEKING A quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145, good looking, good shape. I love music, nature, and fun at home! La Mesa. (7/12) ☎69594

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 55 years, 6'3" interested in meeting down to earth, un-smoking, good humor, honest female 40-55 for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (7/12) ☎69601

FIREMAN, 51, 5'8", 165lbs active, attractive, loving, honest, happy, healthy, monogamous, caring, intimate. Harley rides, music, concerts, dining, traveling. Seeking best friend, lover, life-long partner. (7/12) ☎69587

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent, professional seeks nonsmoking woman for week-end adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (7/12) ☎69600

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) ☎50627

COMPASSIONATE, ATTRACTIVE, Professional Caucasian, kind, late 60s, 5'10" liberal, financially secure homeowner. Seeks attractive, slender, elegant, affectionate, sensual 49-64 Caucasian woman for full relationship. (7/5) ☎50618

HAVE YOU SEEN HER, 60+ petite, spiritual, sensuous, yoga, meditation, ocean, candle light conversation, travel, adventure. Me: Black professional, emotionally, financially, physically fit. (7/12) ☎69590

DO YOU LIKE COOKING, Gardening, hobbies, quiet times, hugs? If yes, this early 60s guy needs a hug. (7/12) ☎69584

LATINO MALE, Huggable, lovable, 5'8", 135lbs, 50, educated. Seeking friendship, conversation and good times with heavenly woman. (7/12) ☎69597

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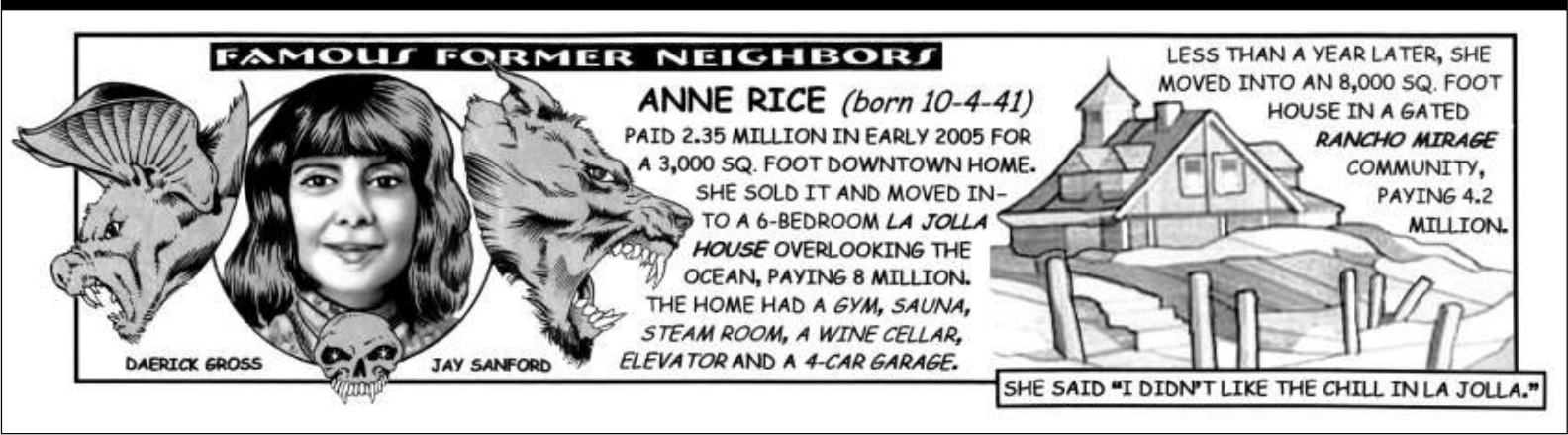
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David Lemus

Culinary Student

Mission Valley

I don't really look at the [news]paper at all. It's not really a constant, unless there're some sports I want to follow. To tell you the truth, I'll read magazines; I read food magazines and some gossip magazines. I'll glance at those kinds of magazines every time I go to the store. I read e-mail every day. I read all the books I need to for school. I once read a book for fun and it was a pretty sick book, but I'm not one to go look for books.




Carrol Howard

Student

College Area

I read MySpace every day. I see friends' messages. If I don't really catch everything when I watch ESPN, I can go back and read it and get the details. Back in high school, I didn't read much, but I was supposed to read a book and I went ahead and rented the movie. I read about the world in the newspaper, like what's going on in Iraq. I don't think the war should've ever happened, and all you read about it is who's dying. It's the same shit about soldiers getting blown up. I like to keep in touch with friends. I update my MySpace enough to keep everyone updated on what's going on; that way I don't have to call people as often.




Austin Dirtz

Railroader

Pacific Beach

Yeah, I like to read *Sports Illustrated* magazine. If I don't really catch everything when I watch ESPN, I can go back and read it and get the details. Back in high school, I didn't read much, but I was supposed to read a book and I went ahead and rented the movie. I read about the world in the newspaper, like what's going on in Iraq. I don't think the war should've ever happened, and all you read about it is who's dying. It's the same shit about soldiers getting blown up. I like to keep in touch with friends. I update my MySpace enough to keep everyone updated on what's going on; that way I don't have to call people as often.




Nick O'Geeno

Beach Rentals

Pacific Beach

I read the *L.A. Times*. The *Union-Tribune* sucks. The *Union-Tribune* doesn't have any substance. I'm not interested in the articles. I read the politics and sports sections. I think most people don't [read current events]. I like to check out my horoscope every day. I'll read basketball publications, but I mainly like to get the paper to see what's happening on the front cover. I just kind of like to know what's going on in the world. I think it's something that sucks about PB; there aren't a lot of bookstores. If you're looking for a bong or a surfboard or even a beer, you'll find it; there aren't a lot of bookstores. People should read more.




Travis Rogers

Retail

Kensington

I read e-mails. Because I work at a vintage store, I mostly look at fashion articles. I'm not really into politics. I just pick it up sporadically; I guess it's just one of those things I do sporadically. I totally read books for fun; I read books, but I don't really read newspapers. I just reread *The Picture of Dorian Gray* for the hell of it because I like that book. I don't know, reading can be relaxing and an escape. It gives you things to laugh about; it's good for conversation. You can always reference something from a book.



Ryan Moffet

Unemployed

Bankers Hill

Read every day? I read *fecalface.com* every day; it's an art website based out of San Francisco that has a lot of cool interviews. A lot of people think it sounds like a porn site because it sounds pretty dirty, but it's actually really cool. It talks a lot about artists in the San Francisco area. It's got canvas, multimedia artists, sculptures, and anything you can think of. If you want to look at stuff and not read a whole lot, they have a great amount of pictures and blogspots. They update it daily, and I read it pretty much every day.

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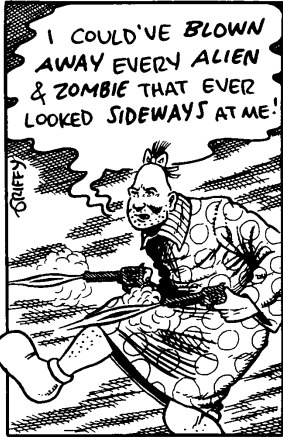
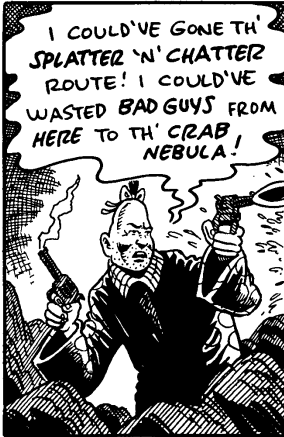
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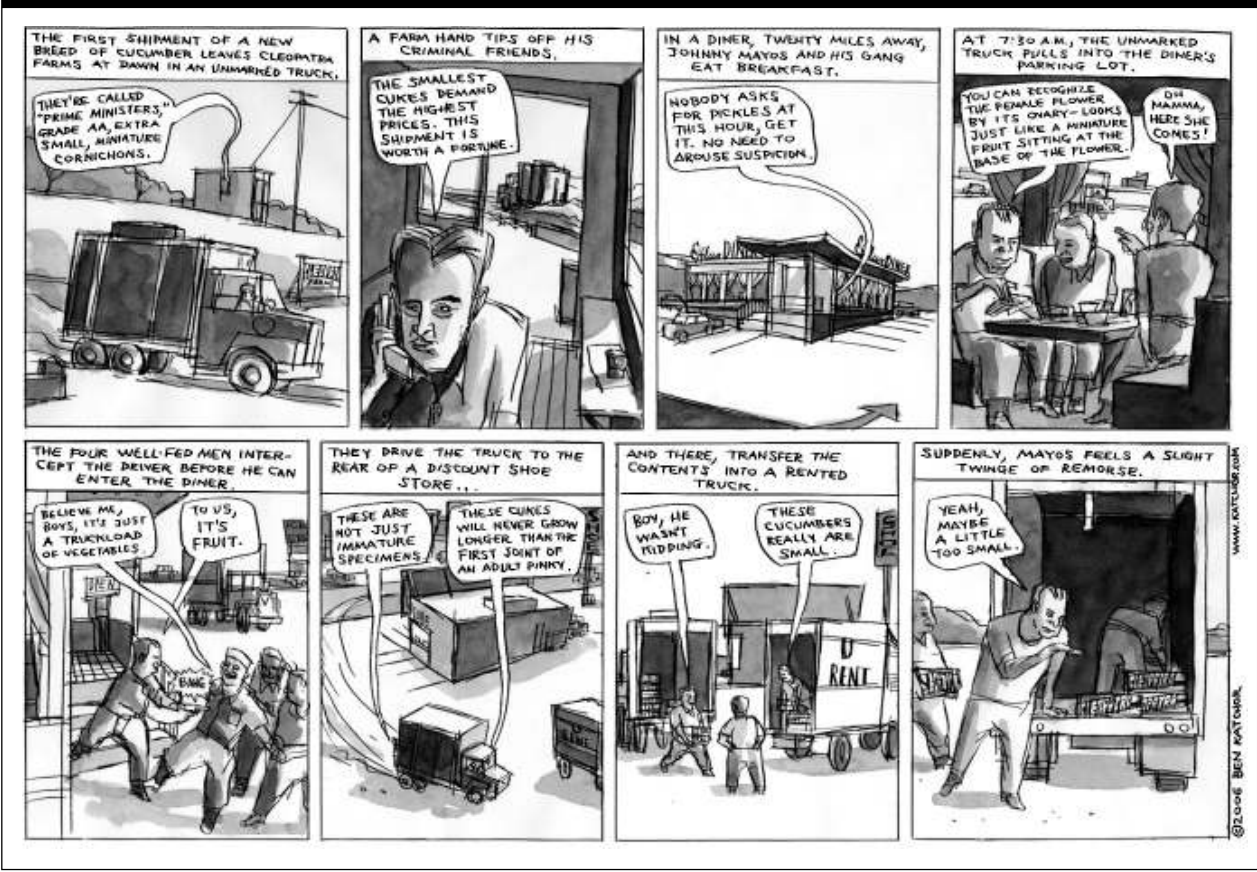
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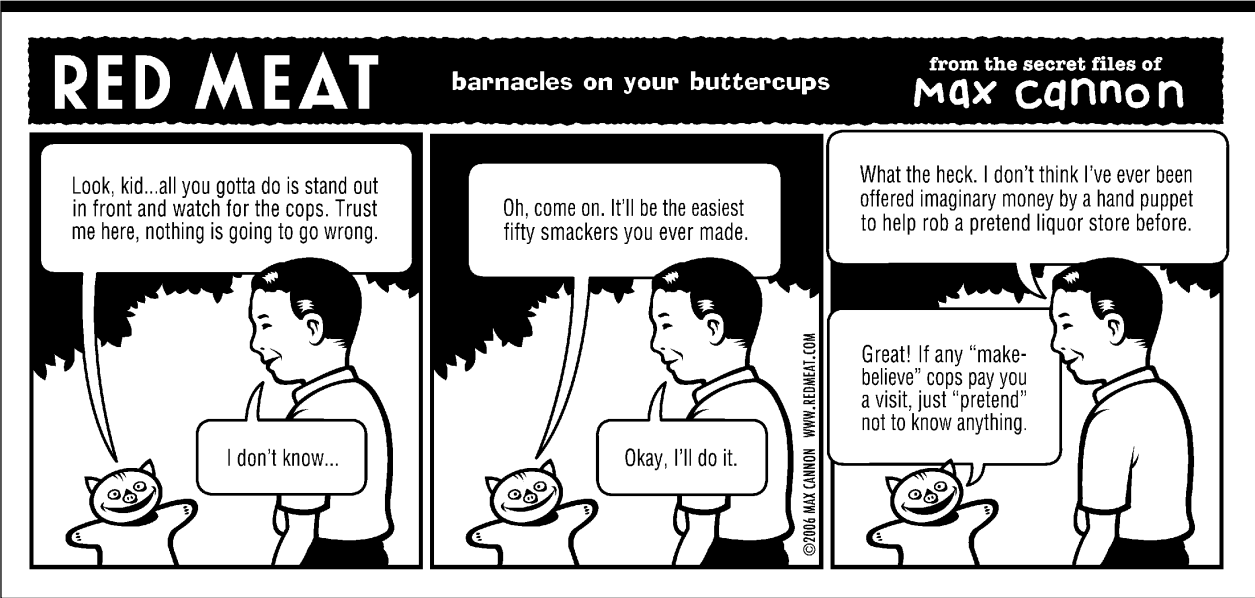
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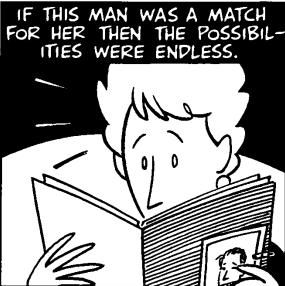
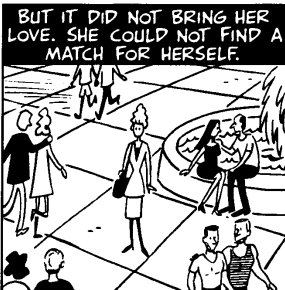
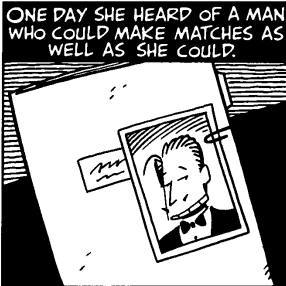
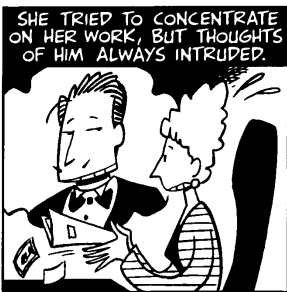
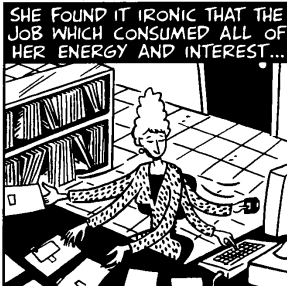
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BOXER PUPPIES, 9 weeks, 1 male, 5 females. AKC registered, first shots, tails

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CAT, main coon, female fixed, 3 years old, red, beautiful, loves affection. Looking for cat person who has lots of love to give. \$95. Call 858-587-1777.

CHIHUAHUA, puppies. 2 female 9 weeks 1 tan, 1 grey, with tan \$350. No papers. 619-253-6221.

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FRENCH POODLE, female, 1 year 8 months. Very healthy, friendly, with kids of any age. Also ready for breeding if interested. 619-421-0192 or 619-934-0863. \$285.

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GUINEA PIGS, adorable white, abysynians with brown over eyes. Young, healthy, need loving home. Both female. \$5/each. 619-208-1043.

KITTEN, adoption. Petpeople, Mission Valley 5664 Mission Center Road. Saturday July 1, noon-. Contact kittenscatrescue@yahoo.com.

KITTEN, playful, adorable rescued, 8 weeks. Spayed neutered, white males, tabby females, shorthair, healthy \$25 donation, to lifelong permanent loving indoor homes. 760-230-1346.

KITTENS Wanted. 5-8 weeks. 619-287-3430.

KITTENS, 2 gray kittens, a gray tabby, a white and dark tabby and a gray female with calico coloring on head. \$50, 760-735-9445.

KITTENS, bounded brothers, rescues, black, and white twin cuties, healthy, neutered, shorthair, 12 weeks, to permanent loving indoor home. 619-269-2151.

KITTENS, purry, playful, approximately 8 weeks. \$25-\$65. 619-269-1194.

KITTENS/CATS, 10 weeks+. Virus tested, neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, defleaed. Tuesday/Thursday 6pm-8pm. Saturday/Sunday, 12-4pm, PetSmart La Jolla, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. WWW.sd-cats.org.

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KITTY, adopt a rescued kitty. Short hair, Siamese mix, medium, young, female. Adoption fee \$65, shots, house trained, altered. 619-466-5828.

LABRADORS, all ages, colors, some with training, shots, spay/neutered, follow up. Adopt or do foster care to find your perfect pet. 619-819-0234.

LOST CAT, Siamese black face and cream color, male sprayed about 4 years. Old medium frame, friendly comes to Kiki. 619-224-6953.

LOST CHIHUAHUA, 6/01/06 last seen Woodbine/Timingo Gate-Way in Ocean-side. "Henry" tan, male, wearing light blue nylon collar/gold heart. Large reward offered, 760-845-5199, 760-331-9838.

LOST YORKIE, 15 years old, deaf and almost blind with cataracts. Needs his meds, and special diet. Reward offered. Southwest Escondido area. 760-745-7884.

MACKAW, 3x5 bird cage with play top. \$110. 619-461-4548.

MALE POMERANIAN, 4 months, black with white. Loveable. \$150/best. Call Michelle 858-627-7366.

MARE, 2 year old, solid black, registered hard Arab. Responds to voice in round pen, stands great for farrier, clips, ties, and bathes. \$2500. 619-370-3270.

MINI SCHNAUZERS, Puppies, 4, 3 males, 1 female. First shots and dewormed, trained on potty mats. AKC registered. 2 black, 2 black/tan, \$700, 858-716-0564.

MIXED TERRIER, Male, 1 year old, black/white, 22 pounds, neutered. All shots, very loving and beautiful. Smooth coat, \$200 to best home only. 619-934-9811.

PALOMINO MARE, for sale. Registered AQHA 5 year, Doc's sug bloodlines. Foundation bred. 90 days pro trained. \$4000. Skarr1@cox.net or 619-445-6311.

PITBULL, 1 blue fawn female. 1 chocolate female, 1 black/white female. ADBA reg-

istered 11 weeks old first set of shots. \$500/best. 619-692-0633.

PUPPIES, Lab mix, 2 female, 2 male. 8 weeks old \$100/each/best. Call Jim 619-564-9629.

PUREBRED FEMALE, Jack Russell, 1, 1/2. All paperwork, shots, fixed. Crate trained, (eat/sleep in crate). Need to find good home due to military transfer, 760-805-3597.

PUREBRED LONG HAIREd, Dachshund puppy, 4 months. Red, sable markings. Lovable, high energy, playful, faithful. Up-to-date with shots. Microchipped, clean bill of health \$1000, 619-944-0510.

REPTILE TANK, glass reptile tank with heating pad, feeding dish and light. No top. Used for desert tortoises but they have outgrown it. \$35. 619-460-7186.

ROTT PUPS, \$350. 4 week old, tails/dew claws removed. Parents on site. Call Tricia for info. 619-917-6309.

SHELTIE/COLLIE PUPS, 2 black females, 1 black male. 2 sable females, 15 pounds, \$350. Available after 6/12/06. Mother/father onsite available for purchase. 619-729-2036.

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TERRIER MIX, 6 year old female, 40 pounds, hunter/watchdog, no cats. Sweet and loving \$50. 619-997-6975.

TERRIER, mix, neutered, 15 pounds, 18 months, loves to hug like a baby, smooth coat, nice sweet, microchip, shots. \$100. 619-583-5122.

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NORTH PARK. \$1075 rent. \$900 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit with stove, refrigerator, new carpet, washer/dryer. Off-street parking. 3036 Juniper #4. 619-804-3325.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$985/month. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. All amenities. Dishwasher, fireplace, walk-in closet, pool, laundry facilities, barbecue area, parking. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-758-9565.

OCEAN BEACH. \$700. Studio apartment. 2 blocks to the beach. Clean, quiet complex. Water and sewage paid. No pets. \$400 deposit. 5081 Lotus Street. 858-695-3759.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1095. 2 bedroom (1 bathroom, remodeled) apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 2739 Camulus Street (near Nimitz/West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-222-6427.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Off-street parking. Close to beach and park. 4955 West Point Loma Boulevard #4. Available 7/1. Nonsmoking. 619-223-2347.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet, clean complex. 1 block to the beach! Clean. Available immediately. 2178 Abbott Street #3. No dogs. Nonsmoking. 619-222-9308.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit with laundry. 1/2 block to

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OCEAN BEACH. \$975. Large 1 bedroom that opens to courtyard. On-site parking and laundry. Close to beach and shops. 4878 Saratoga. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$900. Large 1 bedroom with courtyard, on-site parking and laundry. Quiet complex. Close to all. 4861 Del Monte #6. 619-223-0338 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1225. 2 bedroom. 1 block to beach. On-site laundry. 4911 Del Mar Avenue. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great location. Fireplace. No pets. Parking spot. 1 year lease. Laundry. 4756 West Point Loma Boulevard. \$2100/month. Available! 858-525-5238 or 858-273-4820.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. Deposit \$600. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Refrigerator, stove. Laundry. Parking. 1 year lease. No pets. 4840 Del Monte #F. Available 7/1. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

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OCEAN BEACH. Spacious 1 bedroom, \$1050. Close to beach! Ceramic tile. Gated community. Courtyard setting. Laundry. Parking, bike room and more! Cats OK. No dogs. 4929 Del Monte Avenue. 619-221-8158. parkdelmonte.rasnyder.com.

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OCEANSIDE. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1325 square feet, garage, pool, new carpet/paint, pet on approval. \$1400/month. 4262 Mesa Vista Way, 92057. 24 hour message, 760-405-9605.

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OCEANSIDE. \$895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, spa, laundry, gated. Cat OK. 760-439-5728. www.casavistaapartments.com.

OCEANSIDE. \$900. Deposit \$600. 1 bedroom apartment. Refrigerator, stove. Laundry. Carport space, parking. No pets. 1 year lease. 209 Surfider Way #A. Available 7/5. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1150 duplex. Large, quiet upper 1 bedroom. Open floorplan. Immaculate. Sunny. 2 blocks ocean. Laundry, yard, gardener. No pets. 953A Missouri. 619-275-2610.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$995 studio. Sunny, quiet, immaculate. New carpet, appliances. Large deck, parking, yard, gardener. laundry. No pets. 1 block ocean. 869 Missouri. 619-275-2610.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet. Clean. Appliances. Laundry. Off-street parking. Near bay. No pets. Available 8/1/06. 1940 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-272-9449.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large, new decor, clean, quiet. Off-street parking, laundry, no pets. The Tiffany. 1790 Diamond. Manager, Alan, 858-245-9508 or 619-583-1434.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$695 plus \$600 deposit. Studio, upstairs unit. Newly remodeled. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. Across from Mission Beach. 3503 Del Rey Street. 858-272-2889.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1195 plus \$800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. Close to Mission Bay. Laundry available. All utilities paid. 3487-1/2 Del Rey Street. 858-272-2889.

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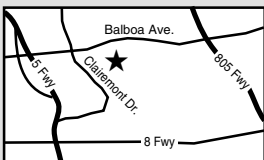
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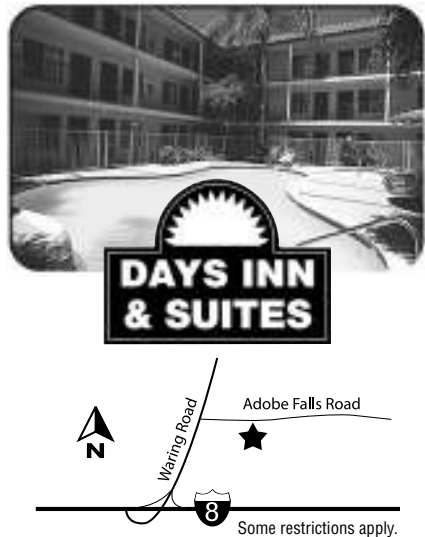
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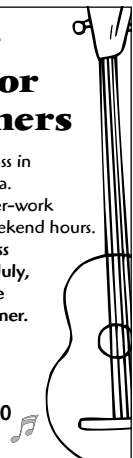
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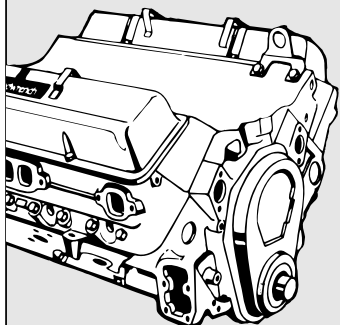
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ANIMA RISING | By Frances Kuffel

The other day I was tangled in dog leashes and poop bags when I was pulled up short by the sound of a cat clawing on a window.

"Frances? Is that *you*?"

Bebe. I sponsored her six years ago, listening to her lose 20 pounds and justify binges in that scratching voice: her son's choice of major, the contents of her husband's mail, a bat mitzvah she hadn't been invited to. My advice was to keep her nose out of everybody's business.

"I didn't even *recognize* you!"

Obviously my advice hasn't stuck.

I assume she was referring to my weight gain, although I wasn't looking reunion-ready, either. My hair, probably unbrushed and stuck up any old way off my neck, needs to be colored, and my face was shiny with sweat and dog kisses. My dog-walking clothes can be fresh from the dryer and still look like I've just planted an acre of corn.

Of course, she doesn't know I've lost 23 pounds or that I walk dogs for four hours a day. I've been studying the obese bodies exposed by the sullen pre-solstice — the woman so fat she walks in fifth position,

numerous canes, the man waddling with aplomb as his shorts hitch an inverted V, Boomer's trainer who splashes sweat stains after a few blocks of heel. Once upon a time I was one of them, looking away quick as quick, not wanting to see myself.

These days I look with a certain admiration and a good deal of sadness. Who knows what their stories are? Who knows what they crave and dread?

I'm about to be one of them for a night. My erstwhile best friend from high school (which isn't saying much) is in town on business. Raeanne and I are either on or off, speaking or not speaking. At 18, she was what I wanted to be: 5'2", 98 pounds, long blonde hair, big firm tits, sleeping with my oldest brother and itinerate poets.

I love her — who else do I have to talk with about Iris Murdoch, Scarlatti, and who turned up gay at our 30th high school reunion? Equally, my hatred of her was in every wail to my college shrink that even if I were thin I was still 5'8". (I never did admit that since my brother was fucking all my friends, I wished he'd, at least, tell me I was fuckable too.) Raeanne was my template.



Dick Hugo loved her poetry. She moved to New York and worked in a literary agency. She lived in Brooklyn Heights, which is where she lost me in her course of marriage, kids, divorce. She's become the queen of Montana arts funding and married a novelist, who was among my stable of authors. His alcoholic tantrum one Saturday night induced me to get an unlisted phone number and, yet again, drop my best friend.

We've met a couple of times since the rupture, written a few letters, attended some of the same parties. The last time I saw her, three years ago, I was wearing a J. Jill dress, size medium.

She'll come out to the Heights after her day of seminars and after I've hauled three dogs back and forth from the park. I'm praying my fat clothes don't make me look fatter, but unlike Bebe, she'll recognize me and say I look great. As laughable as it sounds, she's only seen me thinner than my current weight twice.

If I wanted to be lithe and recognized when we were teenagers, what did she want, besides my brother, that I had?

This is not a consolation.

Consolation comes from waiting. I'll eat my Caesar salad and watch her get sloppy drunk. Her bathos is flab, too, not always visible but harder to lose than six dress sizes. I'll hail her a cab and let her kiss me goodbye before I pick up Daisy's best girlfriend, Hero, for the night. Daisy will be ecstatic. She humps Hero incessantly, wanting to play or be boss.

I recognize Raeanne and me in Daisy's humping, although I'm not sure which of us is the humper or what it means. If I wanted to be lithe and recognized when we were teenagers, what did she want, besides my brother, that I had? What did she recognize in me, the way I see myself in the eyes of the woman in the T-shirt down to her bulging knees? What does she crave and dread that prompted her to ask to get together?

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- Check tire pressure
- Lube chassis • Rotate tires
- Inspect suspension, steering & exhaust
- Replace air filter
- Check & set timing
- Inspect, clean & adjust brakes
- Inspect lights & wiper blades
- Inspect drive belts & coolant hoses
- Road test vehicle

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- Inspect all fluid levels & adjust
- Check tire pressure
- Brake inspection
- Rotate tires
- Road test vehicle
- Check & set timing
- Inspect, clean & adjust brakes
- Inspect lights & wiper blades
- Inspect drive belts & coolant hoses
- Rotate tires
- Road test vehicle
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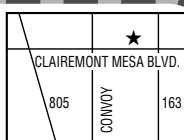
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

In San Diego, even the big agencies are having their share of troubles. The local Pinkerton Agency hires only two full-time detectives, while Wackenhut supplements investigative work with security guard service and the sale of electronic gear.

—“**THE DEMISE OF THE SMALL-TIME DICK,**”

Bruce Gibney, July 1, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Your sentimental piece about Oakwood Gardens East (June 17) drew a warm, romantic picture of a close-knit community thriving in this apartment complex. Unfortunately, you did not draw a sharply focused, in-depth picture of the realities of life for the permanent tenants here.

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—LETTERS: “**THERE’S LESS WHERE THAT CAME FROM,**”

Lupe M. Jiménez, July 2, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

What follows are [Raymond] Chandler’s own words.

“What do I do with myself from day to day? I write when I can and don’t when I can’t; always in the morning or the early part of the day. You get very gaudy ideas at night but they don’t stand up. I have no theories about writing; I just write. If it doesn’t seem good to me, I throw it away. I hate studied writing, the kind of thing that stands off and admires itself.”

—“**CHANDLER STYLE,**” Jeff Smith, July 3, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

January 10. My father, in a red American Motors 440, drives north through the Sonora desert, ticking off towns as the sun rises to his right. Santa Ana, Caborca, Tajito. He is on his way to Tijuana, to his mother’s house, where he has lived since my mother threw him out of our home. He left Culiacán yesterday, in the morning. He’s been driving alone, nonstop, pausing for gas and two terrible roadside meals. The cheap tape recorder nestled among packs of cigarettes on the seat beside him has been playing Mexican songs that call forth all his ghosts and memories. Miguel Prado, Agustin Lara, Pedro Infante, Lola Beltran. Mile upon mile, the car has gradually filled with the dead and forgotten. The

back seat is crowded with 100 girlfriends, lovers, and wives. Time swirls around him like smoke.

—“**I WILL TAKE SPIT ON THE TIPS OF MY FINGERS AND DRAW TEARS DOWN MY CHEEKS,**”

Luis Urrea, July 3, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Daniel Duane hooked me. Perhaps it’s his precise descriptions of natural life. “Otters can live their whole lives without coming to land, with fur four times as insulating as fat keeping them warm, buoyant, and waterproof.”

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—READING: “**CAUGHT INSIDE,**” Judith Moore,

June 27, 1996



San Diego Reader, July 1, 1976

Five Years Ago

The *Sacramento Bee* reports that Steve Peace, the state senator from Chula Vista blamed for that 1996 utility-deregulation bill, is making big money out of the ensuing power shortage. His media company, Four Square Productions, whose clients have included SDG&E and other power companies, has made a video offering tips on how to cope with blackouts this summer.

—CITY LIGHTS: “**POWER POLITICS,**” Matt Potter,

June 28, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

I've been on eight dates now with a guy I like lots. We talk well, have fun, and he says he really enjoys my company. But except for a peck on the cheek, we've had no physical contact at all. I'm not a sex fiend, but I'm very attracted to this man and a big fan of physical affection. Last date I worked up my courage and told him I was attracted to him. He said, "I think you're really cool." I was, like, "Hmm, what does that mean?" So I came out and said, "But is there any erotic component in your feelings about me?" He hesitated and said, "I'm not sure." Now I feel kind of crushed. He asked me out again, but I'm not sure if I should keep seeing this guy if he isn't going to be attracted to me. Should I keep dating him and hope chemistry will develop? Or?

INTO HUGGING AND KISSING IN
KENSINGTON

Dear Into Hugging and Kissing,

You have to use your people-sense and intuition about whether this man just wants to take it slow, or is shy — or whether he just wants to be friends and you need to look elsewhere for sex and romance. I'm not encouraged by what he said. After eight dates, if he still doesn't know if he's attracted to you, chances are very good that he's not. You want to be with someone who is capable of being demonstrative with you. If something doesn't change in this department during the next date or two, look elsewhere for a man who doesn't keep you starved for affection.

Dear Saffron,

My mom, who lives in Northern California and is in her mid-50s, recently lost her job. Mom has been married a few times, but nothing stuck. She never has much money and has been doing well for a while, but she's a little unstable — she sometimes doesn't make the best decisions and isn't always too practical. Many years ago she was hospitalized once for hearing voices, but that hasn't recurred. So she is eccentric, but charming, and perfectly able to hold down a job and take care of herself. People like her, and she has friends. She can be a bit like a big kid, though — she lost her job because the company she was working for is having financial problems, and they had to let her go. The day she lost her job she went to her land-

lord immediately and said she couldn't pay the rent anymore on unemployment and was moving out. I had met the landlord and given him my number, so he called me and told me what she had said. He knows it took my brother and I a while to find her this perfect living situation in a really nice, big rented duplex with an old couple upstairs who adore her. She checks up on them, and they keep an eye on her. I called my mom to see what had happened, and she was packing up her stuff. "Where are you going to go?" I asked. She said, "I'm coming to San Diego to move in with you or Bobby," as if it had all been discussed and decided. (Bobby is my brother.) When I told my brother about this, he freaked out. Neither my brother nor I are in a position to have Mom come live with us! Bobby just moved with his girlfriend to a tiny apartment, and I am getting married in September, and my fiancé and I live in a very small rented house. Neither of us can pay Mom's rent for her either. We give her a little money when we can, but it's not enough. The landlord is very generous and willing to work with us to keep Mom where she is, but obviously he can't afford to let her stay there for nothing for the foreseeable future. Suggestions?

WORRIED SANTEE SIBLINGS

Dear Worried,

Sounds as if you and your brother are going to be going up north to help Mom find a wonderful, trustworthy roommate. You said Mom's place is big, so there must be plenty

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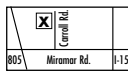
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It's 5:39 a.m. on the day of the rehearsal dinner. I'm sitting here typing what will be my last blog before my wedding and subsequent honeymoon.

I'm tired. My feet are swollen, and my knees are ready to crack with their next subtle bend. My hands and elbows burn with brittle suggestion that arthritis may be setting in. My neck and shoulders are not yet relieved of the fatigue from carrying my head through yesterday's hours. My eyes are tired and bleary. My ears are sensitive to the slightest sounds.

The last week has consumed me with random tasks and specific purposes. Prepping the house for visitors, finalizing the gifts for family and friends, and making last-minute substitutions. The details are tedious and necessary. We've had to find someone to watch the dogs on the day of the wedding, replace the stale and rotting mulch that accents the landscape of our house, and frame pictures for sisters and grandmothers. We've picked up dry cleaning and bridal jewelry. Finalized vendor payments and plans. Met with wedding coordinators, hairdressers, and postal employees. Each task was followed with another and, one by one, crossed off a list that leads to tomorrow evening.

Today is paramount. We've been at this wedding-planning table for 18 months. In the next 36 hours, we will pull

everything together. Time is short. Polish has been issued for application to every detail that remains incomplete. Every minute between now and 4:30 this evening has been appropriated. It is a day for finishing touches — haircuts, collecting tuxedos.

Tonight is practice, a puzzle for family and friends who have been conversing and debating for months about this wedding. For those family and friends, their envisioned landscapes and ocean backdrops will be repainted into a wedding site that many of them have not seen. They will all be told where and how to stand. They will be told when or when not to proceed with their piece of the wedding puzzle. The open spaces to complete the puzzle will be filled tonight, placed carefully so that a picture of tomorrow is complete.

Tomorrow is the day. It is a day that for me begins with a lull. The morning is slated to provide a rested

and relaxed start. I won't need to be anywhere or do anything until noon. And from there I will be consumed in a whirlwind of activity that will culminate in a joyous celebration of matrimony. Mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, sisters, friends will witness a union of two people...two souls. Glasses will be raised, and music, dancing, and



blessings will follow. As will pictures of smiles, hugs, kisses, and perhaps a few happy tears. Memories will be created and forever written in our minds.

Sunday, a new life

begins. When I used to envision myself in the future, I saw myself alone. That vision has evolved. Now, though I stand alone, someone appears at my side and grasps my hand. It is unknown just where we will go. It is known who will be there by my side. This person I love and cherish gives me comfort and understanding. She gives me rea-

son and rationale and balances me out. She makes me smile, even when she is in a different room. She gives me strength and a deep sense of belief and belonging. She loves me unconditionally and does not judge or belittle me for the decisions I make. She makes me

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Location: 4001 Market Street, Mt. Hope
Time/Date: 8:21 a.m. on 6/2/06

Report: A 42-year-old worker brought an AK-47 assault rifle to work to show his co-workers. There wasn't an



ammo magazine in the rifle, and he thought it was not loaded. He pulled a trigger, which fired a round that

was still in the rifle's chamber. The round struck a 17-year-old co-worker in the right hip and exited his left buttock. Medics transported him to the hospital where the wound was deemed non-life threatening. The worker that brought the rifle to work, and fired the round, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, and several other charges.

PEDESTRIAN ROBBERY/STABBING

Location: Camino de la Reina and Qualcomm Way, Mission Valley
Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. on 6/4/06

Report: A white female victim in her late 20s was walking along the walkway near the San Diego River and... [passed] a man standing near the walkway. She noticed the man was following her. Her ran up to her, grabbed her purse and stabbed her once in the abdomen during the struggle over the purse. The suspect removed money from her purse, threw her purse down and fled on foot towards the river. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. The victim was transported to a local hospital with a non-life threatening stab wound.

AUTO THEFT

Location: Mission Boulevard and Ventura Place, Mission Beach
Time/Date: 5:07 p.m. on 6/5/06

Report: The victim saw his vehicle being driven away, borrowed a bicycle and gave chase. He caught up with the suspect, opened the car door and pulled the suspect out of his car. The suspect then ran to another car, driven by a second suspect, and drove off. The victim recovered his

own car and returned.

He was telling a friend about the incident when the suspects returned to confront the victim. Seeing the victim was now no longer alone, the suspects fled. The victim and friend gave chase to the suspects.

The suspects crashed their car on West Mission Bay bridge near Mission Boulevard and fled on foot, but were quickly taken into custody by officers with the assistance of the police helicopter ABLE. The vehicle the suspects crashed turned out to be an unreported stolen vehicle taken earlier in the day.

A male adult and male juvenile were taken into custody.

HOT PROWL

Location: [6500] Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 4:26 p.m. on 6/6/06



Incident: Police received a 911 call from the resident, a nine-year-old male. The juvenile reported that he had been home with his friend, another nine-year-old male. The two juveniles had heard two suspects speaking outside their apartment and had observed them on the outside landing.

The two suspect males had knocked, departed for a short period, then returned and entered the apartment through the open front door. The suspects entered one of the bedrooms and the two juveniles attempted to contact the police and waited in the hallway.

The suspects exited the bedroom

and confronted the juveniles, pushing one of them out of the way...both suspects fled the residence. The juveniles grabbed a phone and contacted police while locking the front door. One of the suspects apparently returned to the doorway and asked for an unknown person, then fled.

ROBBERY/ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: 3412 College Avenue, Oak Park
Time/Date: 8:49 p.m. on 6/5/06



Report: The suspect, Christopher L., switched price tags on merchandise, placing tags from inexpensive items on higher priced items, then used the self-checkout lane [in Walmart]. A clerk noticed that the prices being rung up did not match the items being checked out and notified store security. A store loss prevention officer contacted L. outside and placed him under arrest. L. resisted and fought with [the loss prevention officer] during which L. pulled out a knife and stabbed and slashed the employee on the neck and face. The employee was able to subdue L. and held him for police. The employee was transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

BURGLARY

Location: 6600 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont Mesa East
Time/Date: 4:07 a.m. on 6/9/06

Incident: The suspects used an unreported Chevy El Camino to back through

the front glass door of the Mobil Gas Station. It appeared that they were attempting to take the ATM machine from the store...because they had blocked the frame of the door with the car, they couldn't reach the ATM. The suspects fled when the alarm activated.

SHOOTING

Location: 200 South 33rd Street, Logan Heights
Time/Date: 1:24 a.m. on 6/10/06



Incident: A black male gang member was challenging a Hispanic male gang member to a fight. The Hispanic male beat up the black male and left him in the street. The black male and his friends confronted the Hispanic male with a .45 caliber handgun and shot several rounds. The Hispanic male was hit in the leg and taken to the hospital. The wound was non-life threatening.

KNIFING

Location: 4000 Marlborough, Teralta West
Time/Date: 2:43 a.m. on 6/11/06

Report: A Hispanic male, 14-years-old, affiliated with gangs, was picked up for curfew. He then told the officers he was stabbed in the back earlier in the evening at 44th and Orange Avenue by other gang members. The stab wound was covered over by a roll of toilet paper, secured with duct tape. He was transported to the hospital for treatment. The wound was non-life threatening.

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It's all right there on a 1-inch by 2-inch screen. The grainy digital colors blurred from the jostling of elbows while his finger pushed at the chrome button and captured the light from a candle and a shattered mirror. He's not going to show you those pictures on his phone.

Evidence exists not just as photographs. Ask to dig through a woman's purse. She'll blush and say, "Women have to keep some secrets, dear." We all know that her eyeliner is scrawling out an indecipherable message on the white leather interior of her clutch. We can all see what shade lipstick she wears and what day she takes her sugar pills and what days she takes the little green ones and how much she weighs is printed on her license. But, that's not what she's hiding.

In a cough-drop box, with a little pair of tweezers and a lighter, is a clear plastic baggy half-zipped and spilling tan powder from its corner. In the coffee-shop restroom she holds a straw in her mouth and inhales the deep fumes from a piece of tin foil, bubbling with heated gunk. When she straightens up and replaces everything in the white and chrome box she puts her large-frame sunglasses back on and fidgets with her hair in the mirror and she knows she's depraved.

Twenty minutes ago I was coughing blood onto the watery floor of my shower. I tow-eled off and gelled my hair, put on a pair of jeans and a button-up shirt. My eyes are blood shot from the internal pressure caused by my heaving lungs so I covered them with Ralph Lauren sunglasses. I'm in line at the bank and pretending to care about whatever 3D cartoon they've got playing on the TV in the kiddie section, *Ice Age 3*, or something. Animated ani-mals scurry around the screen and the teller raises her finger and bleats, "Next!" and I look at her and she smiles and I smile. I smile because the pills I took are flooding my bloodstream with granular pharmaceuticals, and she's smiling because she knows what she did on her cig-arette break with the manager in a storage closet.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY JUNE 29
CONJOINED TWINS: SEPARATE STEPS
DHC 9:00 P.M.

While pregnant with me, my mother was kicked by a horse and thrown into a barbed-wire fence. Horsehair lingered in her scratched arm too long and I was infused with the essence of Lipizzaner Stallion. Now, in adulthood, I've grown a mane that I keep up in tight bows atop my head and neck and I've taken to pranc-ing through the grocery store, grazing on the carrots in the produce box, and singing "Gray skies are gonna clear up! Put on a happy face! Brush off the clouds and cheer up! Put on a happy face!" The song doesn't have anything to do with my equine nature, but it goes well

with my high-stepping routine.

VEGAS PASTRY BATTLE
FOOD 9:00 P.M.

What kind of stupid, manufactured, and con-trived type of conflict is a "Pastry Battle"? When I go to Vegas I want to get a snootful of pepper spray from the city mounted police captain, a slap from a feathery showgirl, and yanked out of a cab by a Russian who's stronger than he looks. If you were to smash a crois-sant through a window, light it and catch a palm tree on fire, *then* I'd be in. But, as it stands on the Food Network, "pastry battle" sounds a bit tame for my Vegas vacation plans.

FRIDAY JUNE 30
PRIDE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
FSW 4:00 P.M.

I'd like to give the steroid-amped and morphine-strung psychopaths of PRIDE a hot branding iron each and let them loose in a cor-al filled with all of Dr. Phil's for-mer guests. Hyeah! Git along lit-tle doggies. Woof! Smells like poop in here.

SATURDAY JULY 01
LANCE ARMSTRONG: RIDE
OF A LIFETIME
OLN 10:30 A.M.

Lance announced today that while he's tired of serving the French a slice of Texas pie, he will be packing his extra-slim jockstrap and com-peting against the Brazilian team in the World Cup Finals. During the press conference, Lance called out several other countries and their national pastimes, including Great Britain and the sport of cricket. His final words were, "And Ghana better stiffen up their national Stick-and-Hoop team or they're just going to be embarrassed next fall."

DIRTY DANCING (1987)
WB 8:00 P.M.
(Tee-hee. Shhhhhh. It's about dry-humping!)

SUNDAY JULY 02
JAWS THE REVENGE (1987)
AMC 10:45 P.M.

Not a lot of people know this, but I was involved with a production company that made a sim-ilar sea-creature horror flick. Don't let anyone ever tell you that the title is unimportant because *Crabs: This Time It's Personal* didn't do as well in the box office as you'd expect.

MONDAY JULY 03
HOW TO GET THE GUY
ABC 10:00 P.M.

What little I've seen of this show I didn't quite understand. In the moments before the final commercial break, a man woke up on a grassy



Dirty Dancing

Serengeti plain, dazed and wiggling a yellow eartag. When he pulled the tranquilizer dart from his left flank, a Jeep full of women sped off through the brush, giggling into their palms and waving Polaroids of the sleeping man dressed in a tuxedo. Very curious.

TUESDAY JULY 04
GRUEN WATCHES
HSN 8:00 P.M.

Here's what I'm doing come the 4th. I'm going to buy watches for an hour while I sip gin and talk to my cats. Yes, Admiral Kingsley Van Hug-gleschmitt, papa needs a new watch. Don't scratch. Don't. Scratch.

WEDNESDAY JULY 05
LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
TVLAND 8:00 P.M.

I still have the old dress and apron, but I never wear them anymore. I have held my old clothes up to me and stood in the mirror to see if I still look like the little boy my mother dressed up as Laura Ingalls Wilder, but my hair is too short for the pigtail braids now and I feel stu-pid and sentimental so I keep the outfit in a trunk. But, I still have it. I still have it.

THURSDAY JULY 06
BIG BROTHER 7: ALL-STARs
CBS 8:00 P.M.

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"I always seem to be in love with two women at the same time."

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"Well, there's what I really did Friday night and then there's this version."

This large stranger and I were in one of my favorite coffee houses that's too far away from where I live now but close enough to my pharmacy, kind of my second home on Friday afternoon, payday. Slow turning fans are overhead above rifles, about 30 of them that hang on the walls: old Mausers, Mannlichers and carbines, Winchesters, Martinis or Enfields. I don't know what all else, but they looked as if they could have been taken anytime over the past 100 years from Afghan troops. All are above the glass counter tops displaying teas, coffees, cigars, and French, North African, Southeast Asian, and Middle Eastern brands of cigarettes, some of them packed with clove, others, with strong Turkish shag cuts of black Latakia that when ignited burn and smell for all the world like an Irish peat fire, if you've ever had that homey and fragrant pleasure.

The place is very masculine and 19th Century. It is owned by a man from the Mid-East somewhere, who always wears a Panama hat. The tobacco smells (some from pipes burning special blends; others, commercial aromatics that are like smoking fruit salad) vie with that of the tea and coffee always brewing and the smell of car exhaust from the street, mingling indoors with mundane cigarette and cigar smoke (or maybe burnt clove).

The man at the next table who had addressed me about his Friday night, dressed in Hawaiian shirt and Dodgers cap, pretended to hand me a fistful of "Greetings From San Diego" postcards featuring Shamu or some descendant possibly, buffed surfers, the Hotel Del, the current panda, the primate house at the zoo, etc., etc. The stack, some of them scrawled over completely, others blank, was clearly too large to read at any one sitting. He took them back with a bark of a laugh and returned them to his briefcase.

He then withdrew a blank one from an equally large stack of two dozen or so cards, set it before him and clicked

his ballpoint pen over a photo of the Coronado bay bridge as if deciding his epitaph before jumping off of the thing. "How would you describe Coronado?" he asked me, seeming to duck my earlier question, "How did you spend your Friday night?" He was not, really. I described Coronado, using phrases such as, "A lot of retired admirals living with their parents," and "Even the gas stations have window boxes." He laughed. I didn't think he'd get it.

I'll call him Bert because he reminded me of the Sesame Street character complete with a Fuller Brush mustache, if anyone still recalls that reference. As I spoke, he filled the card with handwriting — small script you'd not expect from a big guy — and it filled every centimeter of white space, even along the sides, top, and bottom of the rest of the text. Finally, he explained what he was doing.

"I'm sending these to my chick in New York. I fly for [some airline I hadn't heard of] and met her there. I overheard her talking to her girlfriends about how she would only date men who had good relations with their mothers. Well, I don't, but I wanted to take her out. I started talking to her and brought up my mother and started talking about how I'd better get going, that every afternoon at that time I'd go home and call my mother and we'd watch *Oprah* together on the phone. My mom, I told her, was in a nursing home in L.A., but because I'm a pilot I got to see her pretty frequently. Lisa, that's my girlfriend, works at Kennedy in reservations or something. Now, she loved that *Oprah* thing."

Bert's real mother lives in Binghamton, in upstate New York, and Bert lives in Manhattan. They haven't seen each other or spoken since Christmas of '96. He didn't tell me what happened that Christmas, but he told me about meeting Pam from San Diego in the airline's first class, V.I.P. lounge. He fell in love with her, too, but he was still in love with Lisa. "Does that happen to you? It happens to me all the time. I always seem to be in love with two women at the same time. Maybe it's because I'm a Gemini."

Bert was writing a card for each of the next seven days. On every card, he would describe what he and his mom did together on their trip to San Diego. The previous week he had written Lisa that he had picked up his mother from Shady Haven or whatever it was supposed to be in Beverly Hills, had driven down the coast together, stopped at Capistrano, saw the sparrows or swallows or whatever they were, took her wading in the Pacific, which she always wanted to do, then spent the night at the Valencia hotel in La Jolla. He said he took her shopping, frolicked in the tide pools, etc., etc. All of this fiction sounded so idyllic that I figured Lisa, if she was buying this crap, was an idiot. At any rate, a gullible romantic — all the same thing to me now, sad as that may seem.

He finished writing about his stay with mom at the Hotel Del on the card he had just crammed with writing, describing how his mom howled with laughter at *Triple Espresso* at the famous Old Globe Theater, a point on which I did not correct him. And then he gave me a rundown of his and the imaginary mater's projected activities at the zoo and how he'd send her a picture of himself and Ma on one of those donkey carriages down in TJ.

"How I really spent my Friday night? Well, it was how I spent every other night pretty much since I got into town. Banging the lights out of Pam. She lives in Pacific Beach, and we've only left her apartment to party at this bar that's really cool. Oh, we went to Horton Plaza and I made some purchases at Victoria's Secret you would not believe. This one thing has got this little thing right here that when you..." He was gesturing at his crotch, and I coughed and got up to get more Splenda coffee sweetener, which I didn't want.

I returned, but at this point I pretty much tuned out. I kept thinking about Bert's imaginary mother, feeling terrible that she had missed out on Shamu and even *Triple Espresso*. Bert and Pam had actually gone to see the wacky



romp and loved it. He also told me "their song" was "Part Time Lover," a pukingly sentimental dance tune whose sentiment was as deep as lubricant-soaked Kleenex.

"What's your mom's name? You never mentioned it." I had to ask for some reason; I wanted to give her more substance than Bert's lack of description and whirlwind recounting of their fun.

"You mean my real mother?"

"Well, yeah."

"It's Sylvia. Queen Sylvia of Binghamton."

"Is that what you tell your girlfriend in New York, or did you make up a name?"

"You know, I did say it was Sylvia a couple of times." At that point Bert resumed telling me about his sexual adventures with what'shername here in San Diego (she was at Nordstrom at the moment) and I had to interrupt him. "Bert, I gotta go."

"Yeah, what are you up to?"

"I don't know. I don't feel so great."

"Wow, sorry, Buddy. Here, take my card, maybe we'll catch up, dig up some action." I didn't take the card but kind of clutched my side like I was having some internal bleeding problems.

"Hey, good luck," I said, but guys like that never seem to need it. I said, "Take it easy." And I meant that.

"Yeah, nice meeting you." He turned back to the remaining blank cards and splayed them out before him, entranced as if in some weird conjunction of solitaire and Tarot card reading. He set quickly to writing another one with Torrey Pines Golf Course pictured, and I made a momentary bet with myself that he was having a better time right now, confabulating apparently impossible fun with his mother, than he had last night, Friday night, rogering the lights out of what'shername from P.B.

Wading through sheaths of smoke on the way out, I imagined Bert and Pam sharing some kind of French cigarette, Gauloise maybe, after doing the dance of the studly airman and the trembling, lovesick shop girl. Sometimes I can't turn that sort of thing off.

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