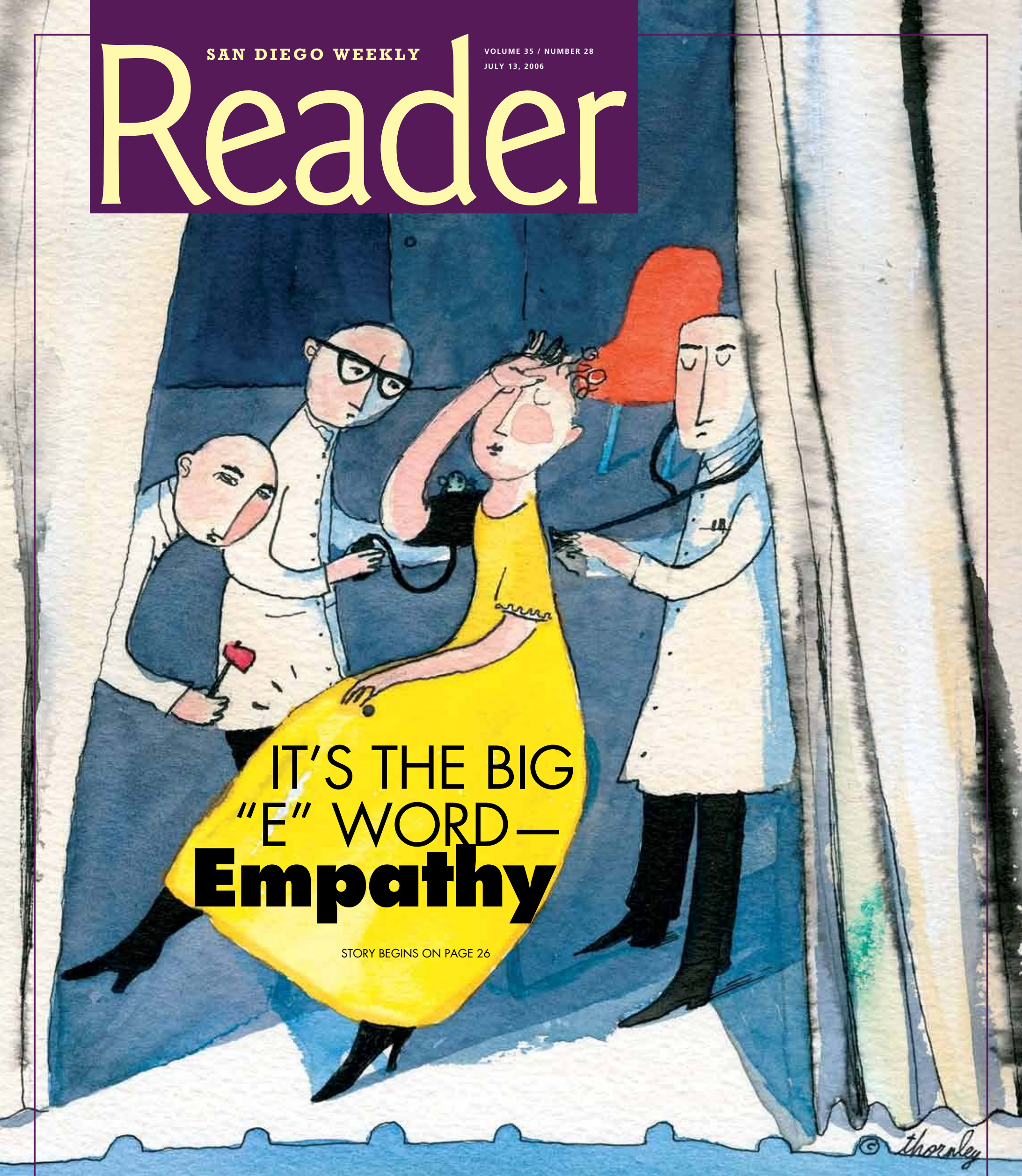
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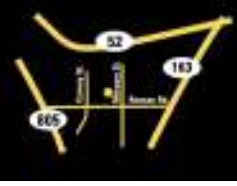
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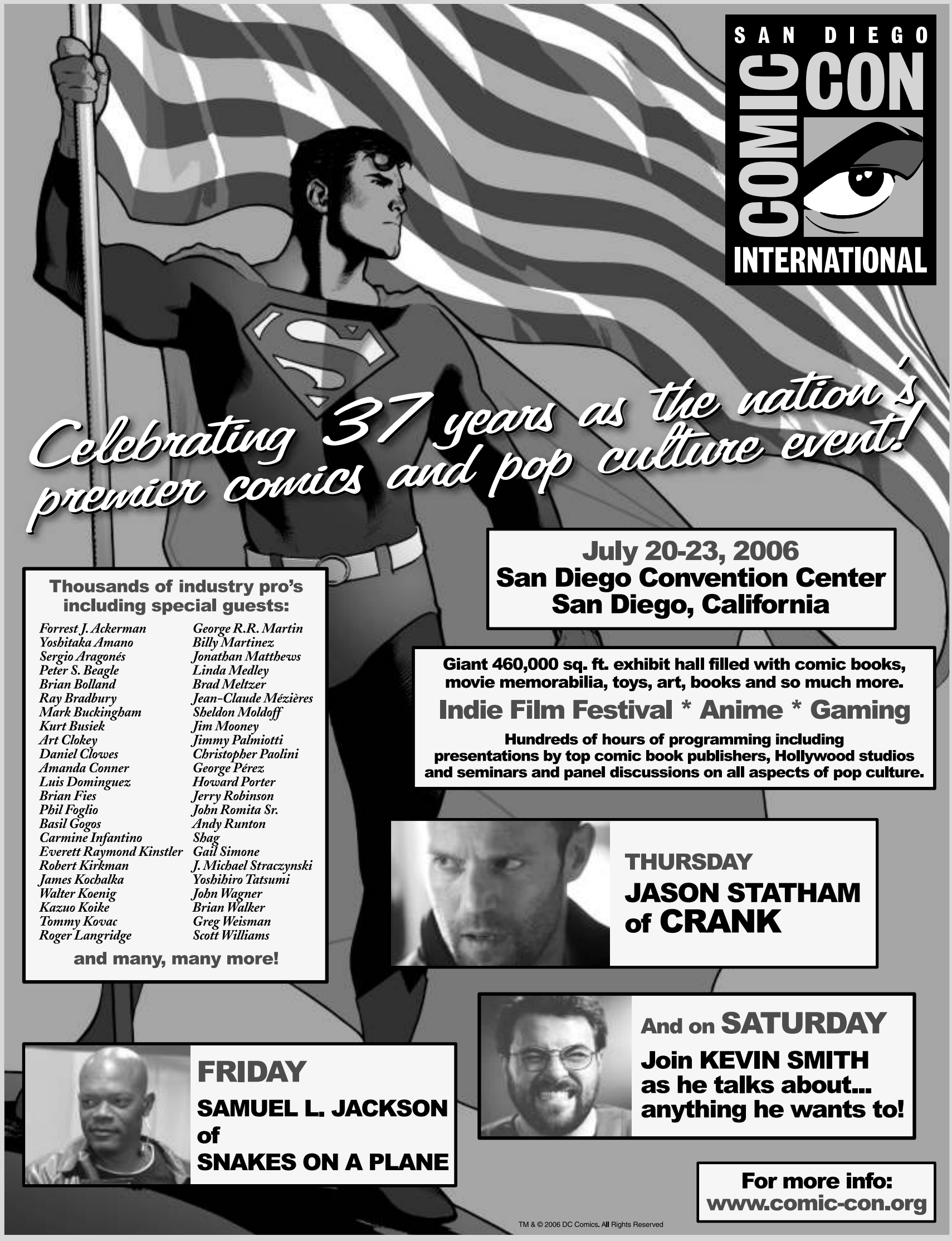
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Harry vs. Abe A group of San Diego Democrats has put together an organization intended to match the local GOP's Lincoln Club in fundraising prowess and ideological pragmatism. According to a blurb on its website, the newly hatched Truman Association of San Diego, headed by president and CEO **Adrian Kwiatkowski** and chairman **Art Castanares**, is "dedicated to promoting a practical, progressive agenda focused on education, environment, smart growth, transportation, and civic enhancement issues in San Diego. We strive to provide strategy, advocacy, candidate selection and training worthy of America's Finest City."



Adrian Kwiatkowski

Castanares, a political consultant who was once a top aide to ex–state Sen. **Steve Peace**, says the group's ideology is similar to the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, the generally pro-business organization that is currently backing Connecticut Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman in his primary battle against liberal anti-war candidate Ned Lamont. Critics on the left say the DLC is just a bunch of "Republicans Lite" looking after the welfare of big business rather than the rank-and-file. That sounds somewhat similar to the charge leveled by the right against the Lincoln Club, which conservative purists accuse of being a society for wealthy downtown pro-development Republicans who go out of their way to avoid tackling traditional GOP hot-button issues such as abortion, eminent domain, and government subsidies.



Art Castanares

Many of the board members of the new Truman club do seem to have more than a bit of mercantile interest in the political process. In addition to Castanares and Kwiatkowski (a lobbyist and political consultant who has recently handled the controversial push for city-council approval of a clean-needle exchange on behalf of the Alliance Healthcare Foundation), other top leaders include **Clint Carney**, an ex-aide to San Diego city councilman **Brian Maienschein**, now with the lobbying firm of Southwest Strategies, founded by Republican **Al Ziegaus**; and ex-Democratic state Assemblyman **Howard Wayne**.



Jimmy Carter

The group's inaugural event was held last month when ex-president **Jimmy Carter** and Padres owner **John Moores**, long a patron of Carter's philanthropic activities and chairman of his foundation, appeared together at UCSD before about 350 invited guests. Ex-senator Peace now works for Moores on various development projects and lobbying efforts. Castanares says a major fundraising event is planned for later in the summer but has not yet been announced. Moores, a University of California regent and onetime nominal Democrat who has frequently expressed his contempt for party liberals and his opposition to affirmative action admission policies at the university, is said to harbor a desire — backed by an open checkbook — to elect a raft of pro-business Democrats to state office.



John Moores

Guys and dolls The sentencing of **John D'Intino**, ex-cook, gun dealer, and onetime chief aide de camp to San Diego Cheetahs strip-club owner **Mike Galardi**, has been put off yet again, this time until September 28. The voluble D'Intino, who for years carried on a public battle against religious groups trying to shutter nude-dancing establishments in the city, while his boss secretly offered bribes to city councilmembers, pled guilty to two counts of wire fraud and possessing unregistered firearms and turned government witness. After spending two years in federal custody, he was freed on $500,000 bond last September. The latest delay, according to a June 20 court filing, is that D'Intino and prosecutors "need additional time to prepare for sentencing in this matter." … The cost to taxpayers of that recent quarter-page advertisement promoting **Jennifer LeSar** (a close friend of San Diego city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**) that was purchased in *San Diego Metropolitan,* a small downtown business magazine, by city-owned Centre City Development Corporation: $1205.

Workin' on the river Connecticut Democrat **Joe Lieberman**, **Al Gore's** VP candidate in 2000 and Middle East hardliner, is locked in a tough Senate primary race with liberal **Ned Lamont**, a rabid opponent of the war in Iraq. The race is looking closer and closer, but Lamont has picked up only two small local contributions, that of $500 from **John Medcalf**, CEO of Votec Corporation, which makes digital voting systems, and $500 from Vista's **Patrick McLaughlin**. It was different for Bush-friendly Lieberman, who last spring held a big fundraiser here. Financier **Murray Galinson**, a local insider and member of the board of trustees of California State University, contributed $2000. **Richard Galinson**, a special-effects expert, also kicked in $2000. The same day **Berdele** and **Richard Katz** gave $1000 each. **Alan Viterbi** gave $4200, as did wife **Caryn**. His father, Qualcomm billionaire **Andrew Viterbi**, contributed $1000. Viterbi's Qualcomm partner, **Irwin Jacobs**, also gave $1000. ... Ex–Nevada Democratic Rep. **James H. Bilbray**, who is a cousin to GOP Rep. **Brian P. Bilbray** and now with the Las Vegas law firm of Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner, Renshaw & Ferrario, has registered to be a lobbyist for CRM Colorado River Marina LLC. He will peddle his influence regarding "Natural Resources— dredging of river channel."

— Matt Potter

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Do *U-T* Lawyers Read the Paper?

By Don Bauder

In attempting to get records of City Attorney Mike Aguirre's 1989 divorce unsealed, the *Union-Tribune* has proved definitively that it doesn't read its own newspaper. On a deeper level, the missteps the newspaper has made in its effort, and the initial willingness of the judge to go along, raise more questions about the cozy relationship of the establishment and Superior Court.



Lawyers debate ruling's

Both sides say appellate decision supports them

By Jennifer Vigil

July 6, 2006, Union-Tribune*; inset: Mike Aguirre , Guylyn Cummins*

The divorce papers of Aguirre and his ex-wife, now named Kathleen Jones-Raya, were sealed in 1991. She was a lawyer in San Diego for nine years but is no longer practicing. "In 1991 you could just request to have a document sealed; there was no need to show anything," says Jones-Raya, now married to attorney Kevin Raya. Aguirre says the main reason to seal them then was to protect the privacy of the couple's two children.

But after 15 years of those documents sitting on a shelf, and with Aguirre tied up in a lawsuit with the pension system, the *U-T* was in a huge hurry, purportedly because a reporter had just learned about the sealed records. On Friday, June 30, the *U-T*'s outside attorney, Guylyn Cummins of the law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton (remember the name of that law firm), filed papers with William J. Howatt, supervising judge of Family Court, asking that a hearing on unsealing be held at the earliest possible time.

The judge set July 5 as a hearing date — just two working days after the papers were filed. Aguirre was not given a phone call, a fax, or personal service, Cummins admits. A representative of the law firm Sheppard Mullin sent the notice by snail mail to the city attorney's office, to his personal attention. Cummins thinks it should have arrived Monday, the day before the July 4 holiday. Since his assistant took that Monday off, Aguirre didn't see it.

On July 5, Aguirre was slated to be in court to argue a key point in his long-running case to have pension benefit increases of 1996 and 2002 ruled illegal. Cummins, who professes to be a media lawyer, should have known that Aguirre would be busy July 5; it was written up in her client's newspaper. The *U-T*'s other lawyers certainly should have known it if they read their own paper.

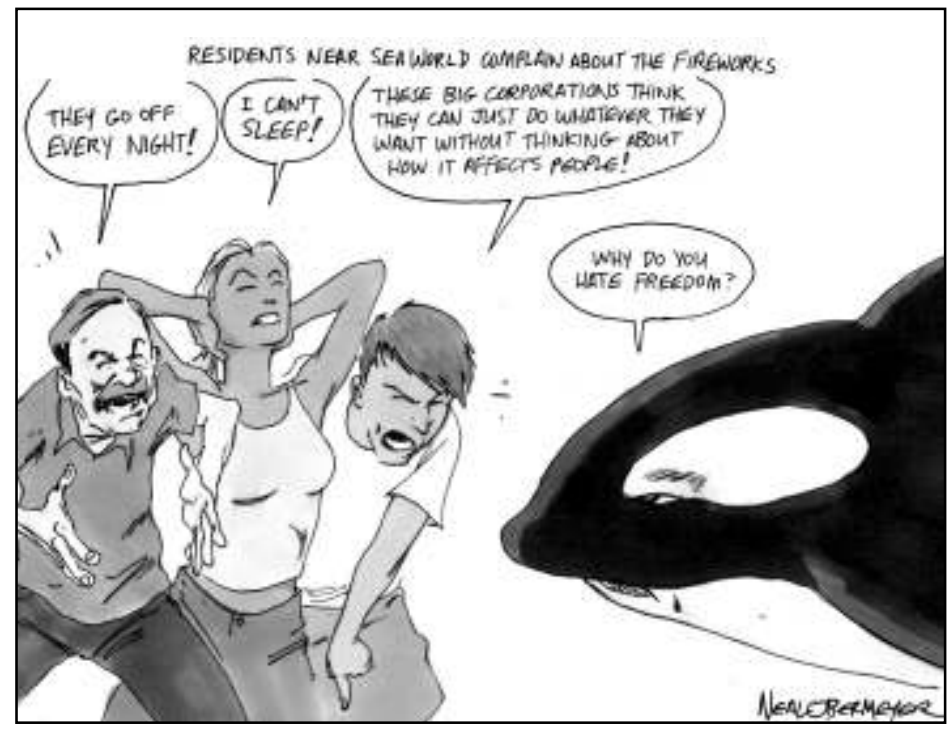
When Aguirre returned from court July 5, he was told that he was supposed to have been at the unsealing hearing at 9 a.m. Since he hadn't shown up, the court ruled that the unsealing should go forward.

There should have been another party summoned to this

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SDSU Preserves San Diego's Political History

By Joe Deegan

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1952 and serving for 14 consecutive terms, Republican Bob Wilson saw plenty of paperwork come across his desk. In 1973, he began depositing it for future researchers at San Diego State University. By the time he spent his bounty, he had donated 474 record cartons, 70 flat boxes of pictures and memorabilia, and 50 scrapbooks.

Wilson is best known for his work from 1959 through 1980 on the House Armed Services Committee and for political campaigning on behalf of Eisenhower and Nixon. In 1971, he arranged with the president of International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT) for a $400,000 donation to bring the 1972 Republican National Convention to San Diego. When columnist Jack Anderson later exposed the deal as possibly linked to a favorable outcome for ITT in an antitrust suit, the Republicans changed their convention site to Miami Beach.



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Lionel Van Deerlin, 1983 (from San Diego Reader *archives)*

With his last contribution of papers in 1980, Wilson restricted the public's access to all but 89 boxes of the donation. He stipulated that the restriction could be lifted after 20 years, or his death, whichever came first. The former congressman died of Alzheimer's in 1999, and SDSU lifted the restriction in 2000.

The enormity of the gift has been both a boon and a burden to SDSU's Special Collections and University Archives, which, according to its website, houses "approximately 37,000 volumes, 270 archival collections, and 369,000 other items such as photographs, art prints, postcards, memorabilia, scrapbooks, etchings, and oral histories." Its interim head, Leah Rosenblum, tells me that donors have the option of restricting their gifts for reasons of family privacy, protection of an ongoing career, or copyright safety. She says that her staff of four, with the help of an intern, "has intellectual control over" the 89 boxes that have been at least initially processed in the Wilson collection. That means that if you ask them to look for material on a particular subject, they probably can find it. But, adds Rosenblum, "The papers are not yet processed to the highest archival standards." The collection still does not have a complete finder's guide to everything it contains.

Since 1998, volunteer John Steiger has been coming periodically to further organize the papers. A history instructor for 25 years at Mesa College, Steiger has provided a detailed organization of 35 boxes having to do with San Diego issues. A glance in one of the boxes shows a series of letters Wilson wrote to constituents demanding better airport safety after the September 25, 1978 North Park crash of Pacific Southwest Airlines flight 182. In one that raised the problem small planes posed, written on November 8 the same year, Wilson stated, "I, too, am a frequent user of Lindbergh Field and share your apprehensions. At the moment, I am not at all clear where all this is going to come out. Please be assured of my deep concern and determination to see that appropriate action is taken to alleviate the circumstances which gave rise to the near-misses you refer to."

Rosenblum shows me what a complete finder's guide for an archival collection looks like. Former San Diego city councilman and county supervisor Jim Bates, a Democrat, served eight years in the House of Representatives, starting in 1983. Bates donated his congressional papers to SDSU after his defeat by Duke Cunningham in 1990. The guide to his papers, completed by the special collections staff, lays out an alphabetical listing of such subject categories as "Border Protection Act," "Development of Broadway Complex," and "Letters about Navy Procurement." The category names are written on the appropriate folders inside acid-free record cartons. The Bates's materials require five record cartons to house them.



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Bob Wilson, 1974 (from San Diego Reader *archives)*

According to the website "Biographical Directory of the United States Congress: 1774 – Present," not all of San Diego County's former representatives have donated their congressional papers. Among more recent representatives, Clair Burgener, Bill Lowery, and Brian Bilbray show no papers on the site's "Research Collections" link. To learn where their papers might be, I called the offices of both Bilbray and Lowery, the latter now with the Washington, D.C., lobbying firm Copeland, Lowery, Jacquez, Denton, and White. Aides for each promised to retrieve the information but did not call back. In recent weeks Lowery has been scrutinized for his close relationship with House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis, himself under investigation for possible "earmarking" corruption. Several weeks ago, Democrat members James Copeland and Lynn Jacquez separated from the parent firm. Lowery's congressional papers would be interesting, for during his ten years in the House he served on the Appropriations Committee too.

Bilbray, of course, is not finished in Congress, having been elected on June 6 to replace Duke Cunningham in the 50th Congressional District seat. But prior to the special election, Bilbray had been out of office since 2000. During the campaign, his opponent, Francine Busby, used his post-congressional-service work as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., to link him to corruption in Congress.

The congressmen might consider that they can receive a tax deduction for their charitable contribution to a qualified organization. If they believe their papers are worth more than $5000, they must produce a written appraisal from a qualified appraiser.

Even Cunningham, who left office in the midst of his eighth term last fall and is now in prison for corruption, has donated 300 boxes of congressional papers for future research. In a May 14 story on the donation to California State University, San Marcos, *SignOn San Diego* reported that the House of Representatives "encourages all members to preserve their documents upon leaving office." The words are those of the House Committee on Administration's John Brandt, who also stated, "The papers are considered the personal property of members of Congress upon their resignation or upon their leaving office.… It's up to (the members) what they want to do." That allows the representative to be selective in choosing which papers to donate and what restrictions to place on them. Cunningham had discussed donating his papers to Cal State San Marcos for several years prior to his departure from office.

A spokeswoman for the university's library tells me by phone that half of the papers it has been promised have arrived but are nowhere near being processed. She said that the whole collection is on "a seven-year block" at Cunningham's request.

The Biographical Directory of the United States Congress reports that Cal State San Marcos has the papers of another former North County congressman, Ron Packard. And it lists one-term congresswoman Lynn Schenk's papers as possessions of the University of Southern California. The website says both the Packard and Schenk collections are "unprocessed" and Schenk's "may have restricted access."

But Carol Bonomo, legislative liaison for Cal State San Marcos, tells me that Packard's papers, received in 2001, are now processed. And the USC Regional History Center's Dace Taube reports

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hearing: Jones-Raya, Aguirre's ex-spouse. She should have been notified for two reasons: she was not only a party to the divorce but also represented herself in the matter. "I didn't know Kathy's name," insists Cummins.

"There was absolutely no reason not to give me notice. My address hasn't changed since the last hearing [in the divorce] that we had," Jones-Raya says. "Michael called me to tell me about it. I said, 'Am I invisible?' I don't understand how they can get away with this." She may complain to the California Bar.

The judge "can set a hearing without talking to the other side," claims Cummins, saying that it's justified by "the public's right to know."

After he learned belatedly of the hearing, Aguirre hired attorney Mark Mazzarella. "There was no compelling reason to try to act that fast," says Mazzarella. "They could have called Mike, faxed him, personally served him. Mike is not a hard person to find. To drop it in the mail before the Fourth of July weekend was inexcusable."

Then Mazzarella raises a disquieting point: "I am concerned that they did this in a way that they knew Mike would not get notice," he says. He blames that on the Copley Press and its attorneys, including Cummins, Harold W. Fuson, Jr., Scott Wahrenbrock, and Judith J. Fanshaw. Cummins denies Mazzarella's charge. I called Fanshaw and Wahrenbrock and was told they would not be available to comment. I placed three calls to Fuson to no avail.

There is more. Even before he had held a hearing on the matter, Howatt took home the divorce records to study over the holiday. Aguirre questions that.

He can't understand how the filing was rushed to the judge so rapidly on June 30, the day it was filed. Aguirre believes there may have been an *ex parte* hearing — otherwise, how could the judge move so quickly? "How did she [Cummins] get to the judge?" he asks. "That document should never have gotten to the judge without me getting notice."

Howatt was reading the divorce documents over the holiday to give guidelines on how they should be redacted. Incredibly, he left the redaction job to Cummins. "I did the redactions," she admits. "The court marked the redactions it wanted made," primarily bank account and Social Security numbers that might make the parties vulnerable to identity theft.

This means Cummins saw the unredacted document. And she works for Sheppard Mullin, which represents Councilmember Scott Peters in the pension investigations, including Aguirre's. More to the point, in late April, Sheppard Mullin, representing Scott Peters and former Mayor Dick Murphy, asked a judge to disqualify Aguirre from the pension case he is arguing. The *U-T* wrote about the suit, too.

Before one of their lawyers goes into a case, intelligently managed law firms initiate what are called "conflicts tests" or "conflicts searches." If the law firm is pursuing a case against a person, it should think carefully about having another of its lawyers launch a different attack against the same person on a different front. At the very least, it should let the judge know that it has such a conflict. The conflicts test "is pretty elementary," says Jones-Raya.

But Cummins claims she had no idea that her law firm is representing Peters in battles against his arch-enemy, Aguirre. The *U-T* should have known that, too; it has written about it more than once.

After Mazzarella entered the case, Howatt decided to hold another hearing on the unsealing July 13. But "I have never been told of a new date," says Jones-Raya. Cummins "has never given me the courtesy of a letter, a callback, anything." After getting a request, Cummins did fax Jones-Raya the initial demand for an unsealing hearing.

Howatt says he cannot comment.

Says Aguirre, "It's clear there were illegal activities. I am now reviewing the actions of the Copley executives who were involved, and the others, to determine the appropriate legal action to be taken." He adds, "The privacy rights of every San Diegan are implicated by these types of practices. The episode raises serious questions about the moral leadership of the newspaper and may provide explanations for why it has been so insensitive to the corruption problems of the city."

After he learned that he had missed the hearing, Aguirre made calls to two court clerks, including Howatt's. Their stories did not add up, he complains. The judge says Aguirre was rude to his clerk and must apologize. "I am not apologizing," he says. "People in my office listened to everything I said," and agreed that his remarks were not inappropriate.

Finally, what is in those divorce documents? "There is nothing in them," says Jones-Raya, remembering a call she got from a reporter several years ago who assumed that since the documents were sealed, they must contain something like allegations of spousal abuse. But there is nothing remotely like that, she says. Aguirre and Mazzarella agree. The *U-T*'s hurry-up bullying, possible attempt to make sure Aguirre didn't attend the hearing, and sloppy legal practice may go for naught but cause its legal team big problems. ■

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that Schenk's papers come not from her 1993–1994 congressional term, but from her work as business, transportation, and housing secretary under Governor Jerry Brown.

Libraries aren't the only repositories for congressional papers. According to archivist Jane Kenealy, Lionel Van Deerlin began donating his papers to the San Diego Historical Society in 1977, three years before being defeated by Duncan Hunter in the 1980 election. Although work is complete only through the first two of Van Deerlin's nine terms, volunteers have organized the materials loosely by subject matter in Hollinger boxes (acid-free cases with a flap-over top). The biographical directory for the Congress cites the size of the whole collection as 87 feet and states that "parts of the

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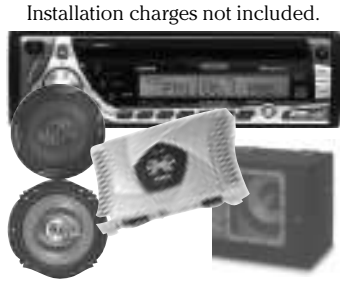
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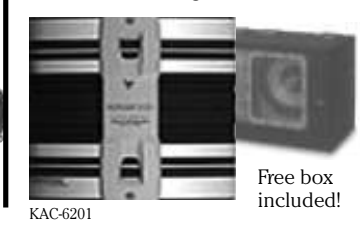
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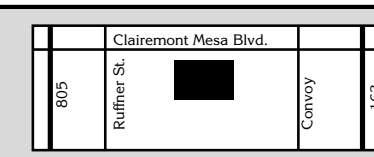
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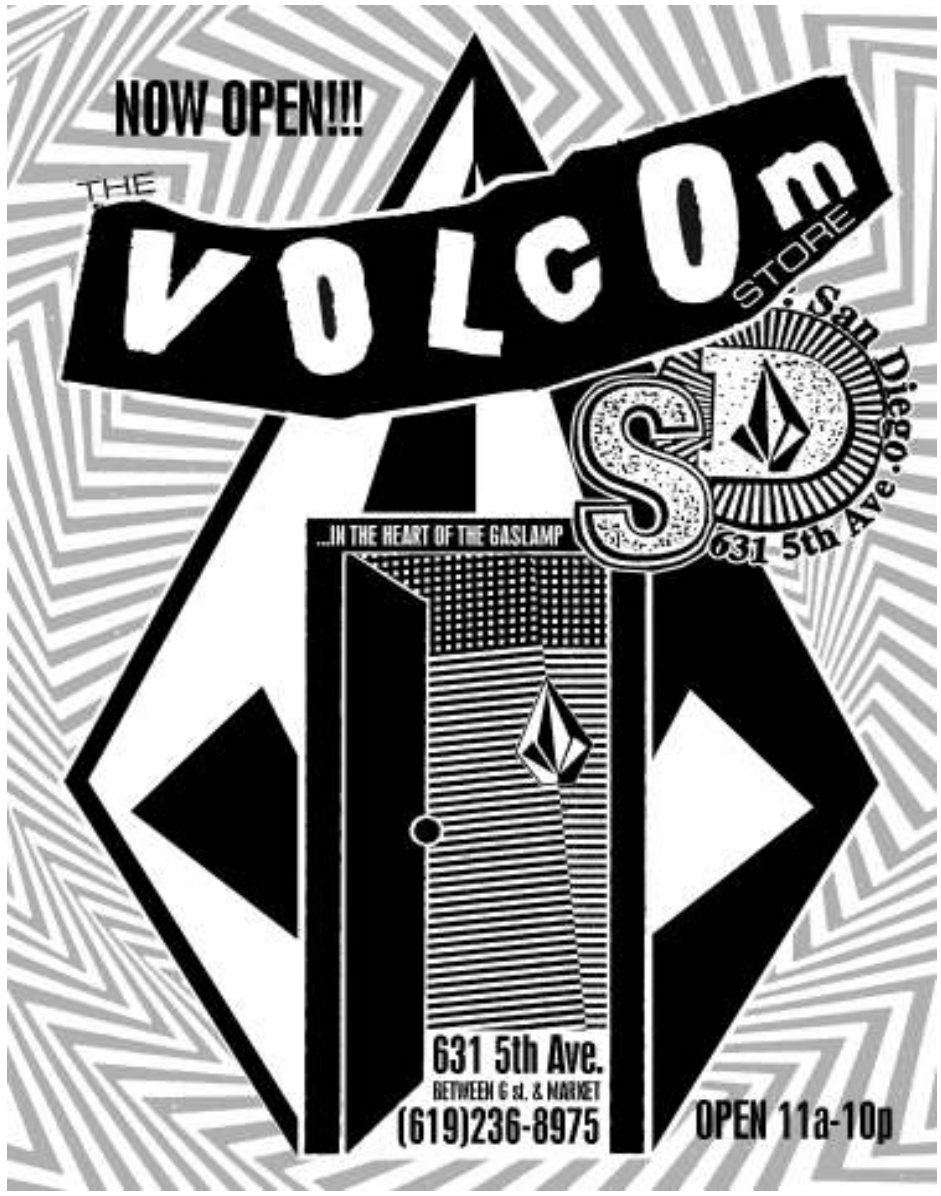
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An item on a tuna-fishing crisis catches my eye as I survey the collection's guide in the historical society's research room. Opening a thick folder from the collection, I pick up sketchy details from a Van Deerlin press release dated June 12, 1965. "As of this afternoon only one vessel, the *San Juan*, remained in custody at Chimbote [Peru], after being seized early Friday 60 miles from shore. She carried 75 tons of fish. A Peruvian destroyer reportedly sent machine gun fire across the *San Juan*'s bow.

"Owners of the *San Juan* said [the Peruvians] ordered her skipper to pay license charges and anticipated fine possibly totaling $10,000.…

"Just released from the same port was the tuna boat *Clipperton*, after paying an assessment of $7138. Earlier this month the *Sun Jason*, making its way to port to seek help for a sick crewman, was seized and fined $2000 for alleged violation of Peruvian waters.

"Although the United States recognizes and enforces a three-mile territorial limit, Peru, Ecuador and Chile variously claim jurisdiction [of] 12 to 200 miles.…"

The information was background to a decision by Van Deerlin to send "his administrative assistant to Peru to investigate alleged harassment of Southern California tuna boats.…

"The congressman emphasized that his aide is not traveling at Government expense."

When the aide, Siegmund Smith, arrived in Peru the following day, he sent the Department of State a telegram, marked unclassified, which I pick up and read from the historical society collection. "Met at Lima airport 730 am by Don Mudd of Embassy staff," wrote Smith. "Embassy officials most cooperative and fully aware of grave implications of Peruvian actions."

Smith then mentions several U.S. military officials "all [having gone] to Chimbote, 250 miles up coast to investigate situation on the spot.

"Ambassador J. Wesley Jones called on Peruvian Prime Minister Fernando Schwalb and protested in strongest terms the unwarranted interference with American fishing vessels.

"Analysis of situation being made to ascertain overall policy of Peruvian government.… Strong possibility that it is in part at least independent action of port commander following April 30 change in Peruvian law which gives port commanders share of fines against vessels. Embassy informed by phone from Chimbote 830 am today that San Juan will buy license and expects to resume fishing.…

"Am proceeding Chimbote soonest." A note at the bottom of the telegram says that it was "passed to the White House."

Two weeks later Van Deerlin received a letter from powerful San Diego businessman C. Arnholt Smith thanking him for assisting in bringing the Peruvian crisis to a close. Smith, who owned Sun Harbor Cannery, stated in the letter that he was enclosing a $500 check to cover the expenses of the Van Deerlin aide's trip to Peru. ■

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Age Missing:	41
Eye Color:	Blue
Hair Color:	Blonde
Race:	White
Sex:	Female

Rachael was last seen on 3/7/06 by an in-law in University City. According to this in-law, who does not want her name mentioned, Rachael was wearing a blue sweater and khaki pants. Rachael's vehicle was found at a parking lot in the 3800 block of Santa Clause Lane, at a beach in Carpinteria (Santa Barbara County) approximately 200 miles from where she disappeared. Her purse, keys, cell phone and other personal belongings were found in the vehicle.

Update: Rachael's partial remains were found on April 7, 2006 approximately 30 days after she disappeared in the water off a beach in Carpinteria, not too far from where her vehicle was found. Rachael was the mother of three very precious children. Rachael's parents are concerned about the questionable circumstances surrounding Rachael's disappearance and subsequent death. Rachael's parents say their daughter would never have gone willingly into the frigid waters the day she disappeared, and they are offering a reward for information concerning Rachael's questionable disappearance and death.

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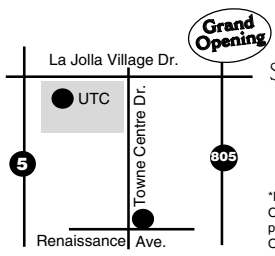
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Shrivs At The Drive-In

Please make Jay Allen Sanford stop. When you have to turn to the writer that simply overhears things in San Diego for a cover article ("Field of Screens," July 6), you must be hurting. I am sorry for that. He wrote an 8-page-online, 30-page-hard-copy article (minus the ad space, of course) on drive-ins! Does anyone even go to the drive-in anymore? "The first drive-in theater I snuck into in San Diego was also the first one built here." You could tell just from that one line that this article was going to be rough, and it was. Mr. Sanford never overhears anything interesting in San Diego, but that doesn't stop him from animating that garbage and publishing it every week. What makes you think that he can write a compelling feature article? His outstanding ability is to actually *hear* things and remember them (or at least take some notes)?

There's a name for people that go to drive-ins, and it's called *old*. Which group of people typically picks up a free weekly paper? Younger people, that's who, 'cause there's a lot more of them than there are of the shrivs that are at the drive-in. You have to cater to your audience, which, according to your advertisements, are horribly fat and ugly people with all those weight-loss and plastic surgery full-page ads. I know I can write more compelling things about San Diego than what one guy hears when he goes out to the stinkin' drive-in. In closing, please stop Jay Allen Sanford, and thank you for any consideration you may find in your heart to grant me.

Loyal *Reader* Reader,
Robb Ashton
via e-mail

Sharp Sticks

I live in Bay Park and have to endure SeaWorld fireworks all summer. Like many other residents who live here where disturbing the peace is no longer an offense ("City Lights," "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks," July 6), I've also had this horrible noise wake me up and terrorize my dogs. All this goes on because there are apparently plenty of idiots who think loud explosions are a fitting end to a perfect day of dropping tons of money at SeaWorld. So now SeaWorld has a free CD to desensitize dogs to obnoxious fireworks. You play it at home and gradually increase the volume until your pet is desensitized. To SeaWorld officials: I am working on a CD for you. It will make you insensitive to complaints of intolerant residents who want to sleep at night. It desensitizes you to sharp sticks being shoved into all your body orifices. My invention is in the design stage right now. As soon as I perfect the process, I will be sure to send you a CD.

Helen McKenna
via e-mail

Nuisance Laws Trump Rules

Re "City Lights," "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks" (July 6).

I don't understand why SeaWorld's neighbors continue to endure the explosions from the theme park's nightly fireworks, because State of California's nuisance statutes are clearly on the residents' side. These booming blasts likely fit the definition of a nuisance under Civil Code section 3479: "anything which is injurious to health–or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property–is a nuisance." And Civil Code section 3480 provides that "a public nuisance is one which affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal." So what if SeaWorld claims it "complies with the city's regulations and Coastal Commission stipulations," the State's nuisance laws easily trump these two lesser local rules.

Furthermore, California's Private Attorney General Statute, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5, provides for attorneys' fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff where: (1) plaintiff's lawsuit resulted in the enforcement of an important right affecting the public interest; (2) a significant benefit was conferred on the general public or a large class of persons; and (3) the necessity and financial burden of private enforcement was such as to make the award appropriate. In a case like this where thousands of people living around SeaWorld are adversely affected by the nightly blasts, SeaWorld would likely have to pay for the neighbors' attorneys' fees and costs should the neighbors win their nuisance lawsuit.

The residents are wasting their time sending letters to SeaWorld and the local press. Their lawyer needs to send SeaWorld a nuisance lawsuit.

Alfred G. Rava, Esq.
Attorney at Law

Help, Donna!

After reading your piece on SeaWorld ("City Lights," "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks," July 6), all I can say is two words: *blown away*. That's what I am. I was wondering how the people around Mission Bay were holding up to the nightly onslaught — it wakes me up clear up in north Clairemont; it must be hell down there. I guess I'm not surprised about the city ignoring the concussion since noise pollution is obviously a non-issue in San Diego (help, Donna!), but in a city and state that is supposedly so worried about air quality, how is it they get away with putting all that crap into the air on a nightly basis? And what do fireworks have to do with marine biology anyway? You should be ashamed of yourselves, offering to give away CDs to desensitize people's pets. How selfish can you get? You really don't expect people to sit in front of their stereos all day long playing with volume knobs, do you? But, then again, you're probably hoping that will desensitize *them* as well. Anything to keep the money rolling in, huh? This is like a bad science fiction movie, only at Enron by the sea.

James Comstock
via e-mail

Like A Bulldog

I always feel especially enlightened when two competing viewpoints are expressed. The contrast between Don Bauder's and Barbarella's columns in the July 6 edition is a good example.

Like a bulldog, Bauder ("City Lights," "Surprise? Peregrine Was Pioneer in Backdating Scam") — having long ago sunk his teeth into the healthy fat ass of burgeoning corruption — is now, with jaws locked, thrashing about methodically while bits of bone, blood, and spittle fly in every direction.

Meanwhile, Barbarella ("Diary of a Diva," "Nine out of Ten"), as evidenced by her own words, seems to be transitioning from quirky rebel upstart to society matron. Her column notes how "life's little annoyances" ("a sucky day," the "wish I had gotten to the gym") shouldn't interfere with a cheerful, grateful disposition. She quotes her dad, who says, "Where you focus your energy is what increases in your life, and I want mine to be happy."

Bauder focuses his energy outward — to those less-than-little annoyances: powerful institutions that shape our lives and a societal structure based on greed that are preying on everything we hold dear. Barbarella looks inward: "Sometimes, people just want to be miserable and therefore resist with great irritation anyone who tries to steal from them this feeling they have earned." Not that Barbarella would ever look at the downside of things, but if she did, wouldn't it make the contrast or the balance between her and Bauder's viewpoints a little more realistic? At least I'd be happy.

Greg Sullivan
via e-mail

Erroneous Figure

Re "The Guest Is Like God," Cover Story, June 29: In the midst of the material attributed to me, you refer to the Indian Immigration Bill of 1946 that established an annual quota of 100,000. You and I did not discuss this measure, a.k.a. the Luce-Cellar Bill. It removed Indians from the "barred zone" established in 1917 to prevent

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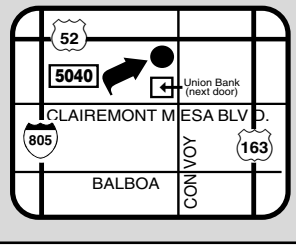


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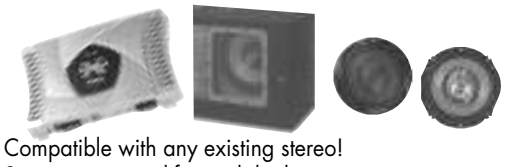
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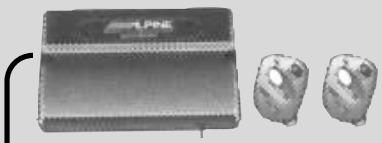


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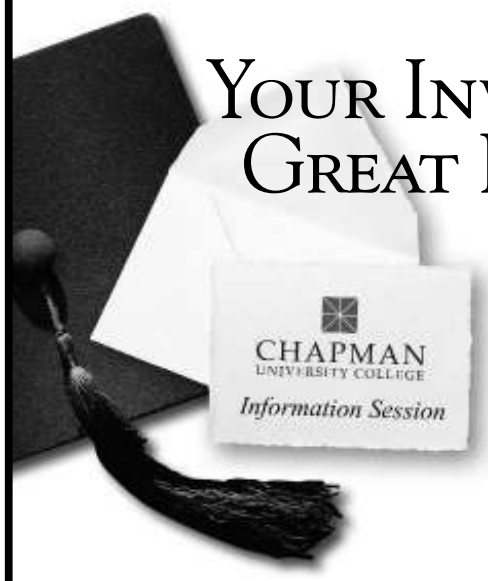
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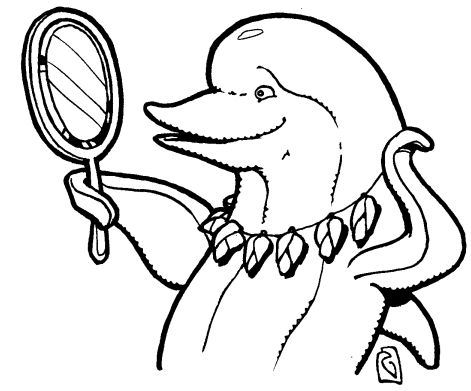


Illustration by Rick Geary

Matt:
Why do whales have barnacles, but dolphins, porpoises, and orcas do not?

— Barnacle Bill the Sailor

Whale of a generalization, Bill, but sorta true. Barnacles are common on humpbacks and gray whales, but you'll sometimes find a few on a random porpoise or manatee or other marine mammal. Barnacles might spend their lives stuck to rocks and piers and whales, but they start out as free-swimming larvae. If they are lucky, they bump into something friendly at this stage, hang on, and set up housekeeping. So, part of your answer is that whales swim much more slowly than other animals and are easier to latch on to and actually stick. And once they've stuck and matured, they can grow a whole colony of baby barnacles, like crabgrass spreading through a lawn.

Barnacles aren't parasites. While they might irritate a whale's skin, they don't feed on its body or otherwise do great harm. One species of barnacle is host-specific to gray whales. They've developed a nifty system of timing their reproduction to the whales' mating and birthing schedule at the Mexican lagoons, so a baby gray whale likely leaves for northern waters already infested with barnacle larvae. Individual whales can be identified by scientists according to the barnacle patterns they develop; the size of the patches also helps determine the age of a young whale.

Another advantage of whales over other sea mammals is that they spend all their time in salt water, the barnacles' favored environment. A manatee, for instance, has to travel into fresh water occasionally.

So, what's in this deal for the whales? Nuthin'. What's in it for the barnacles? Plenty. When the little crustaceans are stuck to a rock, they have to wave their feathery arms around a lot to get enough water and plankton through their filters. If you're hitched to something that's constantly moving from place to place, you just hang out the feather filters and let the water pass through. Major conservation of energy.

Mattmail:
Here's a holiday question that came up while we were incinerating a steak last weekend. Why does charcoal burn? Isn't charcoal already burned wood? Huh?

— Uncle Sam's Favorite Nephew, Mission Bay

Charcoal is carefully cooked wood. Mankind figured out this one many centuries ago. The heat-producing part of fuel is carbon. Increase the relative amount of carbon in your cooker, and you can roast that haunch of yak and get out of the kitchen in half the time. Wood is about 50 percent carbon (coal is 90). You can up your wood-based carbon by reducing the hydrogen and oxygen content. It's still done pretty much the same way it was centuries ago. Logs are baked slowly at very high temperatures in a low-oxygen oven. This drives off most of the liquids and leaves the carbon.

Unlike charcoal, the ubiquitous charcoal briquette is made from roasted wood scrap, quick-lighting chemicals, and binders compressed into a little cake. It has less snob appeal but a thoroughly American heritage. The briquette was invented in the 1920s for Henry Ford. He pondered the problem of how to squeeze an extra buck from the scraps of steering wheel and dashboard wood that were ordinarily thrown away. His crack staff came up with the briquette, and for many years you could only buy them at Ford dealerships. Eventually the operation was turned over to a relative, E.G. Kingsford, and the rest is hamburger history.

Hi, Matt:
You sometimes hear about people amputating their own leg or arm in an emergency. That makes me wonder. Has a surgeon ever performed surgery on himself?

— Lois, San Diego

Sez the American Medical Association, there are more than a dozen documented cases in the past 150 years. Emergency appendectomies seem to be the most popular. One less well documented tale has a professional cutter removing his appendix while stuck in traffic in Beirut on the way to the hospital. The champion, though, is the fully authentic story of the Pennsylvania sawbones who apparently didn't like getting those outrageous surgeon's bills. He amputated his own finger, removed his own appendix, and repaired his own inguinal hernia. The first heart catheterization was done by the inventor on himself before inflicting it on a patient. This involved running a tube through a vein in his arm into a chamber of his heart. He lived to tell about it and collect a Nobel prize. We civilians have a more checkered history. My favorite is the woman who got so mad at the calluses on her feet that she tried removing them with a shotgun. She admitted the idea came to her after drinking a quart of vodka and lots of beer, which also made anaesthesia unnecessary.

The Thumb Bone's Connected to the Bonehead
Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. The upper arm bone is the humerus. The ulna is in the lower arm. If the elves hadn't been standing on their heads when we wrote that answer last week, we probably would have gotten it right.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Exciting New Sports Publication

It's Monday and per usual I'm sitting at the kitchen table perusing our nation's leading newspapers — *The National Enquirer, Star Magazine, Weekly World News, Globe* — when I experience a moment that Einstein or Galileo or Edison must have felt at the first glimmering of his greatest discovery.

Why not, I thought, publish a sports tabloid? Sports journalism is 99 percent there already…why not kick it over the line?

To show you what a natural this is, follows are excerpts from this week's *mainstream* tabloids mixed together with excerpts from my proposed weekly tabloid, *Sports Stars' Slimeball Secrets.* Can you tell which is which?

#1. JESSE'S DESPERATE HOUSE HUNT — It looks like *Desperate Housewives* star Jesse Metcalfe, 27, and his girlfriend, *Girls Aloud* star Nadine Coyle, will soon be creating a happy home together. The couple…was spotted checking out homes together in Hollywood Hills this week.

#2. LANCE ARMSTRONG IS A JUNKIE — According to sources, Lance Armstrong was videotaped at the Brown Rat Pawn Shop pawning seven yellow jerseys and a dinged Trek bicycle frame. Sources say a surveillance camera caught Armstrong drooling gobs of yellow spittle and mumbling to himself, "I'll get a job tomorrow."

#3. SOPHIA LOREN TO POSE FOR PIRELLI CALENDAR — Legendary movie star Sophia Loren is posing for the 2007 cover of the Pirelli Calendar. At 71 years old, Sophia will be the oldest model to grace the pages of the famous calendar, published by the tire company with the same name.

#4. TIGER WOODS HAS LOVE CHILD LIVING ON MARS — Sources report that Woods was abducted in 1993, right after he won the last of his three United States Junior Amateur Golf Championships. The child golfing phenom was transported to an alien mothership hovering over the Imperial Beach Border Patrol station, where a team of alien doctors probed his orifices and extracted DNA samples, which, when combined with DNA extracted from a previous abductee, Sophia Loren, produced a zero-gravity love child who is now a teenager growing up on Mars and dreaming of a future in forestry.

#5. PARIS SCORES A GOALIE & WRECKS HIS HAPPY HOME — Paris Hilton is being branded a homewrecker after she scored a goal with hockey hunk Jose Theodore behind the back of his longtime girlfriend and mother of his child, say sources.

A camera-wielding partygoer caught Hilton, 25, and 29-year-old Theodore at the Courthouse bar, and the couple were also spotted together at another late-night hotspot, Club Ultra, before going back to her hotel, say sources.

#6. KOBE BRYANT RAPED BY HIGH SCHOOL COED — Sources say that a sobbing Kobe Bryant walked into the Hallelujah, Utah, police station and reported that his manhood had been repeatedly violated by a 17-year-old Ken Lay High School home economics student. According to sources, Bryant said he was lured into a classroom kitchen after school hours by an underage female who claimed she needed "a big strong man" to help her "grate nutmeg," for a *quiche au saumon et epinnards.*

#7. KATHARINE MCPHEE HAS LARYNGITIS — *American Idol* runner-up Katharine McPhee was sidelined from the summer "Idols Live" tour due to severe bronchitis and laryngitis. "I need to follow my doctor's orders to recuperate and reunite with the rest of the idols," Kat said in a statement.

#8. OBSCURE SPORTS STAR HAS BORING MORNING — Neil Quisling, a substitute defender on the United States National Korball Team, told reporters, "There was nothing on TV, and I didn't feel like making a nice lunch."

#9. HOW TO TELL IF YOU'VE BEEN ABDUCTED BY ALIENS — You're drunk a lot. Aliens take advantage of boozers because they're used to forgetting huge blocks of time. You are mentally ill. No one believes a psycho when he says he was in a spaceship. During an X-ray, your doctor discovers you are missing an internal organ you know you were born with. You cut yourself and your blood is green. You suddenly discover you are missing a limb.

#10. MIKE PIAZZA IS ONE OF THE "INVISIBLE PEOPLE" — The national epidemic of citizens spontaneously becoming invisible has touched the San Diego Padres. According to Elron Hinkely, invisible people investigator, many humans cannot tell when they've become an invisible person. Frequently, the first transformation occurs in a department store when the clerk waits on the person next to you, leaving you to stand around with nothing to do. Actually, the clerk did not see you because you were invisible. Another typical transformation occurs when you're waiting for a stoplight to turn green. The light changes, yet the car in front of you continues to sit there. This means that you and your automobile have spontaneously turned invisible. Hinkely said Piazza has been invisible since the last Padres/Giants series.

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Weekly giving: $2500
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Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes
Website: *www.christcommunitychurchsd.org*

The service opened with film clips: Adam Sandler doing a slow burn in *Anger Management* and Jane Fonda exploding with fury in *Monster-in-Law*. The congregation laughed throughout. Then a round of songs, ranging from modern love ballad ("Child of weakness watch and pray/ Find in me thine all in all") to rootsy hymn ("What can wash away my sins/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus"). Singer Laurie Lewis had each side of the room — an amphitheater-style classroom at Miramar College — take alternating lines. Then she prayed that we would "lay all of our burdens at Your feet, Lord, our sicknesses, all our *stuff*."



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Before beginning his sermon, Pastor Dunlap prayed something approaching a creed: "We come to you this morning to call You, God, to acknowledge that You made us, to be reminded that all the worries of life don't have to be on our shoulders, to be reminded how desperately we need You, that we can have a relationship with You through the amazing gift of grace, that we can't earn our way into Your glory, so we thank You for your love." He prayed that everyone present would "see a little more of You" and "be transformed by You, so that we become more like You."

Then he began to talk about wrath, the third of the seven sins "that the early church fathers identified as the most deadly." The first two — pride and envy, covered in the previous two weeks — had been easy going. But anger, he warned, was more confusing. "God gets angry," he exclaimed, citing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. He noted "a time when Jesus was incredibly angry" and read the passage from Mark in which Jesus visited the temple after his entry into Jerusalem: "'He began dragging out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.' He went into their very power base," said Dunlap, "and he tore the place apart."

By way of contrast, Dunlap cited several passages from Proverbs, which criticized anger: "a hot-tempered one commits many sins... a quick-tempered man does foolish things." He noted that God was critical of many angry figures in Scripture: Cain, Jonah, and Namaan, who was angry because he didn't want to bathe in the river Jordan to be cured of his leprosy. "Namaan didn't like it because he had a different plan. Mass confession time: how many of you have ever had a plan that didn't go the way you wanted...and how many of you got angry with God? When we see man getting angry, more often than not, the Proverbs fit, amen?"

The folly and danger of anger established, Dunlap asked, "How do you reconcile Scripture? How could the early church fathers proclaim anger as one of the deadliest of sins? They must be talking about some other kind of anger" than what Jesus displayed.

Dunlap's distinction: "Anger is part of who we are as humans...and we are made in the image of God. Therefore, our anger should align with His anger. Anger can be a good thing if it's about restoring things to the way God designed them to be in the first place. Jesus was restoring the temple. He said, 'It was meant to be a house of prayer.' Martin Luther said that anger was the engine that drove him to do most of his greatest works. How do things change in our world today? Usually, somebody gets angry." But he cautioned against Christians "calling it righteous anger when in reality it's not. Often, our anger is very selfish anger; it's not righteous at all."

He laid out five rules for keeping anger righteous: Acknowledge you're angry. Wait — don't respond immediately. Ask yourself, what is the real focus of your anger? Analyze your options, including letting anger go but not including repressing it. Take constructive action. Otherwise, "what anger does is it turns into bitterness, and bitterness unresolved destroys the soul.... If we don't manage our anger, we're going to break relationships. We're never going to live in community."

What happens when we die?

"Each of us has been given a choice of where to spend eternity," says Dunlap, "either with God or apart from God. If we desire to be with God as one of His children and have eternal life, living with Him in heaven, then the Bible tells us that we must put our faith in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, as our Savior and Lord. If we do, we will head directly to heaven when we die. However, we are not forced to be with God forever; we can choose to be apart from Him. Being apart from God in a place where He isn't is called Hell. The great thing is — God has given us a choice and all we have to do is believe!"

— Matthew Lickona

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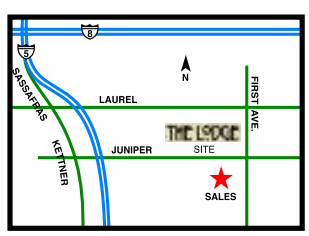
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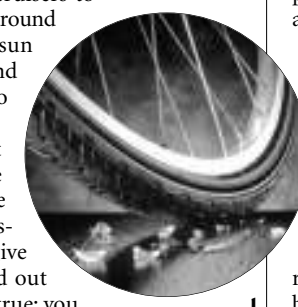
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"When your tires start riding like a garden hose, it's time to get some new ones."

–EVE KELLY

As a child, I wore out a few bike tires riding around my New England hometown. The wind whipping against my face as I raced up and down hills was exhilarating. At adolescence, my bike was stored away and left there for decades. Last month, husband Patrick suggested a date night in Coronado. "We can bring the beach cruisers to the Landing, ride around town, watch the sun set at the beach, and then grab a bite to eat downtown."



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Worrying that I wouldn't be able to find my bike groove again, I hesitantly agreed to give it a whirl. I found out that the saying is true: you never forget how to ride a bike. After a couple of wobbly loops around the parking lot, I was on my steady way. The only thing slowing me down was my cracking tire wheels.

After our date, I told Patrick I would research bike tires to replace our weary wheels.

"There are different tires for each bicycle application," explained the first guy I called, Dan Large, manager of Adams Avenue Bicycles in Normal Heights. "It's just like with cars, whether it is a sedan, van, truck, or SUV. For mountain bikes you have a full range of tire-tread design and carcass design (the shape of the actual rubber). With a road-style bike (a commuter-type bike to get from A to B), you can have full-on race tires that get glued onto the rim, all the way down to wire-bead, inexpensive tires. A road-bike tire can cost **$200** or it can cost **$14**. But a good **$35** road-bike tire will work pretty well."

What brands are good?

"There are a couple of brands out there that make amazing tires that last forever. One big brand is the bicycle company called Specialized. Specialized tires make a tire called the Armadillo and it is pretty much the best tire ever made. I can't say enough about this tire. They make the Armadillo (**$35**) for mountain bikes, road bikes, and for commuters. It is basically a Kevlar flat protection system inside the tire. The rubber itself is a nice long-wearing rubber. Armadillo tires last about 2500 to 3000 miles. It depends on the person riding it and the conditions they are riding in. The Specialized race tire lasts between 800-1000. But for a commuter tire, you want a tire that is going to last a long time, something that you can throw your leg over the bike and not have to worry about the tire being flat. You can get cheaper tires that will do the job, but there is nothing slower than a flat and nothing more frustrating."



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What wears a tire out?

"If you are riding the bike, it's the use that wears it out. But if you are parking a bike out in the elements and letting it sit, then the sun will dry the tires out and the tires will crack."

To maintain the tires, Large suggested



"keep them aired up to the proper inflation recommended by the manufacturer. A couple of things will happen if there is not enough air in it. One, you'll risk getting a puncture in the tube called a pinch flat. If you don't have enough air pressure in the tire, the tube will get pinched between whatever stuff you are running over and the rim itself. The other problem you have when you are running the tires low is it makes it easier for debris to stick into the rubber. When the tires are aired up nice and hard, they tend to repel glass and stuff on the road. If the tires are too pumped up, you can blow the tire off the bead. A lot of tires have a bead that hooks inside the rim and it's what attaches the tire to the rim. It kind of locks it in, acts like a little hook. It can come off if you have it overinflated."

If you pay more for a tire will it last longer?

"Not necessarily," Large replied. "The more expensive tires tend to last less. You are getting higher performance out of them and less longevity. Say you buy a **$100** racing tire, it's pretty much for racing. If you were to take it out and commute on it everyday, it would puncture real quickly. Most racecourses are pretty clean so the tires would last long on a racecourse. But you get them out on our streets here in San Diego, a race tire would not last as long."

What about treads on tires?

"Tread pattern is use-specific," he replied. It depends on "the different types of racing, off road or riding on the road all the time, or a bit of both. Bicycle tire companies make different types of treads for that too. There is a science to certain treads that are faster."

"If you want a more comfortable ride," said Drew, store manager at B & L Bike and Sports in Solana Beach, "something that will absorb the rough aggregate on San Diego roads, you typically want to go with a higher thread count. That will give you more grip and also a very comfortable ride. Or if you're going to go for a touring style ride where you are riding from Santa Barbara down to San Diego, you want an all-conditions tire. That's going to be one of the lower thread count, a higher amount of rubber, and usually a more dense rubber so you can resist the amounts of cuts and tears and punctures you get."

When do you know you need new tires?

"Some people say," Drew answered, "when your tires start riding like a garden hose, it's time to get some new ones."

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Crasher

RED CURB

by Josh Board



Top: Partygoers a few days before the 4th of July; *Bottom left*: This guy made a fake camera out of wood that could hold a beer can in front and had a real camera in the corner; *Bottom right*: Felicia and Brett Ward

I went to a Fourth of July party on July 1. When I got the call from Eric, he left a weird message. He told me there would be a dunk tank, lots of games, a pie-eating contest, and "we even have a Port-a-Potty." I guess since I mentioned a party last month that had a portable toilet out front, people think that's what I look for in a party.

The house was across the street from Torrey Pines Beach, near the Roberto's on the corner. I was surprised I found a parking spot.

As I walked up, I noticed a truck parked at a red curb. Eric said, "That's not a real red curb. The guy that owns that place painted it that way so nobody parks there." I asked, "Are you allowed to do that?" He responded, "A cop knows about it, and he doesn't ticket us if we park there. But I wonder what will happen if some rookie cop drives by." I wondered what would keep others in residential areas from painting their curbs red.

I once went to a party in which a neighbor had a blue curb with a handicap sign. I got an angry voice mail from someone that said, "Would you rather be in a wheelchair, asshole? Then you could park wherever you wanted!" When I told Eric this story, he said, "I know this black lady that had two strokes and she's in bad health. They won't give her a handicap placard. They told her not until she has another stroke. She says, 'I ain't givin' 'em one.' A white guy I know, had his foot ran over by a drunk driver. He still does jujitsu. He's fine. But he can now park in handicap spaces. It makes no sense how they issue those things."

> "I wonder what will happen if some rookie cop drives by."

But I digest...as I sit here writing this story, after eating all the delicious food that Brett and his wife served. Brett is Eric's neighbor, and they have parties on the same day.

Eric's dog was a mix of shepherd and wolf. He owns a roofing company, and one of his employees is afraid of dogs. Eric said, "If anyone should be afraid of dogs, it should be me. As a child, a pit bull lunged at me. I needed 15 stitches in my testicle." As shocked as I was, it wouldn't be the worst animal attack story of the day.

I see a guy in the dunk tank (which someone had written "drunk tank" over), taunting his tattooed girlfriend as she threw tennis balls at the target. She found out that the tennis balls didn't work as well as the soft balls that were used later in the day.

Eric told me it cost $200 to rent it for the day, but that the place was closed on Sunday, so they'd have it all weekend. One of his employees suggested they take it to the beach to make some extra cash.

I walked over to Brett's place, which had red, white, and blue balloons everywhere. His blonde wife wore a bikini in similar colors, and an Uncle Sam hat. There were so many people on her front patio, another blonde said, "Why are so many people crowded over here, when there's all that space over there? And why are so many people here anyway?" I said, "Well, I heard that more people celebrate the Fourth of July in America than anywhere else in the world." She thought about it a second and said, "That's probably true."

I was jotting notes, and a guy asked, "Dude, are you writing a speech or something?" I told him about this column, and another guy said, "You're that crasher guy? Write in your column that I'm rolling on ecstasy, that way I know you're talking about me." The girl he was with got mad and said, "Don't say anything like that. People's parents read this column, and these are nice friends of mine. I don't want them thinking everyone here is wasted."

I'm not sure the mothers would mind. Brett's mom, a schoolteacher, was orchestrating the games. She had her whistle, and when she'd blow it, everyone would stop what they were doing to listen to her instructions. The beer-chugging contest was self-

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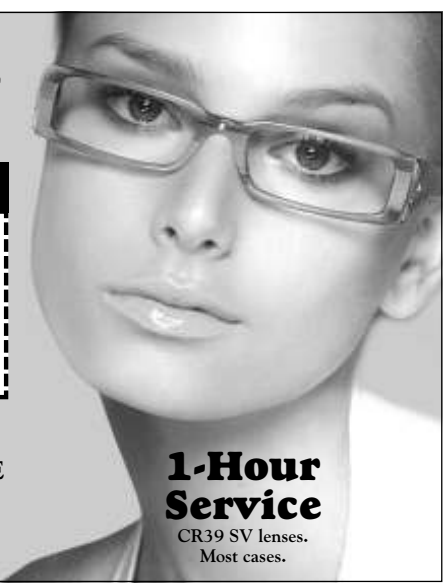
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explanatory. Three lines of 15, and the group that finished their beers first won. (Placing the empty can upside-down on your head proved it was empty.) The three-legged race was more difficult to understand. Teams of two each had one leg tied together. They had to hop across the back yard, and the teammate had to pour the beer down your throat. It often ended up all over the person's face and shirt.

One guy came up to me and said, "Eric is the best boss there is. I've worked for a lot of old farts. He doesn't bug you, if you get the job done. He doesn't care if I blaze up. He's awesome." The guy then went to the Port-a-Potty, and a girl started ramming into it, to try and knock it over. A few times, it came close to falling. This guy came out and said, "What the hell? I pissed all over everything in there!"

I saw a washing machine with a sign on it that said it was reserved for "Hooker." I was told that at a previous party, this guy ended up using it with a woman he "hooked" up with.

This party didn't get as crazy as some of those in the past.

There were interesting characters. One guy made a large camera out of wood. It had a real camera inside it and a space for a beer can. He would chug beer, and it looked like he was snapping photos.

There was another guy that was picking the blue chips out of the red and blue tortilla chips, saying those were the only ones he could eat and that he has a form of OCD.

I noticed Brett had an ear that looked like it had been badly burned. I asked what happened, and he told me an animal-attack story that rivaled the pit-bull story from earlier. His dad had exotic animals in Colorado, but when they moved to California, the only animal he brought was an ocelot. Brett was ten days old, and when he was put down, the cat was hiding in the closet. It attacked Brett, biting off his ear.

Brett explained how difficult it was going through middle school without a right ear, often combing his hair over that area. In high school, surgery was done that took cartilage from his rib cage and a patch of skin off his back to make an ear. I was impressed he could talk openly about it, and he said, "Being an athlete and quarterback in school helped a lot. I dated cute girls. And look at the cute wife I pulled."

Yes, Brett, I did look at the cute wife you "pulled." So did every other guy at the party. ■

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Same Same, But Different

by Barbarella

From age to age, nothing changes, and yet everything...is completely different.

— Aldous Huxley

David and I were distracted from the conversation when two young boys cruised by on bicycles. It wasn't the shiny red of the blond boy's bike that caught our attention, nor was it the unnatural cleanliness of the brunette boy's clothing — what caused us to turn our heads away from the man speaking to share an astonished look with each other were the sounds the boys had made as they passed.

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David's lips parted to comment, but, because my mouth is faster than both of our minds, I was the first to blurt out our mutual thought: "Those kids must be incredibly smart, they know how to speak *German*!"

Our friend Urs, the man who had been speaking, stared in puzzlement at David and me as we cackled with laughter at our shared joke. When our guffaws tapered to giggles, Urs ventured, "Well, yes, of course they do."

It was hard for me to grasp the idea that the average person in Zurich speaks at least three languages. Urs and his wife, Gudrun, each speak six — fluently.

"Right," I said. "I'm sorry for interrupting you. It's just that I had forgotten we weren't in Kansas anymore." Again, Urs looked confused, his blue eyes blinking behind red, thick-framed glasses reminiscent of the heavy, round spectacles favored by the famous architect I.M. Pei. Gudrun (in an equally striking pair of thick and colorful rectangular glasses she designed herself) smiled politely, though it was clear the humor David and I had found in our ethnocentric isolationism had escaped her.

This was my first time off the North American continent. I had expected Switzerland to be a foreign land composed of stereotypes — young "Heidi"s singing atop green hills with long, blond braids and full flowing skirts. But only one of my preconceptions proved true — Zurich is *clean*. The world's biggest banking town runs with the order and efficiency one would expect of business-minded bankers. Swans float on the river that runs between cobblestone-ridden Old Town and the Bahnhofstrasse, a newer, Rodeo Drive-meets-Madison-Avenue area. The water in the river is crisp, clean, drinkable, and so clear you can see to the riverbed beneath it.

Walking alongside the water was like stumbling onto the set of a beer commercial — healthy-looking, beautiful young people posed on bicycles or swam in their bikinis and Speedos, flaunting magazine-perfect bodies. Zurich was a cleaner, quainter, prettier version of New York's Soho or Boston's gentrified South End.

Because everyone with whom I interacted could speak perfect English, it was easy to forget I was not in the U.S. Things are done pretty much the same way in Zurich that they're done anywhere else I've been to — people worked, shopped, ate, and socialized over cups of coffee. There were, however, differences in the details — little things that made me think I was crazy for a moment before I remembered where I was — things that operated on a similar, but different level, like the outlets into which my plugs would not fit, the weird buttons instead of light switches on the walls, and the toilets.

Compared with the safe and consistent, off-the-factory-line copies with which I am intimately familiar, every toilet in Zurich seemed unique. On the third day, after finishing my small portion of ravioli (in Europe, when they say "small" they mean *small* — the $30 plate could be consumed in under five bites) and downing a cup of very strong coffee, I left David at the table and went in search of the restroom.

Everything was business as usual — hover (or sit, depending on the availability of toilet seat covers — of which there were none — and how much you trust the cleanliness of the joint), pee, wipe, stand, zip or button, and turn to flush. It wasn't until the last step of this procedure that I noticed things were not quite normal. There was no flusher handle on the side of the toilet. Nor was there a foot pedal, or even a red-light sensor thingy to indicate automatic flushing.

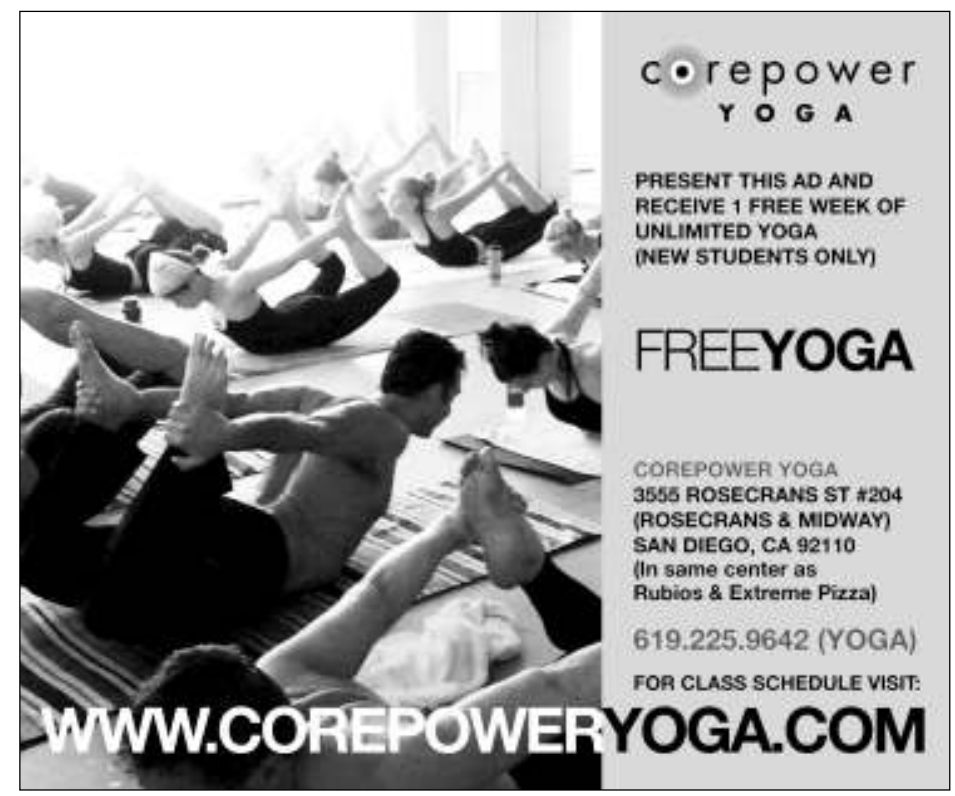
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green light over which the word "STOP" appeared. I waved my hand over the image and nothing happened. I pushed on it with the back of my hand — nothing. After a few more waves, during which I experimented with distances from an inch over the image to a few feet above it, I stood back to assess the situation from a fresh perspective.

It was then that I noticed the panel above the toilet, the bottom half of the horizontal white rectangle jutting farther from the wall than the top. There were no words around the mysterious piece of plastic, but that didn't stop me from pressing the knuckle of my index finger to the widest area of the panel and giving it a little push.

Relief flowed through me like the water that began its course through the bowl. But then there was another sound, a grating, mechanical whine, an unusual sound for a mere flush. I staggered backward in alarm until my ass hit the stall door and I could go no further; I watched helplessly as a vertical panel, one I hadn't noticed before, protruded from the wall above the toilet. Eager to undo my mistake, I waved my hand like a crazy person over the word "STOP" to no avail.

Metal unfolded from behind the panel until it resembled a motorized arm pointing at my feet with a white clothy sponge-thing at the end serving as its hand. I stared in amazement as the toilet seat raised itself a few inches to meet the hand-like sponge-thing. The raised toilet seat slowly rotated a full 360 degrees as the arm washed and dried the surface upon which I had just been sitting — like a miniature car wash...for toilets.

I was convinced I had just witnessed the underappreciated cousins of Hasbro's Cybertron Tranformers win a battle against the Evil Germs.

Realizing I was not being attacked, and that, contrary to my initial belief, I did not press Zurich's version of the "Big Red Button," I relaxed against the stall door and experienced a sense of awe as the now-disinfected toilet seat returned to its original position and the mechanical arm retracted into the wall. I was convinced I had just witnessed the underappreciated cousins of Hasbro's Cybertron Tranformers win a battle against the Evil Germs.

"You feeling okay? You were gone for a long time," David said when I joined him outside the restaurant. He raised his brows in response to my devilish grin. "What it is it? Another weird toilet?" Earlier I had regaled him with the tale of a brushed stainless-steel unisex Porto-a-Potty that looked like an alien battle cruiser and shot water and soap from holes on the inside wall when the right combination of buttons was pressed.

"You'll have to see this one for yourself," I said.

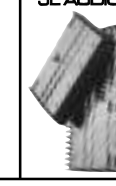
"Is it like the other ones?"

"Yeah, sort of," I answered. Then, quoting the T-shirt we had seen that morning emblazoned with the four words that have come to sum up my first European experience, I said, "Same same. But different." ■

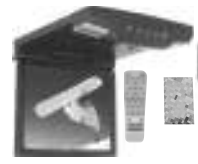
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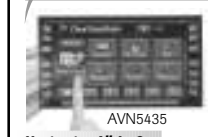
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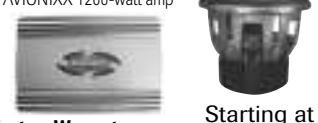
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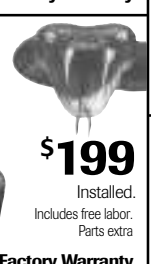
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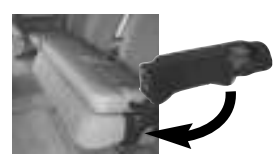
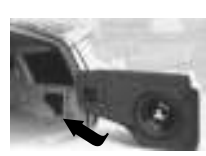
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IT'S THE BIG "E" WORD—

We're sitting in a room that's maybe 9 feet wide by 20 feet long, lined with countertops that hold 12 TV monitors. The screens let us spy upon what's normally one of the most private of encounters: the interaction between doctor and patient, taking place in a dozen nearby examining rooms. In three of the rooms, the patient is talking about a worrisome bout of diarrhea. Patients in another three rooms are complaining about their chronic insomnia. Three more are seeking medical advice about shortness of breath, while the final trio (all young women) have been coughing up blood. The white-coated figures in the exam rooms are asking questions. Some take notes. Almost all pull out stethoscopes and listen to hearts and lungs and stomach gurgles. But none of the White Coats is licensed to practice medicine. They're third-year medical students being tested on how well they deal with patients. And none of the "patients" is actually ailing. They're actors who've been trained to serve as both the students' test and their grader.

Almost unheard of 25 years ago, such actors are now a fixture at every medical school in the United States, according to Peggy Wallace. She heads the program that hires "standardized patients" (as the actors are known) on the UCSD campus. Wallace says med schools have embraced this approach in part because two years ago the board that licenses U.S. doctors began requiring candidates to pass a day-long evaluation of their clinical skills. In that grueling marathon, the aspiring doctor sees a dozen standardized patients who might complain of anything from dizziness to depression.

The licensing board's insistence that would-be MDs demonstrate interpersonal savvy with patients reflects a sea change. Wallace says doctors once thought that a good bedside manner was something one was born with. "They thought you either had it or you didn't." But research over the past two decades has shown that winning patients' trust is "a teachable skill," she asserts. It's not one most people learn in the course of their normal social interactions because "the interaction of a doctor with a patient is not a normal social interaction," Wallace points out. In a normal social setting, you don't let anyone examine your body. You'd be startled and affronted if another person asked about the color of your feces or how many people you were having sex with. But doctors do. Practicing on simulated patients can help them learn to appear both professional and caring, according to the current thinking.

The UCSD School of Medicine's use of standardized patients seems designed to squeeze every iota of insight from the contrived encounters. Consider the third-year students' midterm exam that I observed from the room with the TV screens. Each of the 12 students that afternoon saw one patient who was short-winded, one with diarrhea, one who was sleepless, and one coughing up blood. Although three different actors played each type of patient, each of the three was depicting the same person (based on a real case), and he or she had learned that patient's personal and medical history in detail.

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A number of different problems and/or diseases might be causing each symptom, the student doctors knew. But their grades for the midterm would not depend on whether they came up with the right diagnoses. The point instead, Wallace explained, was to assess their clinical skills — the tools they would need to arrive at correct diagnoses time after time. They would have to examine the relevant parts of each patient's body. To know what those were, they would need to interview the patients about their current complaints as well as their medical and family histories. To get the most out of the interview, "There's a whole series of things we teach the students," Wallace says. "For instance, you want to ask open-ended questions at the beginning. If they're coming in with chest pain, you might say, 'Tell me about your chest pain.' You might say something empathetic like, 'That must have been quite frightening for you. Tell me about it.' You want to give the patient an opportunity to say what they're experiencing. What that does is to give the patient a sense that the doctor cares about more than just what the doctor needs. And that builds trust. 'This guy cares about me. I can ask him the question I'm most worried about, which is, "Is my headache a brain tumor?" ' My satisfaction with this encounter is going to be different if I can't get that question out."

In the midterm, every time a student doctor said good-bye and left the exam room, the actor/patient hurried to a computer and filled out a 30- to 40-question form assessing everything from whether the physical exam included all the requisite maneuvers to whether the med student "listened actively, [paying] attention to both my verbal and nonverbal cues; used facial expressions/body language to express encouragement; avoided interruptions; asked questions to make sure s/he understood what I said." The student's grade for the exam would be based on this checklist. But Wallace makes it clear that grading the students is only part of the exercise.

Although the students never do breast, pelvic, or genital exams, the standardized patients often wear nothing but underwear and a hospital gown.

The midterm, which features different cases every year, was also designed to be a learning experience, so while the patients were filling out their questionnaire, the students were doing the same thing — enabling comparison of the two perspectives. Then the students came back into the exam rooms and spent ten minutes talking to the actors (no longer in character). "How did you think it went?" the actors began that interaction. They ended the feedback session by asking what the student would take away from the experience. Wallace said the hope was that the students would go into the next exam room and practice working on the skill they had just identified as needing improvement. "What we know from the research is that you have to practice it immediately or you lose it," she told me. "And it takes about three months of using something before it becomes part of your behavior."

Later, there would be more debriefing. In a group with their professors, the stu-









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dents would review all four of the cases. They would compare what they'd learned about the patients and how they came to their conclusions. They'd brainstorm about ways they could have fine-tuned the interactions. After that they would study videotapes of their performance.

Although the med students may be the stars, the actors were getting closer attention from Rob MacAulay during the recent encounter. One of two UCSD staffers who hire and train the standardized patients, MacAulay explained that part of his job is to watch the exam scenes while filling out the same checklist the actor/patient he's observing must complete. This helps to ensure that the actor/patient is grading the students fairly, he explained. And also, "With a lot of actors, if you leave them unchecked, they get comfortable, and sometimes their performance drifts."

MacAulay reminded me of a young and handsome Grandpa Who in the Old Globe Theatre's annual production of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas.* That's probably because he filled that role for six years, between 1998 and 2003. He'd moved to San Diego from Toronto to take the part, and he later performed in the Globe's production of *The Full Monty,* as well as various roles with the North Coast Repertory and Sledgehammer theaters. He also earned money working for UCSD medical school as a standardized patient (something he'd done in Canada). But he eventually decided being a professional actor in San Diego was "not an option," he told me. Whereas much of his income in Canada had come from appearing in national commercials, most commercial work in San Diego is low paid and local, he learned. "So I was faced with the reality that as much as I loved acting, as much as there's amazing, great theater to be done in this city, it doesn't pay on the scale of the Globe, which is what you need to make a living here."

MacAulay thought about returning to the work he'd done before becoming a professional actor. "I was a medical underwriter in the life-insurance industry." Underwriters interpret the information people supply when they apply for insurance, determining what premium they should pay. "Your job all day long is to look over doctor's reports," MacAulay says. He found there were no underwriting jobs available in Southern California ("because it's only at the head offices that that's done"), but one day he heard that UCSD's standardized-

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patient program was looking for a trainer. "I thought to myself, 'If this job doesn't have my name on it, no job does.' It was the perfect combination of medical and acting work."

He started in his current position in 2004, and in 2005, "We offered around 130 contracts," he told me. "We actually hire more actors than most of the theaters. Some of those contracts are just for one day. Others are for three months. But we offer a lot of work." The standardized patients' pay — between $15 and $25 an hour — is also more than what most actors in non-equity theaters make, according to the trainer.

MacAulay says the department recruits the performers by advertising with the Actors Alliance, the local "association of actors that everyone goes to if they want to know what auditions are going on. We have a really great relationship with them." Word of mouth brings others in to audition, he says, adding, "We don't just hire actors. Actors tend to come with some preparation. You know that when they're in that room, they're not going to have a lot of anxiety. But we have a lot of nonactors who do well too." Certain professions excel at the work, MacAulay says. Social workers, teachers, policemen, and firemen all stand out as prospects. "Teachers know how to communicate," he says. Cops recall details.

Still, he says the work is so demanding it's a constant challenge to find the right people. To audition them, MacAulay gives each applicant a two-page case to review, along with a checklist that's an abbreviated version of the one used to grade the medical students. "I do a sort of mock interview with them," he says. "And then they fill out the checklist at the end." The trainer says that's usually enough to allow him to judge whether the applicant can look believable, along with meeting several other requirements. Standardized patients are not supposed to volunteer too much information, something that's difficult for a lot of people, he says. "Human nature is to help," MacAulay observes. "So someone might say, 'Well, I have this pain, and it's been going on for two days.' But that's too much. Better to let the student ask how long it's been going on. We want to test whether the students know which questions to ask."

MacAulay then led me **to one of the examining rooms, as believable a set as anything concocted by Hollywood.**

At the same time, the standardized patients must be able to think on their feet. They get about 12 hours of training, but the med students invariably ask questions that weren't included in the preparation. MacAulay mentions one character who supposedly was from Seattle. A med student who hailed from that city perked up and asked which neighborhood the standardized patient was from. "I live by the university," she replied, a great answer, according to MacAulay. "She didn't have a clue where that was." But it satisfied the student and maintained the illusion that the patient was real. In contrast, he recalls one woman who had a mosquito bite on her arm that she scratched several times during her audition. "As a good student, I said, 'I notice you keep rubbing your arm. Is there anything wrong?' And she said, 'Oh, it's just kind of tingly.' Well, if I were a real student, I'd be thinking stroke or cardiovascular disease or diabetes — you know, numbness and tingling." The most innocuous thing can set off alarms. "She should have just said, 'I have a mosquito bite.' "

Sometimes the student doctors' questions are ambiguous. MacAulay trains the actors in how to respond then. A student might ask, for example, "When you went to the washroom this morning, what color was the toilet water?" That would count, according to MacAulay, as an attempt to learn if the patient had seen blood in his or her urine. "Even though they didn't say, 'Was there blood in your urine?' you know the intent was to find out if the color was different."

I asked MacAulay whether any physical condition would pre-



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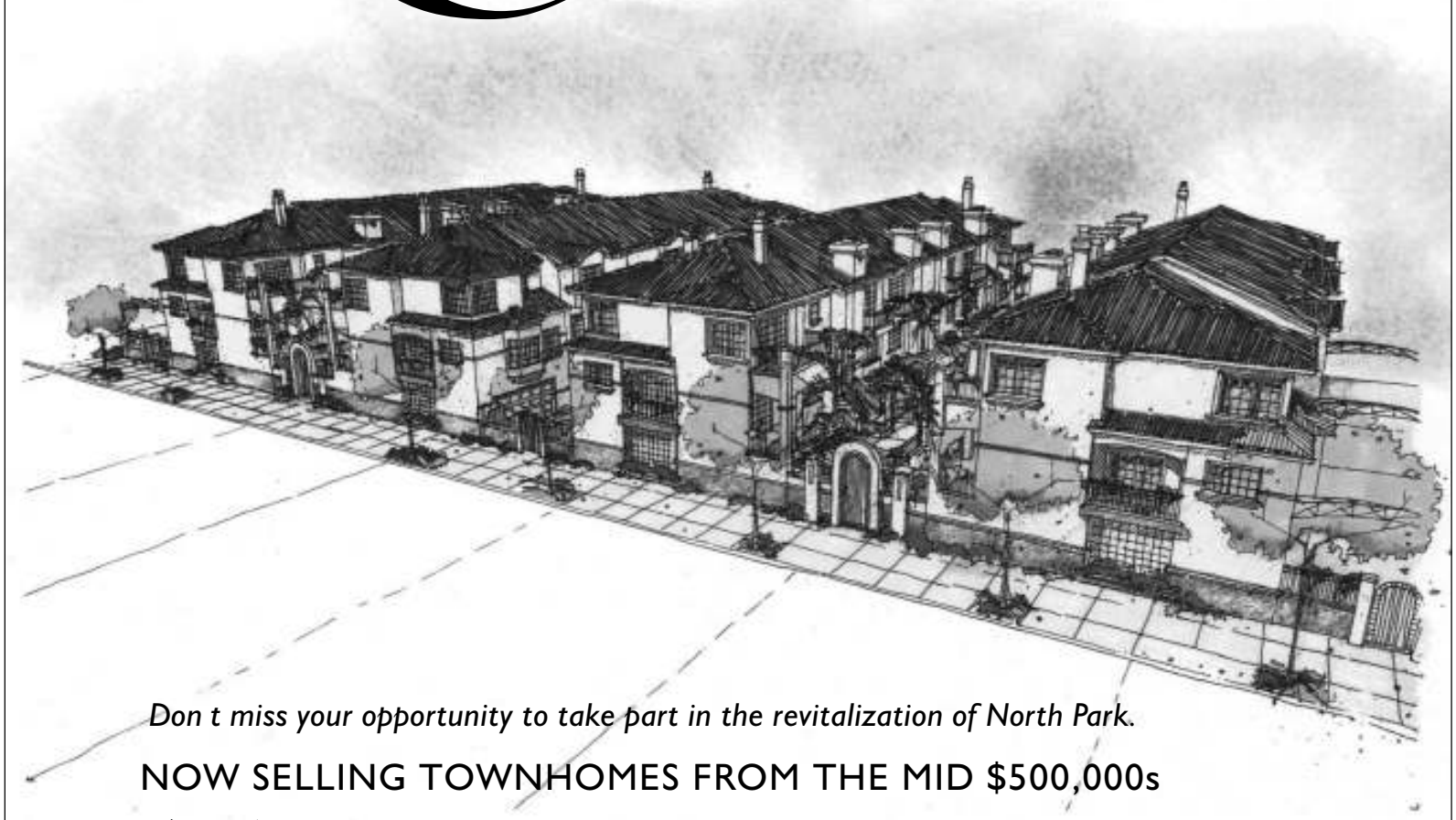
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clude someone from becoming a standardized patient. "We have a lot of exercises where there's no physical exam, so we can hire anyone for the roles," he replied. "We can hire people like diabetics and hypertensives if they're under control." Scars or lumps might pose a problem for cases in which an examination will be required. "We don't want any scars that are going to confuse the student as to our intent. Say, for example, I had had open-heart surgery, and I was playing a case where I was having chest pains for the first time in my life. When the student took my gown down and saw the scar, they would say, 'Well, no wonder you're having chest pains. You have a history of cardiac disease.' " But nothing would prevent the person with the chest scar from playing a knee-pain patient.

A strong sense of physical modesty can be a bigger problem, MacAulay indicated. Although the students never do breast, pelvic, or genital exams, the standardized patients often wear nothing but underwear and a hospital gown. If a woman's complaint is chest pain, "It would be appropriate [for the medical student] to lower the gown," so the patient will be sitting there in her bra. "And bear in mind that we're also videotaping these sessions, and we're sitting in the monitor room watching." MacAulay says that's not an issue for most professional actors, accustomed as they are to sharing dressing rooms. "But for the nonactors, it can be a little unusual." Anyone who appears too uncomfortable with either the exposure or physical contact would not qualify.

If preexisting physical conditions don't preclude anyone from becoming a standardized patient, the lack of certain physical symptoms also usually isn't a problem, the trainer says. "There are a lot of tricks of the trade. For example, we can rig blood-pressure machines to give an elevated reading," he says. Makeup can be used to simulate cuts, bruises, and scars, and patients who need to be sweating can spray themselves in the face with a bottle before the student comes in. "Or we give them hot cloths that they hold in their hands, so that they seem sweaty." MacAulay says, "A lot of the stuff that we can reproduce is like a magic trick." A collapsed lung can be faked by having the actor hold his or her breath while moving the shoulders as if breathing hard. "The students are so focused on listening that they don't realize the patient isn't breathing," he says. "We had a student

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actually leave the room once and say, 'We've got to get this person to the ER!' "

In addition to the classic categories of stage acting, film acting, and TV acting, "This is like a fourth category," the trainer says. "It's two people in a room, but they're not playing a scene." The actors are answering unscripted questions, and at the same time they're trying to keep track of questions the doctor-to-be should have asked but didn't. They're scrutinizing the physical maneuvers. "So they have all these numbers and stuff in their heads, plus they have to make a mental note of specific things the student said and did that made them feel a certain way. It's a mental marathon!"

To understand it better, I asked MacAulay if I might audition for him. He agreed, giving me a two-page description of a woman who was experiencing severe head pain, along with some unusual visual phenomena. I could take ten minutes to study the woman's history, he told me, and as I did, I felt pretty confident I could pull off the impersonation. MacAulay then led me to one of the examining rooms, as believable a set as anything concocted by Hollywood. (The facility was once occupied by a group of internists.) He gave me a quick rundown on what I should watch for in the physical exam: He could choose to check the reflexes in either my wrists or my elbows and in either my knees or my ankles. But he had to check both the arms and the legs. He should test the strength in both arms and both legs, too. There was more.

Before leaving the room, he instructed me that I should be sitting on the examining table. "Bear in mind this is not an acting scene. So you have no agenda," he said. He recalled how he had entered the room one time to find the auditioner striking a dramatic pose and declaring, "Doctor! I have this headache!" Another time, the person trying out had picked up one of the medical instruments in the room and was playing with it to show her nervousness. "No, no, no!" MacAulay exclaimed at the memory. "When you go to your doctor's, you're sitting on the exam table."

A jolt of adrenaline surged through me a moment later when MacAulay, wearing a stethoscope, reentered the exam room, introduced himself, and started asking questions. If I'd forgotten that he once had made his living as a professional actor, his demeanor provided a swift reminder. It was still friendly, but he seemed subtly more formal and commanding — the embodiment of a medical professional. For a while, I had no trouble answering his questions, but then he fired, "What do you do for a living?" at me, and the words "I'm a nurse" came tumbling out of my mouth, unplanned and unbidden. As I said them, my answer struck me as ridiculous. (What kind of nurse would be worrying about a brain tumor when she was having a routine migraine?)

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"Oh," the faux doctor said. "Is that a stressful occupation?"

"Um, no," I stumbled, adding with no forethought, "I work in a rest home." The voice inside my head bellowed, "You MORON!" and for a fraction of a second, I teetered on the brink of laughter. I kept a straight face, but I felt flustered enough that when MacAulay a few minutes later took a 30-second time-out from our scene to ask if I could crank up the level of discomfort I was portraying ("Let's do more of a ten-out-of-ten for pain"), I told him I would, then promptly ignored the directive. During the physical exam, I struggled to keep track of all his brisk actions, but when I filled out the 18-question checklist, I marked down that he'd examined my retinas incorrectly, when in fact he hadn't even attempted to examine them. It wasn't my only error.

"It's tough," MacAulay sympathized. "And it's tough to find people who can do it really well." Peggy Wallace later elaborated on the unusual nature of the standardized patient's role.



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The patients "have to be good, really realistic performers, because the more realistic the patient is, the better the performance of the student will be." And they have to simultaneously assess the student's performance. "And none of [the patients] have a background in medicine!"

Wallace's own background has blended performance and medical science. As an undergraduate in the 1960s, she studied piano and dance, then got involved in broadcasting operas produced by her college. That experience made her hunger to capture professional operas on film, and in pursuit of that dream she enrolled in the film school at the University of Southern California, where she studied alongside George Lucas and got a doctoral degree. The daughter of a physician, Wallace says she changed her mind about what she wanted to film after her mother had a heart attack. In its aftermath, "I saw that there was an incredible opportunity to educate patients who are lying in bed about what's going on with them. My mother hadn't a clue." One day Wallace talked her way into the office of the director of the USC School of Medicine's Department of Medical Education. He offered her a two-month job running a computer-operated mannequin used for training anaesthesiologists. That stint turned into a 19-year career during which Wallace created a number of film and video programs.

USC also happened to be the birthplace of the simulated patient. The year was 1963, according to a history later written by Wallace. The innovator was a neurologist and medical educator named Harold S. Bar-

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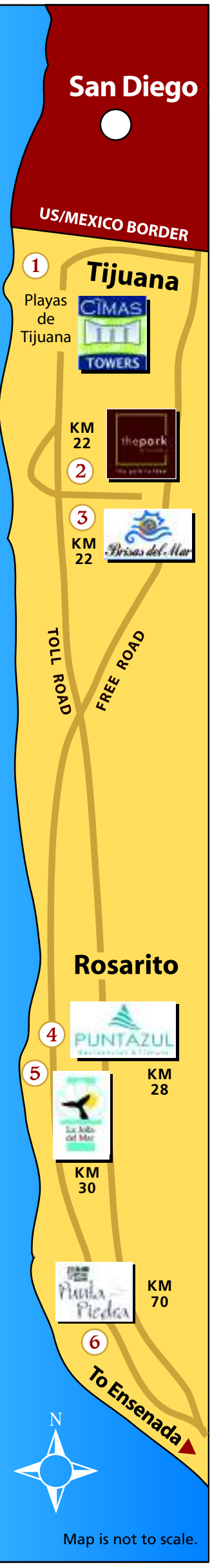
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rows. "He had this incredible intuition," Wallace told me. Barrows knew he couldn't guarantee that every time he walked into the hospital with his neurology students they would find patients with the conditions he wanted the students to learn about. So in the university's art department, he found a model who wasn't squeamish about disrobing. "First he did demonstrations in front of a large group of students," Wallace says. "How do you do a good neurologic exam? And when you're doing it, where are all these things on the body? He'd use a grease pencil and mark the model's body up."

Barrows then got the idea of teaching the model to simulate a neurological problem. He "needed a case about which he knew everything — all the signs, all the symptoms," according to Wallace's history. "He needed a case that could be reproduced for every single student in the exact same way." Based on his experience with a patient at Los Angeles County Hospital, Barrows taught the model to portray a paraplegic woman who had multiple sclerosis. The question of how to evaluate the medical students' interaction with this simulated patient then arose, and Wallace says Barrows toyed with the idea of hiding behind a curtain and grading the students himself. But he finally decided to have the model fill out a checklist after every encounter.

"Students loved the technique," Wallace has written, and Barrows felt he was "learning things about those students [he] would never have found otherwise." Among his medical-school colleagues, however, the reaction to the pedagogical novelty was frosty. "No one else at USC was even interested in trying it," according to Wallace's history. Barrows was seen as lowering the dignity of

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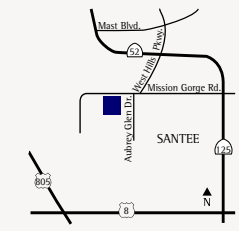


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medical education by his use of actors, and when the Associated Press caught wind of his activities, headlines such as "Hollywood Invades USC Medical School" resulted. Barrows published the first academic article about simulated patients in the *Journal of Medical Education* in 1964, but "[t]he USC dean received complaints from medical schools all over the country" in response, Wallace says.

Barrows nonetheless persisted in his use of standardized patients, developing his work for some years at USC and then moving in 1971 to a new medical school in Ontario, Canada, where the educational climate was more open to experimentation. Throughout the '70s and into the '80s, he continued expanding the ways in which he was using the simulations, and other pioneering medical educators began to follow suit. In 1985, two key review articles appeared in scientific journals that went a long way to legitimizing the practice, according to Wallace. "One no longer had to apologize to skeptics of standardized patient–based examinations," she has written. "One merely had to refer to these reviews."

Wallace met Barrows when he returned to the USC campus in 1984 to work on a pilot project to evaluate medical students' clinical skills. "At that point nobody was evaluating them," Wallace explains. "They tested with paper and pencils, asked them questions about illnesses." But that was all. Under Barrows's guidance, Wallace and other USC faculty members trained a cadre of standardized patients, and Barrows started doing regional demonstrations for medical school deans. Despite their intense initial skepticism, Wallace says, "Barrows knew that if they could experience it, they would see how real it was. That was the key. Once they did, it was like, 'Oh my God! This is amazing.' "

Medical schools all over the United States began working to expand the use of standardized patients in evaluating medical students and to change curricula in cases where it was warranted. Wallace says about the same time, the National Board of Medical Examiners began to think about using standardized patients to test the clinical skills of everyone applying for a medical license. Decades before, the board had required each license applicant to be observed with a patient by a medical professor. But back then, "There were no criteria for the patients," Wallace says. "There were no criteria for the faculty. The

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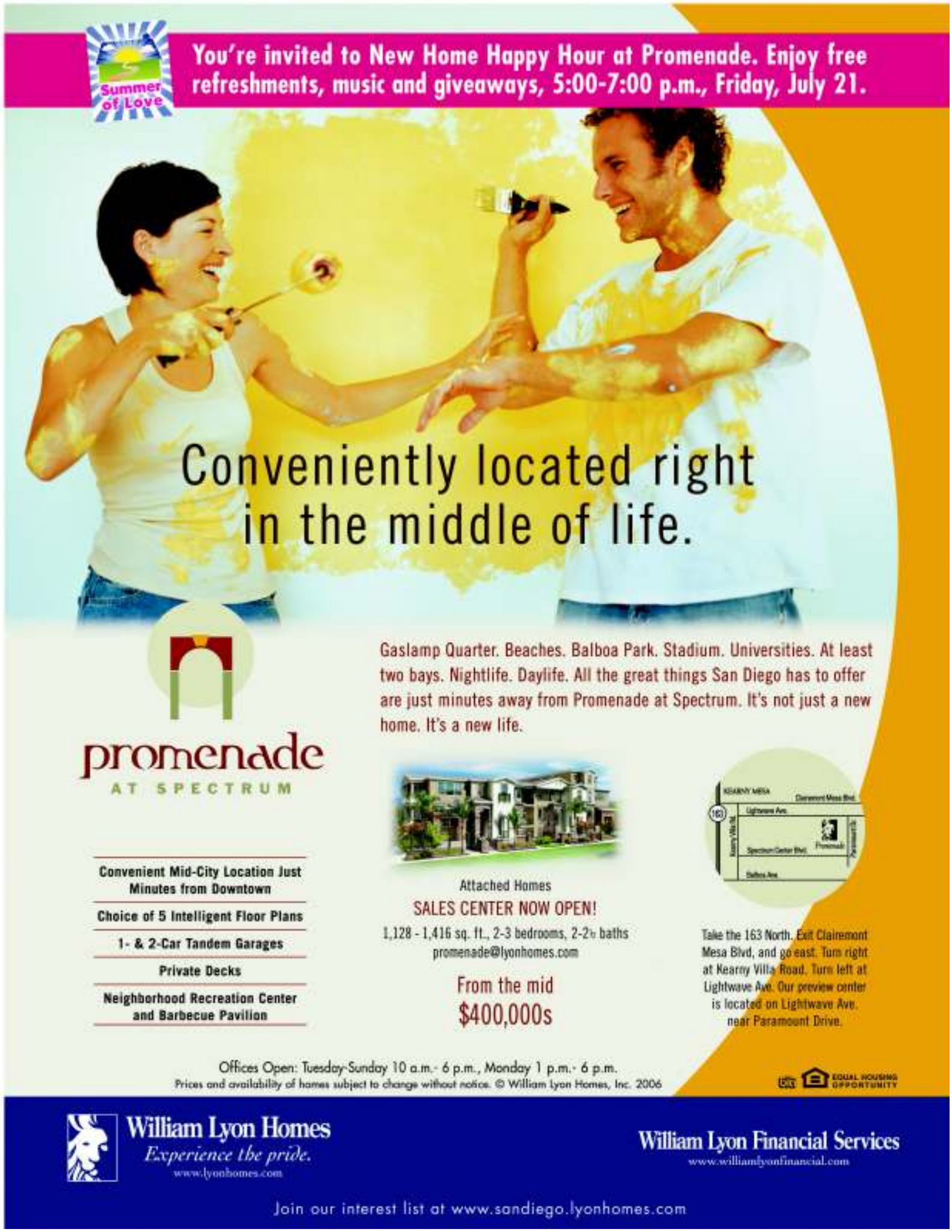


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faculty weren't trained. So a student could get a very sweet physician who was easygoing and a patient with a cold, and that student would pass because the physician said, 'Oh yeah. They know how to do a good history.' At the other extreme, you could get a son-of-a-gun — a tough physician — with a complicated case, and the student wouldn't pass." People complained so much about the unfairness that the board abandoned the requirement in the early 1960s.

Not long after the licensing board began working on a new approach using standardized patients, Wallace made a change in her professional life. Although UCSD's medical school in 1995 was using some standardized patients, it was bringing them down from Los Angeles and had no formal program for training its own. This was at a time when USC's program appeared to be losing steam. So Wallace moved to San Diego and started a program here.



Today the standardized patients play a part in every phase of the medical education at UCSD. Wallace says even though classes in subjects such as physiology, anatomy, and molecular biology consume the majority of the medical students' first and second years, "There's a tiny piece of the curriculum for both those years that's called Introduction to Clinical Medicine. It's a half-day a week. In it the students are learning to take a medical history. They're learning about interviewing skills. They're learning about physical-exam skills." In the spring of their first year, they also have their first encounter with a patient (albeit a simulated one).

I watched as 36 members of UCSD's medical-school class of 2009 had that experience. When the session began, a standardized patient was sitting in each of the 12 examining rooms, poised to depict a pregnant 21-year-old in an abusive marriage, a man complaining about pain in his side after suffering a hockey accident, or a septuagenarian with chronic emphysema. The students entered the exam rooms in groups of three, as professors and other staffers hunkered down before the monitors in the observation room.

One of the students in each room was assigned to interview the patient, while the other two observed and filled out checklists (one for communication skills and one for history-taking). After getting feedback from both the actor/patient and a faculty member, the trios of students then moved on to a different type of patient and

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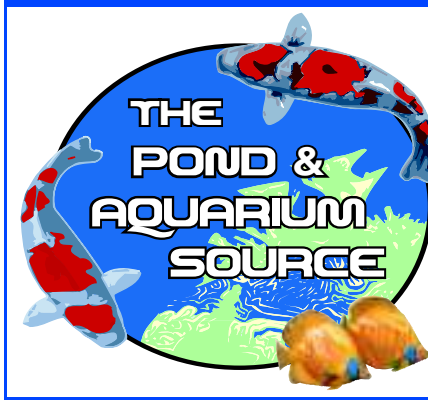
switched roles among themselves. Then they switched once more. "We just did it for the first time last year," Wallace had told me in advance. "And the students loved it."

I could understand why. Even the missteps were educational. When an earnest young man wearing a goatee and heavy glasses asked one of the patients with the side pain if the pain got worse when he inspired, the use of the technical term "inspired" — rather than "breathed in" — made the doctor seem confusing at best, if not downright alien. A young woman who kept her eyes locked onto the paper in her lap throughout most of her interview with the patient seemed so ill at ease she made me squirm.

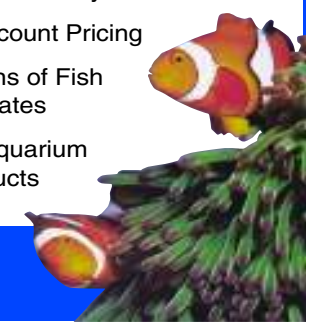
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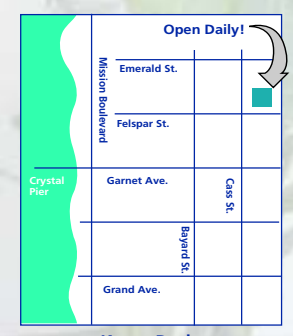
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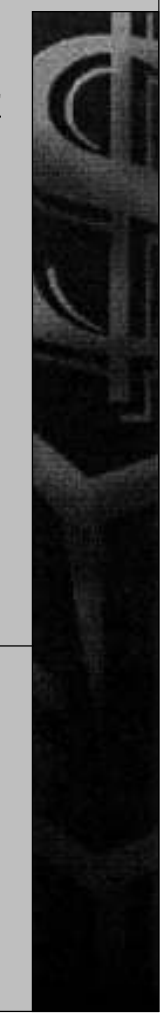
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"What I was sensing was she's never going to be able to do what she used to do. But I didn't want to say that," he told Wallace.

"That's good!" Wallace responded, making it clear that any words to that effect would have been a blunder. "But how can you be in a relationship to her?" the program director pressed him. "It's the big E-word — empathy," Wallace answered her own question a moment later. "You said up front that you wanted to convey your love for her, which is so huge! Guys often have a problem with that."

"I felt like saying, 'It must be really hard,' " the student murmured.

"Puh-lease do that! Whenever you have that instinct!" Wallace exclaimed. "You have this capacity for empathy, but you were holding back on it."

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Wallace says the med students' next opportunity to work with the standardized patients comes at the end of their second year, when they're tested on the way they handle six cases. Three of the patients have real physical problems. "So the students have to detect heart murmurs or whatever," Wallace explained. "They have to be able





to look in eyes and see what's wrong." The students also see three standardized patients, who simulate conditions for which real patients aren't practical or available.

Classroom lectures and book learning move to the back seat during the third year of medical school. "It's the intensive clinical-skills-learning year," Wallace says, when students rotate through "clerkships" devoted to such topics as internal medicine, surgery, neurology, reproductive medicine, pediatrics, and psychiatry. "In all of these, they're working with real patients," the director says. The doctors running the clinics get permission from their patients to be screened by the third-year medical students. "They come in and do their histories and some physical exams," Wallace explains. "Then they come out and talk to the doctor and tell him or her what they've found out." The doctor then goes in and sees the patient himself. But at no time does the doctor directly observe the students interacting with the real patients, the way it's possible to do from the observation room on the campus.

"In October, when they've had a chance to do three months or so of work in the clinics, we bring them back in [to the standardized-patient center]," Wallace continues. "They're just beginning to establish their habit patterns for how they interact with patients. So it's a great time to catch them — to give them feedback." Wallace says the October session has the third-year students each seeing two standardized patients, then undergoing a structured feedback and analysis program that unfolds over a month.

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They get no grade for that performance, but the midterm exams held in February and March are graded, and they prepare the students for the one they must pass at the end of their third year. "That exam is developed by all eight medical schools in California," Wallace says. "The exact same exam is given to every medical student in every medical school in California. It's a consortium effort, where we develop it all together. We put it on throughout the summer, at different times." In that half-day session, each student sees the same eight cases. "If the students don't score high enough, they have to get remedial instruction," Wallace says. "Then they take the exam again." In the fall of their fourth year (when students are rotating through clinics and beginning to focus on their area of specialty), they must

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take the national medical-licensing exam. This includes a full-day clinical test in which they see 12 standardized patients. Wallace says no UCSD student has failed to pass the national board exam in the two years since it was inaugurated.

Medical undergraduates aren't the only ones who work with the standardized patients at UCSD. One program works with new residents, evaluating them so that their supervisors have a baseline understanding of what skills the new doctors are starting with as they begin their residency training. Another helps San Diego Hospice doctors refine their ability to break bad news and assist people in reaching difficult decisions. Wallace invited me to watch one of those sessions, in which Del Mar resident June Gottlieb would be playing Rose Bolen, a woman who would have to face an agonizing choice.

At 68, Gottlieb has silver hair, a face that's all but free of wrinkles, and an unorthodox career history. For about 25 years, she practiced psychotherapy in Ann Arbor, Michigan. But 16 years ago, she moved to San Diego and, looking for a new challenge, responded to an ad for a class that promised to help people break into show business. For Gottlieb, at least, the class worked. "I think I made 12 commercials, not really knowing what I was doing," she told me. She moved on to films and enjoyed a modest success at that. Then she fell in love with live theater. "There's no bigger challenge than having an audience that's different every night," she said, adding that she had appeared in at least a dozen local productions.

The *Seinfeld* episode in which Kramer gets a job playing a gonorrhea patient introduced her to the concept of standardized-patient work, and when she heard about UCSD's program, she decided to try out for it. Hired nine years ago, Gottlieb since has mastered several different roles. She might play Rose a couple of times a year, she estimated. "It kind of scares me sometimes to do Rose," she confided to me. "Because basically it's about having a loved one who has a chronic illness." Gottlieb's real-life husband has emphysema, "So I've thought, 'This could happen to anybody.' " That sense of connection helped her get into the role, she allowed.

On the day I watched her perform, Gottlieb was wearing the flowered dress she always dons when she assumes Rose Bolen's persona. It made her seem even more matronly. The doctor who entered the examining room to talk to her was Andy Probolus, a 30-year-old fellow in hospice and palliative medicine. He looked sympathetic but grave. After introducing himself, he said, "I understand your husband's been sick for a while. Could you tell me a little bit about that?"

"Well, I know he has a problem with his liver," Rose/June answered in a soft, tentative voice. "His belly swells up, and he can get really tired."

"Has he ever gotten this sick before?"

Her husband's illness had started at least six years ago, the woman told the doctor, and had finally been diagnosed a year or two later. "They said he had cirrhosis of the liver that he had gotten from some kind of an injection… So yeah. He's been dealing with this for a while. But he always comes out of it."

"He's just kind of bounced back?" Probolus queried.

"Well, you know. It's taken its toll." A month before, her husband had started throwing up blood, and he was in the hospital for a longer spell. "But I don't know what's going on." She sounded calm but befuddled.

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more prefer the big picture when you get information from doctors?" Probolus asked.

"Well, you know what's going on more than I do," Rose/June murmured. "I just have to trust and hope."

"I get the sense that he's mostly taken most of the information and has kind of helped you understand what's going on," the doctor said. It sounded like a question.

"We really don't talk about it," Rose/June admitted.

"I guess what I'm hearing from you is you'd like to kind of know what's going on."

"Well, I don't understand it, why they brought him over here."

"I'm afraid I have some, some bad news for you about him and what's been going on with him, okay? He's not awake right now. He's unconscious."

"Unconscious?" she murmured. "He was okay when we went to the doctor's…"

"His blood pressure was very low, and he's kind of slipped into being unconscious now. He's not really awake and alert, like he normally is. And the team that's taking care of him feels like he's had some more bleeding from the inside, which he's had before. And things look pretty bad right now. What I mean by that is, it looks like he's dying."

"Dying?" she whispered, aghast. "He's dying?" Probolus nodded. Silence descended on the exam room.

A long moment later, Rose/June asked, childlike, "What should I do?"

"Well, that's what I'm here to help with," Probolus responded.

"I can't believe he's dying!" the stricken wife would repeat several times over the course of the next 25 minutes. Probolus never looked impatient with her, and when he steered the conversation to the point where he could ask if Rose and her husband had ever discussed "how he would like his death to be," the question seemed uncontrived.

"It wasn't something we really talked about," she answered. "It seemed better to just be more hopeful. He's not a complainer, you know." She didn't want him to suffer, she said a little later.

"I think, based on what you're telling me, we're going to try our very best to keep him comfortable and let him pass peacefully and naturally," Probolus told her in response. Although the medical team could use CPR if his heart stopped, "My medical opinion is that if we do that to him, he would have probably less than a 1 percent chance of surviving." Furthermore, "It could be potentially painful," the doctor said.

"I don't want to cause him any pain," Rose/June responded.

After the conversation had ended and both patient and doctor had filled out checklists, Probolus came back into the exam room to talk to the actress. He mentioned that he had learned a mnemonic for having difficult conversations of the sort that he had just had with Rose. "I tried to kind of go step-by-step through that, and I think I covered almost everything I

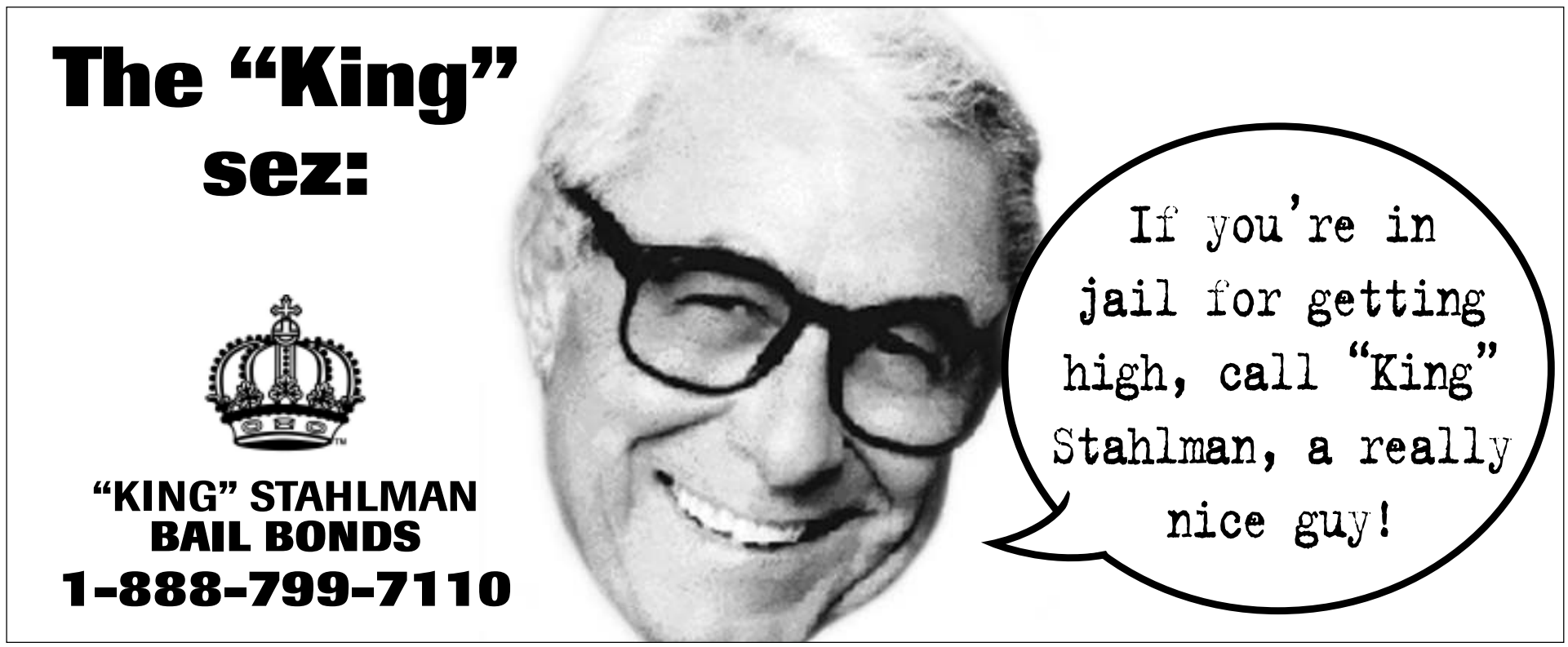


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wanted to cover," he said. "Meeting you, introducing myself, developing some kind of rapport, then kind of giving you a warning shot that I had some bad news for you." He ticked off several other items.

Gottlieb's voice, when she spoke, had lost its overtones of vagueness and confusion. "As Rose, I liked when you took my hand right away. That felt really natural," she commented. "It didn't feel intrusive or anything." Rose also felt that Probolus had cared about her, but she had sensed "a little bit of a distance." Maybe that was because he had been going through his checklist, she speculated.

"I didn't want to miss anything," Probolus admitted. "I think to be honest, I may have been reacting a little bit to the time pressure with this."

Rose didn't feel rushed, Gottlieb told the doctor. "She just felt like there was just something…"

" 'Cause usually with the nature of this work, I don't put any time limits on myself," Probolus continued. "I just kind of let things go and see where they go."

Because Rose and her husband had never discussed his death, Probolus said he'd felt some need to "lean a little more on Rose" to make the critical decision about withholding CPR. He confessed that he was still trying to sort out how much paternalism was appropriate. "Early in my training, I thought, 'Okay, you just give people a list of options and say, "Pick one." ' Whereas now I've swung a little more the other way. I feel like all the options need to be there, but part of my job is to take somebody who's had devastating news and give them what feels like the right option, in my experience."

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When I talked to him about the encounter a week later, Probolus was still beating himself up over his performance. He told me he thought he had "lost a little bit

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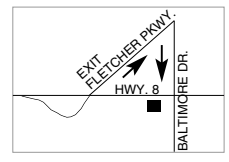
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of the empathic connection that I feel is so crucial." Again he blamed that on the artificial time constraint. In comparison, in real life he might allow "an hour or an hour and a half for a conversation like that."

Still Probolus said the scene had felt real to him, and he was looking forward to reviewing his performance on tape, with an eye to analyzing which parts had worked best and which hadn't gone as well. He'd also appreciated Gottlieb's insights. "It's a unique situation in that you don't necessarily ever have a chance to say to somebody after you've broken terrible news to them, 'Did I do all right there? Was that okay? How did you feel?' That wouldn't go over well."

Later, talking to Wallace, I told her it made sense to me that such sessions would produce doctors who were more sensitive and satisfying to deal with. What surprised me, I confessed, was that medical schools like UCSD's cared enough to expend the effort and resources that the standardized-patient program requires.

In part it's been a hardheaded business decision, Wallace responded, one shaped by recent profound changes in the medical industry. Back "when physicians were in their own private practices and seeing their own patients, one by one, patients would leave them, or patients would stay because they liked them." But no one was looking at the pattern of lost patients — losses that ultimately make any practice less profitable. With the rise in group practices and health-maintenance organizations, that has changed, Wallace contends. "Kaiser gives surveys out to their patients," she says.

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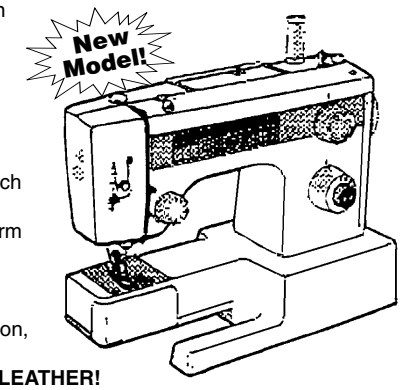
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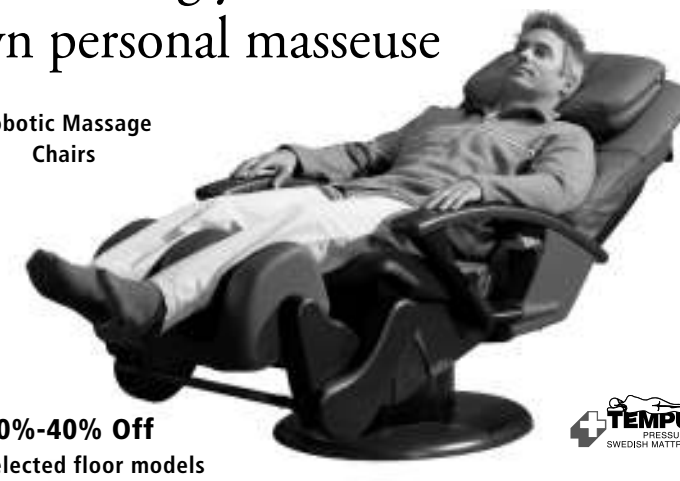
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"This is not just about the niceness of the doctor," Wallace said. "This is about knowing what patients need and helping those patients understand that you know. The patients then feel like they can tell you what they need to tell you. And that's important, because if they don't, the physician may miss something that is key to understanding the problem." ■

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(Editor's note: Some of the symptoms described in this article have been altered in the interest of preserving their usefulness on future UCSD medical exams.)

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ELECTIVE MATURITY



mencement of shaving marks the transition of girls becoming young women and calling attention to their figures.

— Megan Zapanta, El Capitan H.S.

I was in seventh grade when many of my friends began to shave their legs, and I felt uncomfortable for being one of the girls who did not. I had a friend in fifth grade who had begun to shave (among other things), and I remember being jealous of the fact that she was allowed to do such mature things. Girls are always sensitive about who starts doing what and when.

After asking my mom and sitting through a talk about responsibility and the fact that once one begins to shave, the hair often grows in darker and/or thicker, she gave me a razor and showed me what to do. I remember sitting on the bathroom countertop with my feet resting in the sink and my disposable pink razor in hand. My mom told me to shave gently so as not to cut myself, and I did so successfully. I loved the silky smooth feeling of shaving for the first time.

Newly shaven legs still make me feel fresh and clean, and when I haven't shaved in longer than usual it resembles the feeling of walking around with unwashed hair. All of my female friends shave their legs and underarms, and I have several male friends who shave their bodies to improve their times for swim competitions.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd, Mt. Carmel H.S.

While females of 26 or more years spend their time trying to look younger, us teenagers attempt to look older. Make-up, hair-styling, and purses help, but nothing shows a commitment to appear more mature than shaving one's legs. Something about having smooth, shiny, hairless limbs…

When I was but a lass, I'd see my mom and older sister's bald legs and look forward to the day I had permission to remove what I considered the symbol of my immaturity: the hair on my legs. Older girls were allowed to shave their legs, but my mom advised me to wait until I was at least nine. I couldn't wait that long, so I rebelled. I justified my decision to shave by telling myself it would be good for the free market (increased sales of razors and gels). Okay, maybe not, but I did use that excuse to disguise my deeper motive: shaving gel was fluffy and smelled good, and I wanted it.

Now that I'm older and have gotten a taste of "real" responsibility, shaving and other forms of elective maturity have lost much of their appeal. However, whenever I don't feel like shaving, all I need to do is wait for Skintimate to produce a new fragrance. As soon as I smell that artificial sweetness, I'm reminded of the pride I should feel whenever I wield a razor.

— Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S.

OLDER GIRLS WERE ALLOWED TO SHAVE THEIR LEGS, BUT MY MOM ADVISED ME TO WAIT UNTIL I WAS AT LEAST NINE. I COULDN'T WAIT THAT LONG, SO I REBELLED.

I can't remember the last time I shaved my legs. Wait — yes I can — it was the day of prom. So, I shaved my legs most recently on May 13, about a month ago. No, I am not going for a longhaired, European look. I am simply blessed with extremely fine, light-colored leg hair that grows extremely slowly. When I say blessed, I feel as though this attribute is a gift from heaven. I don't enjoy the awkwardness of trying to balance while wielding a dangerous device in the shower.

The first time I cut myself shaving, I worried that I would bleed to death. I had had a large bug bite under my knee, and as I shaved one evening in the shower, I severed the bump from my skin. Blood oozed from my leg. Now, I bear a scar that reminds me to be careful with razors or to avoid shaving at all.

Unlike most girls I know, maintaining the hairless look of a naked mole rat has never been my goal. I didn't start shaving my legs until late in the seventh grade. I became self-conscious as my legs became hairier than those of my friends. (I knew a girl who had been shaving since third grade.) At first, I was too shy to tell my mom that I wanted to shave my legs. After I began shaving, I so disliked talking about shaving that I rarely told her when I was out of gel. Instead, I learned that it is even less pleasant to shave using soap. Writing an article about shaving would have been inconceivable to my middle-school self. Although shaving has become a chore, the appropriateness of clean-shaven legs is not missed by me; the com-

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Sleep Maintenance Insomnia Clinical Trial

Trouble staying asleep?
Don t feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by

Synergy Clinical Research Center

for individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia. Study-related care is provided at no charge to participants. This includes a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication. Qualified participants will also receive up to $1,050 for completion of the study.

For more information, please contact:

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Insomnia

Sleepless Nights
Exhausted Days

A clinical research study for insomnia is now underway. Doctors are enrolling patients in a study of an investigational drug for insomnia.

To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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

Qualified participants could receive compensation for incidental costs and travel.

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'But, guys, you don't get it! I have the legs and underarms of a gorilla!" I exclaimed to my amused yet unyielding parents. This exasperating routine went on for what seemed like forever: me, saying my life would be over, and my parents, laughing good-naturedly, would say no. Eventually, they let me mow the 13 years of lawn that had grown on my legs.

Whoever said that shaving was a breeze must have never come into contact with a razor. I strode into that bathroom with my brand-new razor and shaving cream with all of the confidence of a field mouse. If you don't count the twin gashes I gave myself on the soft skin behind my knees, I did all right. I remember the sting of walking afterward. It took forever to heal, yet I bear the two thin scars with pride, a tribute to a phase in my life.

To me, shaving was a rite of passage. So, can you imagine the shame of walking down the street, thinking you look great, while people stare at the trail of hair you missed on the right side of your leg? I remember blushing when someone would tell me, "You missed a spot." After awhile, I made it my mission to incorporate patience into my hasty routine.

Four years later, I've got the hang of shaving. Sometimes I don't shave for a couple of days at a time. It can be bothersome, so I'll wear pants to cover my legs. But, I do understand that in today's world, all women want those super-smooth legs that draw attention. Image has become a big factor, and we feel pressured to look like models.

My advice to all of those young girls who long to be a part of the adult world right now is to enjoy all of the precious moments of being young. There will come a day when you are holding that Venus razor in your hand and wondering where the heck has time gone…and

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Are you currently taking Zyprexa, Risperdal, Seroquel, Abilify, or Geodon and still not functioning well? If so, you may qualify to try an investigational medication for the low-energy symptoms associated with schizophrenia.

Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

If you participate, there is no cost to you…instead:

- You receive up to $1105 for your time and travel.
- You receive no-cost research study-related medication and medical care.
- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.



I fall asleep, but once I wake up, I am up!

A new study of an investigational medication for insomnia may help put you to sleep.

- Restless sleep disturbs the normal rhythms of the body.
- When sleep difficulties become a regular problem it can affect your health.
- If you wake up in the middle of the night and can't go back to sleep, you are not getting a full night of sleep.

If you have chronic problems returning to sleep after waking up in the middle of the night, you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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Qualified participants:

- Will receive up to $2300 for time and travel.
- Receive study-related medication and study-related medical care at no cost to you.
- No reports are made to your employers, schools, or insurance companies.



Depression

steals more than your mood; it robs you of life's pleasures.

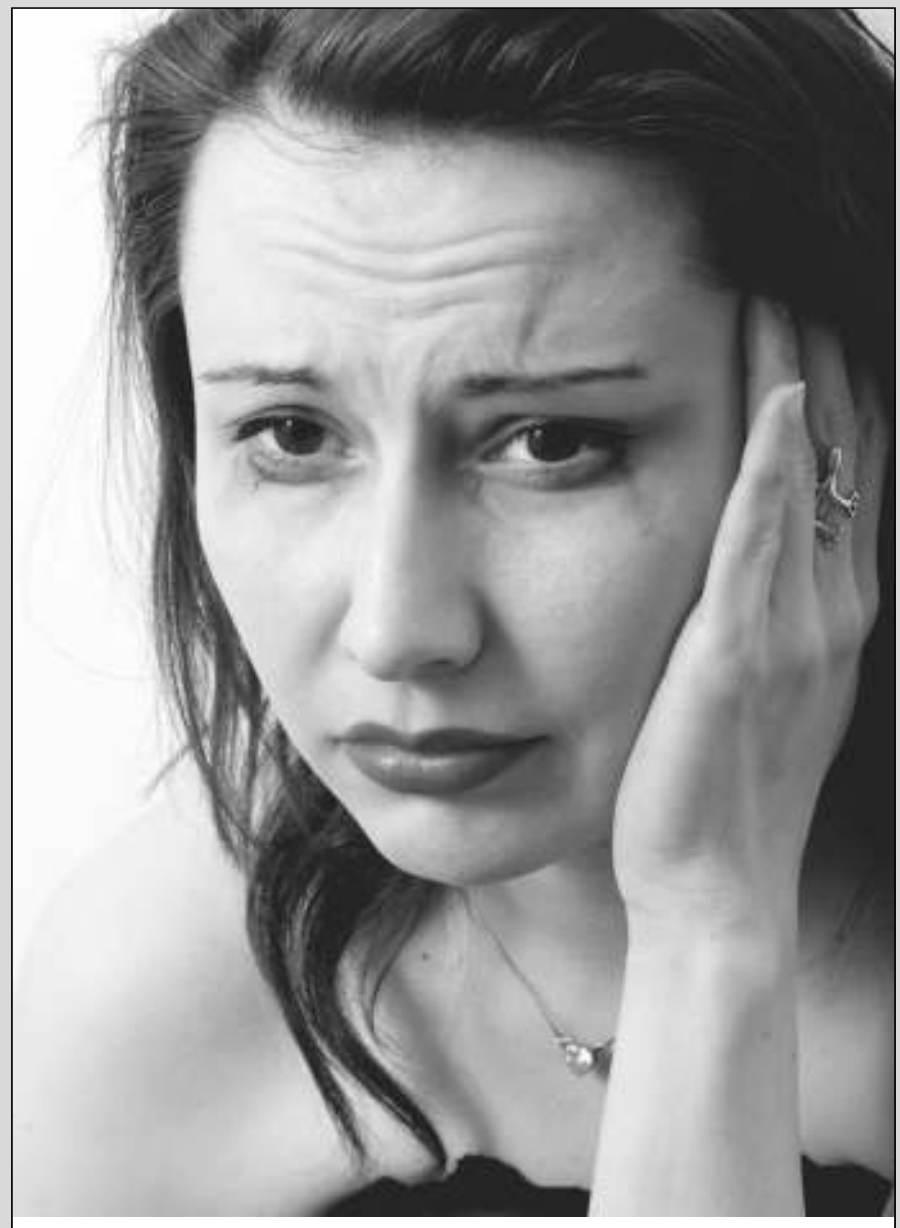
Are you over 18 years old and finding life hard to tolerate? Has your energy and motivation to enjoy your life decreased? Do you find even simple pleasures empty?

California Clinical Trials has been assisting the pharmaceutical industry with finding new medications for depression over the past 20 years.

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If you participate, there is no cost to you…instead:

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Anxiety

doesn't just stress your mind.

We know it can…

- Decrease your immune response • Decrease your physical and mental functioning
- Increase fats in the bloodstream • Be mistaken for medical conditions
- Interfere with sleep

If you are between the ages of 18 and 64, you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

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where is that dang shaving cream?

— Lee Ann Gonzales, Monte Vista H.S.

For the average female, shaving is a rite of passage into womanhood. For me, it was a disaster waiting to happen. At 12 and 13, many girls were graceful butterflies, blooming throughout their pubescent transformation while others staggered awkwardly on the brink of tween and teen. The latter was the definition of me.

Somewhere during my gestation, my DNA decided to trip; I became a klutz. It took me years to learn how to walk, and I still have not mastered the skill. In the beginning of sixth grade, I decided to shave my legs. When I asked my mother, she looked at me as if I were crazy, with an eyebrow cocked in the you've-got-to-be-kidding-me kind of way. She asked herself if she was ready to pay for my funeral when I died from blood loss and then she waved her hand and said, "Fine. Just don't bleed on the carpet."

I tripped up the stairs and into the bathroom with joy, which, as soon as I closed the door, turned into complete terror. I grabbed a razor and a can of shave cream, failing to calm myself down. It was a horror scene: I screeched at the top of my lungs as blood spewed from my body. I pressed the back of my hand against my forehead in despair. My mother came barreling down the hallway and barged into the bathroom, causing me to scream even more.

"Mother! I'm naked!" I screeched, ignoring the fact that I was gushing obscene amounts of blood into the bathtub.

"Oh, get over it! I changed your diapers." She rolled her eyes and gathered ten yards of toilet paper for a tourniquet.

"But I'm an adult now!" I argued. I pressed the wad of toilet paper against my Achilles tendon and began to

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Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of pain following shingles (post herpetic neuralgia).

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Do you find yourself nodding off during the day?

A research study for an investigational medication for insomnia is taking place.
You may qualify for this study:
If you are over 18 years of age
– AND –
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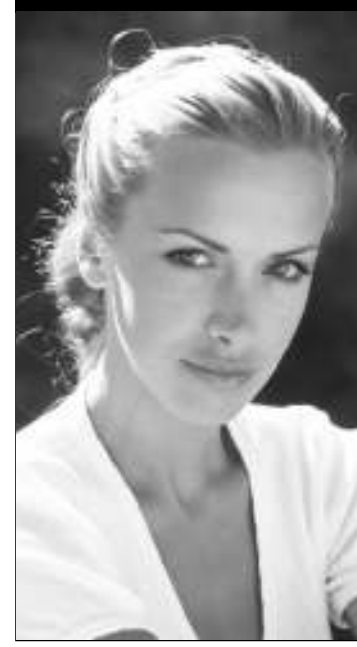
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Research Study on

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- Fatigue/loss of interest
- Persistent sadness/hopelessness

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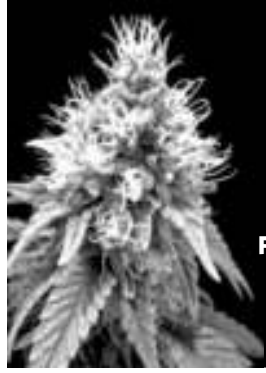
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calm, rebuilding my nerves to evaluate the wound. I peered down, wondering how many stitches I might need. To my surprise, the gash was the size of a pinprick.

— Erin Bradley, Rancho Bernardo H.S. ■

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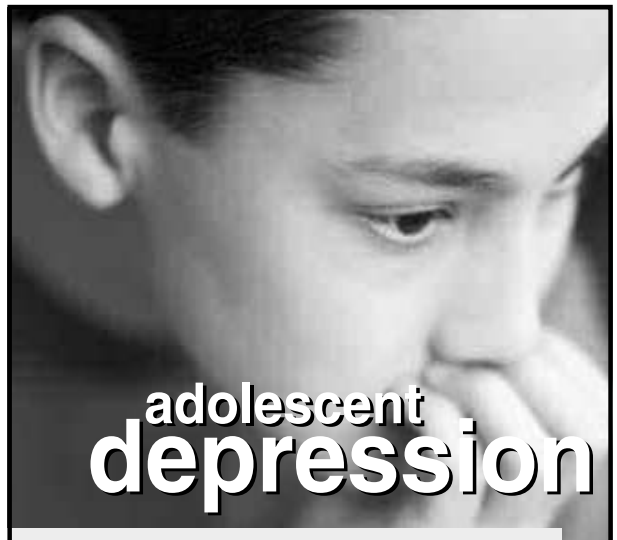
Acne?

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Children who qualify will receive study-related examinations, lab tests, and medication at no cost from a doctor who specializes in adolescent depression. Health insurance is not needed to participate.

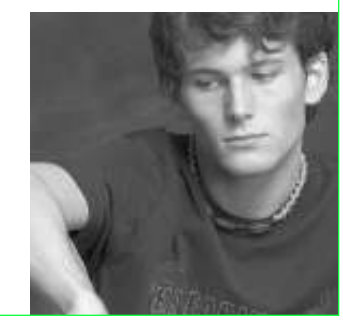
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Bipolar Disorder/Manic Depression Study

Affiliated Research Institute is currently seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of Bipolar illness (Manic/Depression).

Qualifications include:
- At least 18 years old
- Currently experiencing a "manic" or "mixed" (depression and manic symptoms at the same time) episode of your illness

Qualified participants:
- Receive all medication and study-related medical care at no cost.



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ANXIETY STUDY

Signs and Symptoms:
- Experiencing persistent worry?
- Feeling restless, irritable, or tense?
- Having difficulty sleeping?
- Having difficulty concentrating?

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

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

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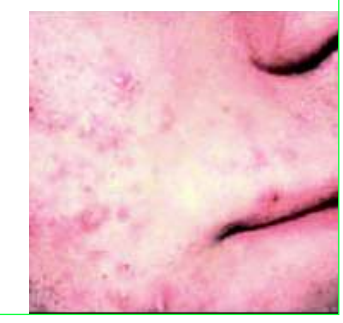
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Social Anxiety Disorder?

- Do You Fear Meeting New People?
- Do You Fear Social Events?
- Are You Worried About Being at the Center of Attention?
- Are You Worried About Being Around People?

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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

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To qualify, you must:
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- have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder
- be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:
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Hung Up Thinking

It was supposed to be an investment, something that would stay in the background and look good on the bottom line.

It was our neighborhood only on a technicality; we owned a piece of it. And even that was an accident, a combination of ’80s avarice and a little family infighting. It was supposed to be an investment, something that would stay in the background and look good on the bottom line. Sometimes, though, a place and the people in it just get in a grade-school drawing, and refuse to keep their distance.



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Barbara Warner

See, we had this sister who was, as they say, “in transition” — recently divorced with a child in tow and in need of a place to regroup. We also had some money to invest, at a time when the prevailing financial dictum was *I own, therefore I am.* Those elements converged to put us in possession of a modest duplex deep in the heart of Clairemont.

It really wasn’t a half-bad little place. Like most of the houses in the area, it was older, built in the ’50s along low, boxy lines. There was only a little more yard and a few more windows than you’d get in a grade-school drawing, and nowhere near as much charm. But the vacant front unit looked out on the green lawn of a park, and there was a school and playground just down the block. The street was quiet; so was the couple who rented the rear unit. A main-route bus line stopped at the corner. The property seemed to suit everyone’s purposes, so we anted up and bought in.

While the ink was drying on the escrow papers, it occurred to our sister/tenant-to-be that having loved ones as landlords was a loaded situation, and she bowed out. We rolled our eyes, slapped our foreheads, and started drafting an ad for the “for rent” section. I cleared a day to sit by the phone and field calls. And not at all incidentally, to learn something about what makes up a neighborhood.

Lee Calvert phoned at 8:01 the morning the ad came out, hoping his call wasn't too early and he wasn't too late to rent the front unit. He was young and polite, with a mild Midwest twang, excellent references, and a job as a photographer in a Clairemont studio. Owned his own furniture, had first and last months' rent up front, and could move in immediately. After some cordial conversation we agreed that he'd meet with my husband at the duplex that afternoon, to look it over and fill out a rental application. I hung up thinking, this property-management stuff is a cinch.

Linda Cisneros was my second caller and the first in a long string of struggling single parents wanting to rent the place. Like everyone else who called that morning, she knew the area; Linda had graduated

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from Clairemont High. When I told her the address, she was willing to rent, sight unseen. "That's right on the park, oh, that would be *perfect*!" Ms. Cisneros had her own furniture, a job as a medical receptionist, and a four-year-old son who needed room to run. She also had a lease to get out of,"— but I can work something out, please, just let me fill out an application and talk to you about this." I thought about our daughter, not quite four yet, playing out under the big tree in our back yard. *Well, yeah, Linda…c'mon down.* We can talk, at least. Landlording was looking a little more complicated.

The phone seemed to ring every time I set it back in the receiver, and every time I picked it up someone on the other end told me how much better his life would be, or hers, or theirs, if we'd just rent to him or her or them. They all knew more about the duplex than I did, sitting fat-dumb-and-happy 20 miles away.

I heard about the Senior Center that was just down the street and how convenient the neighborhood was for shopping at Clairemont Square. Mrs. Cowles told me that when she called from Normal Heights. "I've been trying to get back to Clairemont for the last five years. My daughter and son-in-law are there, and I'd like to watch my granddaugh-

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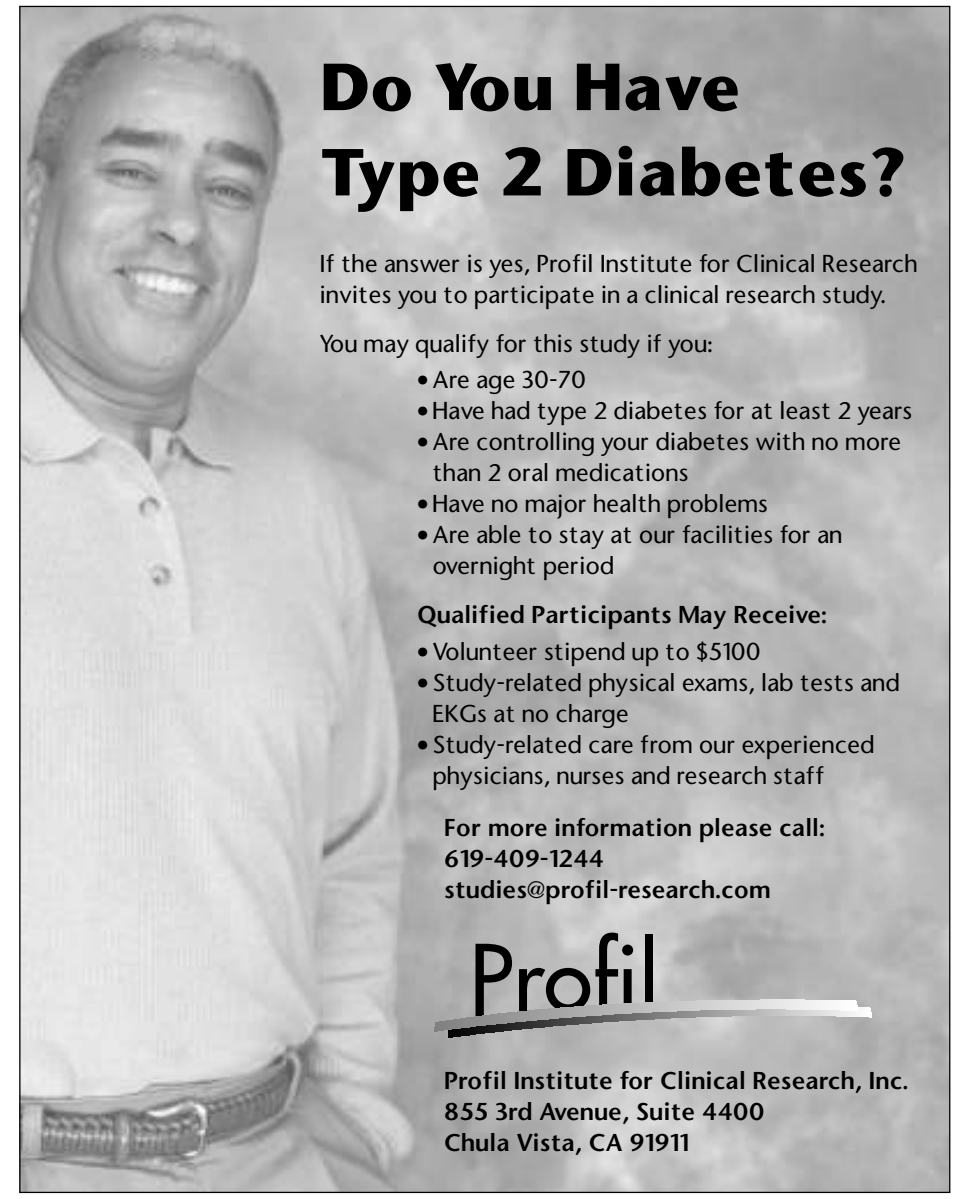
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ter grow up." Mrs. Cowles told me she would be a very quiet tenant. "I'm disabled. I never have parties or any company." Any pets? "No — I do have some large potted plants, but I would be very careful with them." There was a moment of silence while I tried to imagine hassling a 68-year-old woman about where she put her geraniums.

I told Mrs. Cowles that we were getting lots of interested callers but that we'd be happy to take her application. I was eight calls into the morning and starting to hate the landlord biz.

Ed Johnson was a father of two little girls and knew a whole lot about the day-care options at the Clairemont Baptist Church. He'd had to find out real fast, after his wife called him at

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work one day to say she was checking herself into a drug-treatment center. Ed told me he grew up on Clairemont Mesa when it was the end of the line and University City was still coyotes and canyons. He'd bolted down burgers at the old Oscar's drive-in, gone to dances at the Clairemont Bowl when Gary Puckett and the Union Gap played there. Ed's folks still lived over near the library; they were going to help with the kids.

It was only a little after 10:00 a.m. when Harold Carleton called, but I was already at the point of taking the phone off the hook or leaving the house. Maybe leaving town. I was ready to concede that I was hopelessly unfit as a landlord, even a prospective one. I didn't want any more glimpses into any more lives. Talking with Harry Carleton didn't help.

For 27 years Harold Carleton had owned a home in Clairemont overlooking the bay. He was recently retired, with two grown children and two still in school. One day his wife and kids asked him to leave. "They just all come in and told me things weren't any good and it'd be better all round if I moved out." He had a low, gravelly voice and sounded like he was still surprised. "It's *rough*, it's very rough."

Mr. Carleton told me he was handy with repairs and could help a lot with upkeep at the duplex. He walked every evening along Mission Bay, doctor's orders. Heart problems. "I'd kinda like to stay in the Clairemont area, near home." Then, surprised again, "…I mean, what *used* to be home."

I decided to go out for a while. As I locked the front door I could hear the phone inside, ringing again.

"Listen, what do we know, maybe it's hell being a baby photographer — would that make you feel better?"

The plan was to call my husband that afternoon to let him know what kind of response we'd had and who'd be coming by that afternoon to look things over and leave an application. Rob sounded jaunty and businesslike on the phone, and all of a sudden that irritated me.

"So, you get lots of calls?"

"*Too* many, it was crazy."

"Any good ones, though?"

"What do you mean, 'good'?"

"I mean, any likely prospects."

"How am I supposed to decide who's a 'likely prospect'? They *all* think of themselves as likely prospects. Everyone I talked to today has a good reason for wanting to rent the damn duplex. You tell *me* who should live there!"

There was a long pause at the other end; I could picture Rob holding the receiver away from his ear and staring at it. Then, elaborately casual, he asked, "Is anything, ah, bothering you?"

I told him about the nonstop calls that morning and all the lives that were lining up for the dubious privilege of having us as landlords. He stopped me with his best let's-be-rational-about-this pitch, saying, "Sweetheart, we're looking for references and a security deposit, not somebody's life story. Don't get into all that. Just tell them they can come by and fill out an application."

"And then what?"

"Then we pick somebody and get him in there so we aren't paying for an empty apartment."

We talked about some other things — work, and when we could schedule the car for a tune-up, and what to have for dinner. Before he hung up, Rob reminded me one more time: "If you get any more calls, just give them the address and tell them when I'll be there. Don't let people *talk* to you."

I set the phone down and it rang again. Someone named Cheryl. Soft-spoken but persistent. I told her she was at the end of a long line of would-be tenants, but she said she'd come out and look anyway. "Can

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you tell me, are there steps up to the front door, or is it a flat threshold?"

I tried to remember…a couple of concrete steps, I thought.

"Could we set up a ramp there? My husband's a Vietnam veteran, and he's in a wheelchair most of the time."

I decided to go out again. The hell with property management.

Rob came home late, with a dozen rental applications in a brand-new file folder. "You were right, a lot of people were really anxious to get in there. The rent we're asking is probably a little low." He was going to settle in after dinner to go over the applications, but he'd already decided, he said, we should rent to Lee Calvert.

Lee Calvert…oh, yeah. That first call, way back this morning when things seemed simple.

"Why him?"

"Well, he looks pretty good. He can be in right away. He's a photographer at one of those family portrait studios, did he mention that? Maybe we should take Beth up there and get some new pictures for your folks."

"Yeah, but why pick him instead of some of these others?" I started shuffling through the applications, recognizing names. "She sounded good to me —" I held out the paper Linda Cisneros had filled in.

Rob looked at the paper and shrugged a little. "I thought maybe a single mother might have a harder time making the rent. I mean, we want a stable tenant."

"Oh, well, mention the word 'stability' and the first thing that comes to *my* mind is a baby *photographer*!" I made it sound like the guy went door to door with a Polaroid and a painted donkey.

"What are you getting so upset about?"

"Look, it just seems to me like we could rent to somebody who really needs to be in that neighborhood — someone who can use the Senior Center, or the Boy's Club, or ride the 41 bus down to the hospital." I could see Rob's expression shifting from mildly pained to incredulous as I talked.

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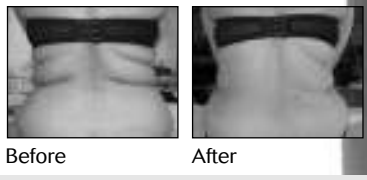
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"Since when did you start writing people off just because they've had a few problems?" I wasn't being fair here. Ask anybody, my husband is one of the last of the good guys, a prince — and I was acting like he'd signed up to become a slumlord. But in my mind I was still somewhere just south of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, over near Genesee, trying to find room for everyone.

"I'm sorry, I just think we —"

The phone rang. Rob answered it and told someone out there the duplex had been rented. We were quiet for a few minutes, before he said, carefully, "I think you're really looking at this the wrong way. I'm trying to keep this simple." He waved a hand at the pile of applications on the table. "Most of these people have to give notice or get out of a lease. A couple of them need time to come up with the full rent and deposit. One guy is out of work." My husband was being the soul of reason. I really hate that.

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"I'm just trying to be fair —"

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Well…yeah. I remembered how he apologized for calling so early. "Yes."

"So if we want to be *fair*, we should go with him: he's qualified and he was the first one here."

I thought about Mrs. Cowles and her houseplants and Ed Johnson's little girls. I thought about Harold Carleton trying to stay somewhere near home. In Clairemont. Clairemont and a dozen people who wanted to live there had somehow become a puzzle that I couldn't solve or quite put down.

"I don't know how to call some of these people and tell them they have to look somewhere else."

Rob picked up the applications and tapped them into a neat stack, with the baby photographer's paper on top. "No problem, I'll take care of it. I'll call this guy right now and then let the others know we've rented the place." He sat down by the phone, happy to have things settled, and started dialing. For the third time that day I decided I didn't want to be near the phone.

I swung Beth up on my shoulders, and we walked out through the back yard. The last of the summer light was just about gone, just the faintest glow to the west. I pointed in that direction and told my kid that was where Clairemont was and that a lot of people lived there. ■

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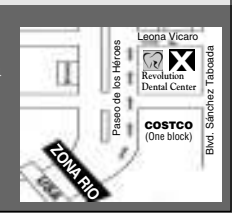
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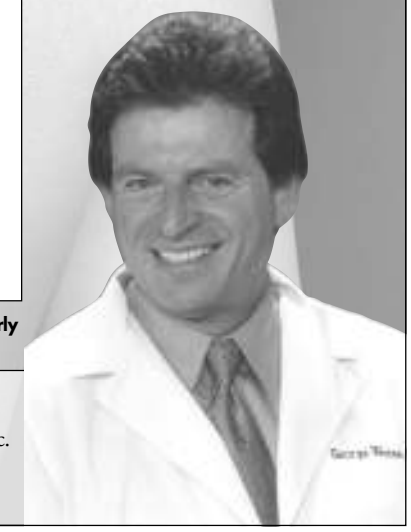
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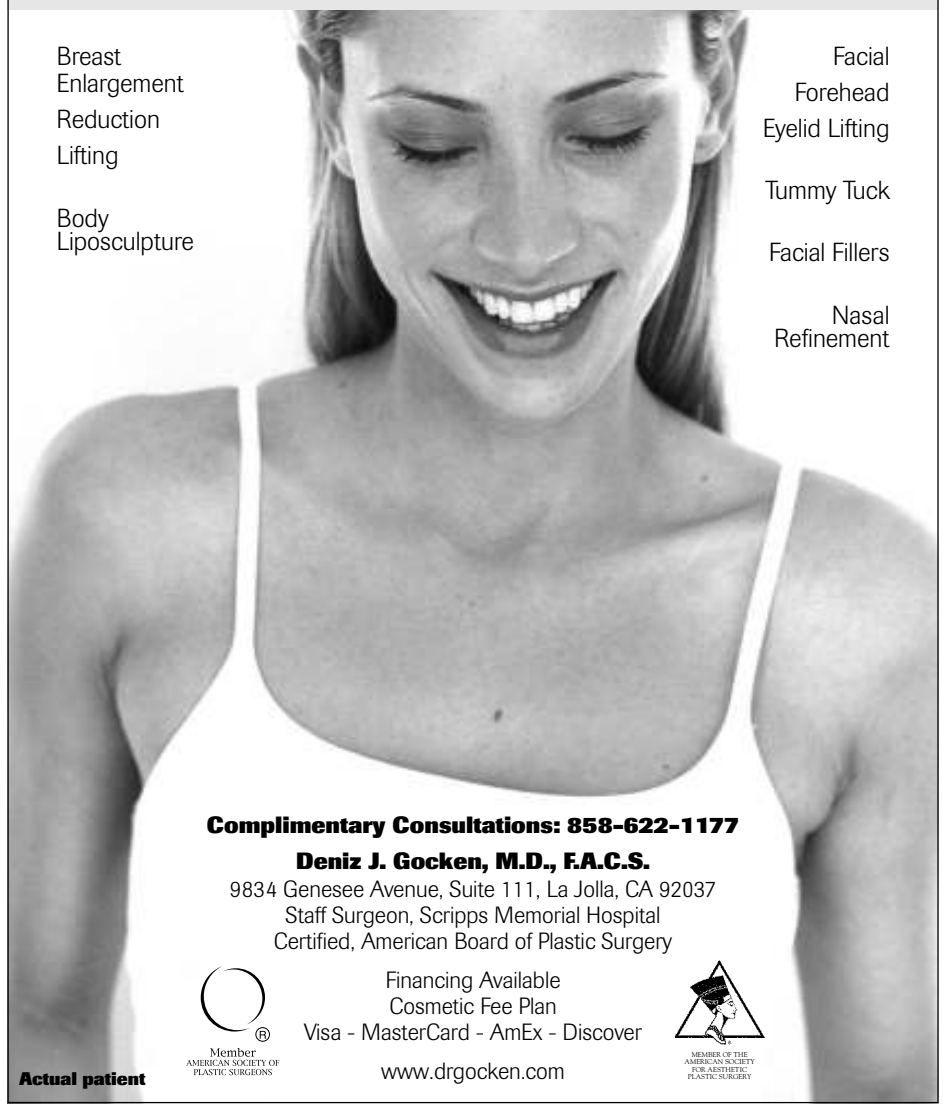
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by Jeff Smith

In May 1870, seven nuns traveled by wagon from San Diego to Tucson. Howling coyotes kept them awake one night, near-freezing temperature another. At Hall's Wells station, on the desert floor, two dozen sweat-stained, liquored-up gents harassed them until dawn.

"We were exposed to frightful dangers in that ugly place," writes Sister Monica Corrigan, who kept a diary. But greater trouble lay ahead: an unforgiving desert; the Colorado River swollen by the spring thaw; and Cochise's Chiricahua Apaches on the warpath throughout the Arizona Territory.

Determined to found Tucson's first school, the seven sisters left Hall's Wells and entered a vastness that "could swallow the Mississippi." When wagon wheels sunk in heavy sand, the women had to walk, each step a lifted stone. As always, Mother Superior Emmerentia Bonnefoy led the way.

They followed the old Butterfield Mail route, abandoned when the Civil War began. Sandstorms pelted them, often obscuring their path. The month before, sudden, wild winds buried a stagecoach and passengers. As the sand became "hot enough to blister," the sisters passed the remains of cattle (100 head, at one point, "every one died of heat the same day") and at least 1500 "smothered" sheep.

Mounds of bleached bones marked the trail. Erected by the early mail carriers, the grim cairns stood eight to ten feet high and traced the outskirts of the Colorado desert into Mexico. They also testified to the trail's nickname: Jornada del Muerto, "Journey of the Dead."

The sisters' black wool habits felt like armor. They stopped at the only waterhole for miles, Laguna Salada, a brackish pool amid a cracked, saline-white expanse. The liquid looked potable but was "so full of minerals we suffered more after taking it than before."

They rested during the day and traveled in the relative cool of darkness. The desert had never seen, or heard, their like: seven hooded women in single file, followed by a two-horse-drawn wagon: specks amid emptiness, beneath myriad stars, singing hymns.

"We sang all the time," says Monica, "and imagined St. Joseph protecting us through the Egyptian Desert.



Thus we felt no fear."

They reached Gardner's Ranch at 9:30 p.m., May 11. Drinking water awaited them, and a blessing. Their first bath since San Diego let them scrub four days of sand from hair and skin.

Six of the nuns wore sturdy, high-topped leather shoes. An unnamed seventh (most likely poor Sister Euphrasia, to whom the worst always seemed to happen) didn't. Crimson-stained black stockings clung to her ankles. She peeled them off and found 22 bleeding sores, caused by prickly pear and Spanish dagger cacti.

"Nearly overcome with fatigue," the group reached Cooke's Wells, an oasis at the eastern edge of the desert. They had a choice: sleep in a corner of the rowdy bar or in the stable. Why the bar? "Forty men're in the stable."

Lonesome drunks got ugly at Hall's. Back at Campo, ranchers proposed marriage (if the women refused, the men warned, Apaches would murder them long before Tucson). The sisters chose the stable and fell asleep in a "twinkling." At 7:00 the next morning, "we saw the strange place we were in: 40 men, sure enough, and as many Indians; nevertheless they all treated us with greatest kindness and respect."

QUOTATIONS:

1. Rich Borstadt: "Seven of the trestles at Carrizo Gorge are called the 'Seven Sisters.' There's a move to name one for each sister."

2. Sister Mary Murphy, C.S.J.: "The 1870 route was so dangerous that when sisters came to Tucson in 1876, they took a boat from San Francisco around Baja and up the Colorado River to Yuma, then to Tucson."

3. Sister Jan Husung, C.S.J. (who made the trek in March 2005): Their "lives inspire me to press forward: not to get stuck in the 'steep mountain passes' of challenge, or the comfort of the familiar."

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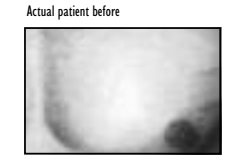

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And astonishment, since the unlikely pilgrims in dusty, thorn-spiked habits had just completed the "journey of the dead," and walked as much as they rode.

The next evening they only lasted two hours on the trail. When their driver, a young man unnamed in the diary, insisted they rest, "we had to submit."

They moved on at midnight, recrossing the international boundary and heading northeast. They kept *Los Algodones*, miles of golden dunes, to their left. The trek up the Colorado River's west bank, from Pilot Knob to the Yuma Crossing, almost rivaled the desert's hazards. The river's corrosive churning made islands form, mid-channel, then disappear. Pools of quicksand, dark brown, jellylike, lurked in bottomlands. After negotiating a gauntlet along the river's edge, the sisters felt relief when they bought ferry passage on Friday the 13th.

Louis Jaeger had operated the Yuma Crossing since 1850. He used a steamboat and wooden rafts, the latter pulled by a wrist-thick rope extending across the Colorado from a giant pole on the west bank. Two men on the eastern shore, the rope coiled around their forearms, shuffled back and forth, trying to keep the raft on course in the swift current. Jaeger charged five dollars for a four-horse team. He made the sisters a deal: they could cross on a raft, in the wagon, for half price.

The "deal" saved Jaeger the hassle of two trips, and almost took the sisters' lives.

The wagon and horses boarded a ramshackle assemblage of planks bound and nailed together. A wobbly deck and the roiling, red-mud river spooked the skittish animals. They sprang forward. Two men grabbed bridles. The raft splayed backward. One horse slipped and tumbled over, hooves flailing.

Sensing danger, Monica leapt free of the wagon. The others were trapped, "hanging over a watery" — 17-foot-deep — "grave.

"But our Lord did not wish it."

The fallen horse blocked the wheels. The men righted the animal, calmed both horses down, stabilized the raft.

"We escaped being drowned," writes Monica, "and finishing our crown before reaching Arizona."

An hour later, they docked at Arizona City (today's Yuma), a smattering of one-story adobe structures coated by gray silt from springtime winds. "It is said to be the hottest place in the United States," writes Monica, corroborating General George C. Thomas's observation in 1855: 116-degree heat was "not unusual in the shade," he said, and sleep before midnight was "impossible"; after that, "only on the rooftops."

General Thomas saw Hades. The sisters, who often went without it in the desert, saw fresh water. They spent three contented days in Arizona City, lodging with a Mexican family and hearing their first sermon in Spanish, a language they would soon master.

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sandy bluffs beside the Gila River. They followed the Butterfield route, past Swiveller's Ranch (at Gila City), Fillibuster Camp, Griswell's, and Flap-Jack Station. They slept in the wagons and the tent, and topped off meals with a new treat: freshly brewed coffee. Bright days had intense clarity, the nights such blackness that anything six feet beyond their brushwood campfire was invisible. Every sound seemed near.

Mother Emmerentia Bonnefoy, from Moutiers, France, had "naturally delicate health." She suffered dizziness on the transcontinental train from St. Louis to San Francisco, and seasickness on the boat to San Diego. Twelve days of jostling wagons, countless miles on foot, startled snakes, dehydration, and a wind she couldn't sweep from her eyes had worn her down.

On Thursday, May 19, Emmerentia started out ahead of the convoy, as usual. At a crossroads, she took the wrong turn.

"Not perceiving any traces of her, we became alarmed for her safety." Father Francisco, Sister Ambrosia, and the original driver went back in the wagons. The driver took the other fork at the crossroads and saw her, silhouetted in the glowing dawn. He climbed down and ran after her. Emmerentia saw a man approaching, screamed, and fled "with all her might."

When Father Francisco reached the gaunt woman gasping for air, he sensed something had snapped. As a "penance" for getting lost, he ordered the Mother Superior to walk no more. She *must* ride in his canvas-covered wagon.

"The fatigue of the journey, the change of climate, and the many privations attendant on a new mission" took their toll on Emmerentia. She never recovered, and died three years later, age 41.

Early Saturday morning, May 21, about 100 miles east of Arizona City, the convoy approached haunted terrain. Tall saguaro cacti crowned strange volcanic mesas. Wooden crosses, planted down the center of the crushed lava trail to warn passersby, marked the graves of immigrants killed by Indians: some recent, others from the Oatman Massacre of 1851.

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four blankets, and two horses for her release — Olive and Lorenzo were reunited.

The melancholy graves saddened the sisters who, as they neared Apache territory, faced their own martyrdom.

"And yet," asks Monica, "did we not risk our lives for the love of Jesus? And would it not be glorious to have the happiness of dying for Him? But poor nature is weak; and although in spirit we coveted the privilege of so glorious an end, our frail earthly bodies shrank from so trying an ordeal."

They pushed on. Amid blazing heat, they relished scarlet ocotillo and bright yellow palo verde in bloom. The night of May 22, after three days on the trail, Father Francisco and his driver couldn't continue. Sister Martha Peters, who "bore suffering with great patience and humility" (and was forever wiping road grime from her black-rimmed glasses), drove while they slept.

The same year the nuns went to Tucson, Margaret Clifford published a diary of her journey west, down the "uncivilized" Gila Trail. She saw "too many cacti, too close together"; she abhored the way stations ("no privacy, mice in the rooms"); and thought the Pima Indians, who wore calico breechcloths, were "undressed in a manner to strike terror into the soul of any well-brought-up female."

The Pima lived in straw huts, like upside-down "birds' nests," along the riverbank. They raised corn, beans, pumpkins (which they stewed), cotton, and wheat. The sisters entered the 12-village Pima Nation on May 24. Although they heard the 6000 natives were peaceful, they approached the long, treeless valley with trepidation.

They stopped near ruins. Since there was no shade, several napped in the wagons. Mother Emmerentia lay amid the gutted remains of an old building. A troop of "nude Indians" came by to visit. Moved by the sight of a woman collapsed in the dust, they had "the consideration to let her sleep."

As Sister Martha reclined on a strip of cowhide, "a noble warrior sat down beside her as her Guardian Angel."

Monica, whom hardship energized, washed stockings and handkerchiefs while the others slept. Before she'd joined the order, Monica lost her husband and two young children to diphtheria. She "lived a long and selfless life," writes Leo W. Banks, unable "to accept limitations in the face of a job that needed doing." When the church needed funds, Monica went on "begging tours" to the two-fisted mining camps around Tucson and into Mexico. "She was terrified of snakes and didn't care for mules" but went anyway, "wielding a stick to beat off rattlers."

Though she'd known unthinkable loss, Monica had a profound belief in providence. What happened next, she offered as proof.

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At 9:00 p.m. the muted thump of hooves from the south broke the silence at Sacaton. Cochise? No. Sixteen soldiers from Camp Lowell (near Tucson), and two mules, one carrying blankets, the other dangling pots and pans. The soldiers came to escort travelers. "They knew not whom, and supposed we were the persons, as they saw no others.

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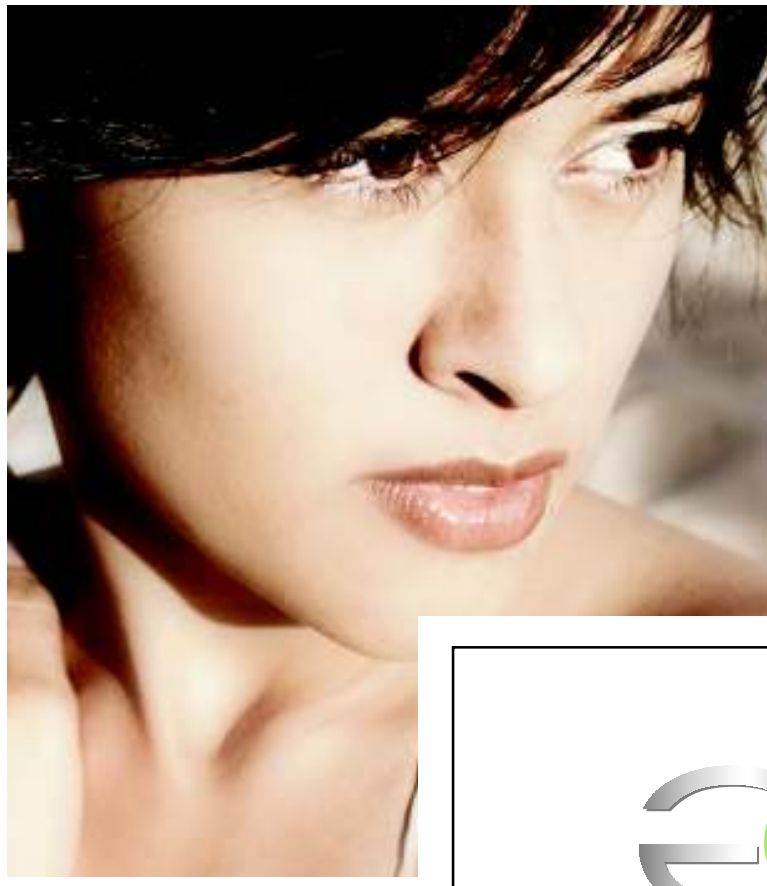
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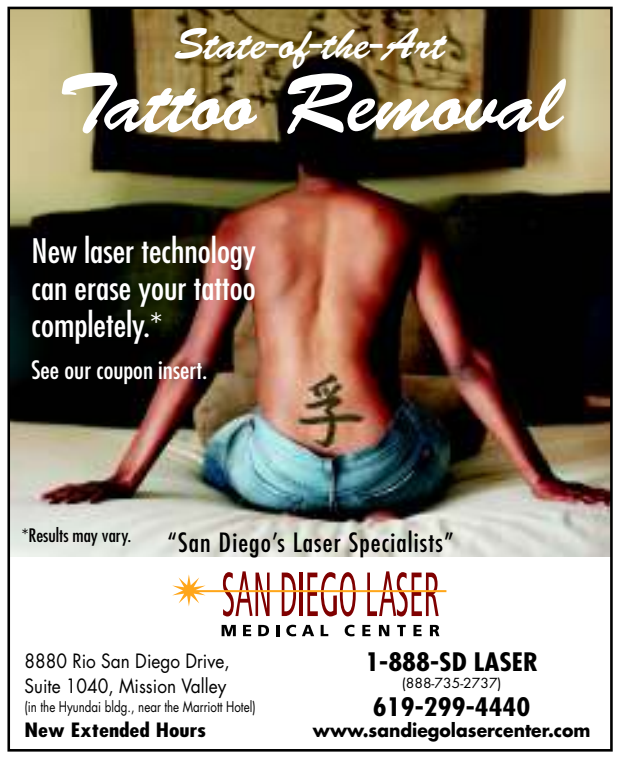


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a group sent to guide the sisters, joined up, as did miners wanting protection through the pass. Soon after, the other guides arrived: "there was great rejoicing among them, but as they could speak neither French" (five of the sisters' native tongue) "nor English, we did not understand them."

The caravan halted at the base of Picacho Peak. "A serious turn of mind took possession of everyone." For 19 days, the sisters had endured mountains, deserts, rivers, scorching temperatures, and the foibles of humankind: every tribulation faced by Kearney's Army of the West and the Mormon Batallion. But the women realized the greatest danger lay ahead when the entire caravan, "even Good Father Francisco," loaded firearms and clicked the safeties off.

The group edged forward, civilians ringing the wagons, soldiers scouting the grave-lined trail "like bloodhounds in search of prey."

Something rustled in the darkness. A horse whinnied, then several. "Indians! The INDIANS!"

The wagon train bolted. "Whip and spurs were given to the horses — we went like lightning — the men yelling all the while, like so many fiends," as much to roar primal fear as scare attackers.

The caravan sprinted through the pass, a mad stampede of animals, wagons thunking over rocks and rills and scraping hillsides on hairpin curves, howls, dust, clanging kitchenware.

"We traveled in this manner until four a.m.," Monica writes. "The novelty of the scene kept us from being afraid."

The next morning they stopped by the Santa Cruz River, 15 miles from Tucson. Townspeople urged the sisters to keep going — so they could enter the city during daylight, for a grand welcome. Not wanting to attract attention, the women asked to rest for a while. They would arrive — preferably unseen — around nightfall.

Riders raced the news to town.

When the caravan was three miles away, torches flared from Tucson. Then more, wavering in the twilight like swarms of stars. Four

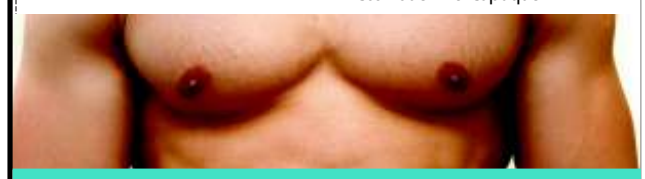




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priests rode up, dismounted, "and ran, rather than walked, to meet us." Guns went off. Torchbearers surrounded the caravan. More celebrants appeared, a hundred, then hundreds more, then a thousand, whooping and hollering, flooded down the trail. They formed a gigantic processional, walking "in order" with the priests, soldiers, miners, guides — and seven trail-weary, embarrassed sisters.

Tucson had never seen the like. Candles and fireworks lit up the city. Combustible balls, rolled down the streets, erupted like land mines, prompting poor Euphrasia to cross herself after each explosion. Women and children, "too modest to mix with the men," cheered from flat rooftops. Bells rang. Puffs of gunsmoke floated skyward.

"Everybody, Protestants and Catholics alike," wrote Bishop J.B. Salpointe, who labored to bring the sisters to Arizona, "welcomed those sent by Providence."

Almost engulfed, the sisters reached their humble dormitory, where the delighted Bishop greeted them. The crowd fired a final salute and scattered into the night. Priests brought water. After a good cleansing, the seven had a meal served by "ladies who endeavored to make everything as pleasant as possible."

The welcomers finally departed, "leaving us in quiet possession of our new home." ■

— Jeff Smith

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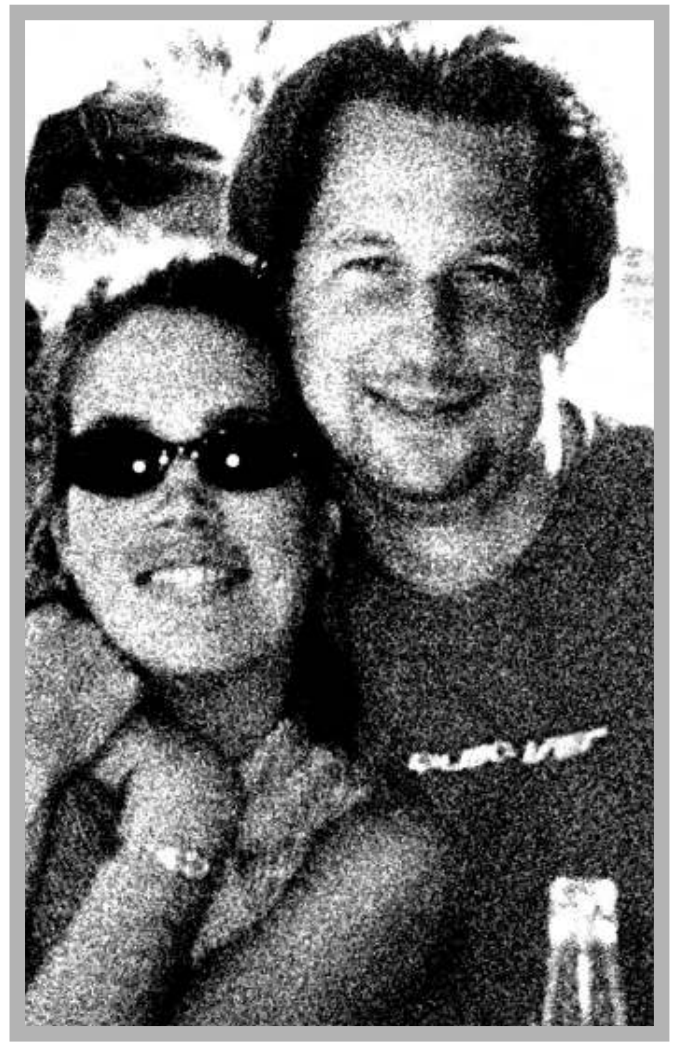
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Sure enough, when I got downstairs and looked out the window, there were two cop cars in my driveway and about seven or eight others parked all over the street. "Great," I thought. I walked outside and lit a cigarette as I made my way down to the sidewalk. I approached the team of officers and one of them asked me if I lived there. I told him that I did and that I could identify my neighbor if it was him. I said my only male neighbor on that side was middle-aged and the cop said: "No, this is a young guy. Why don't you just walk around the corner and take a look to see if you recognize him."

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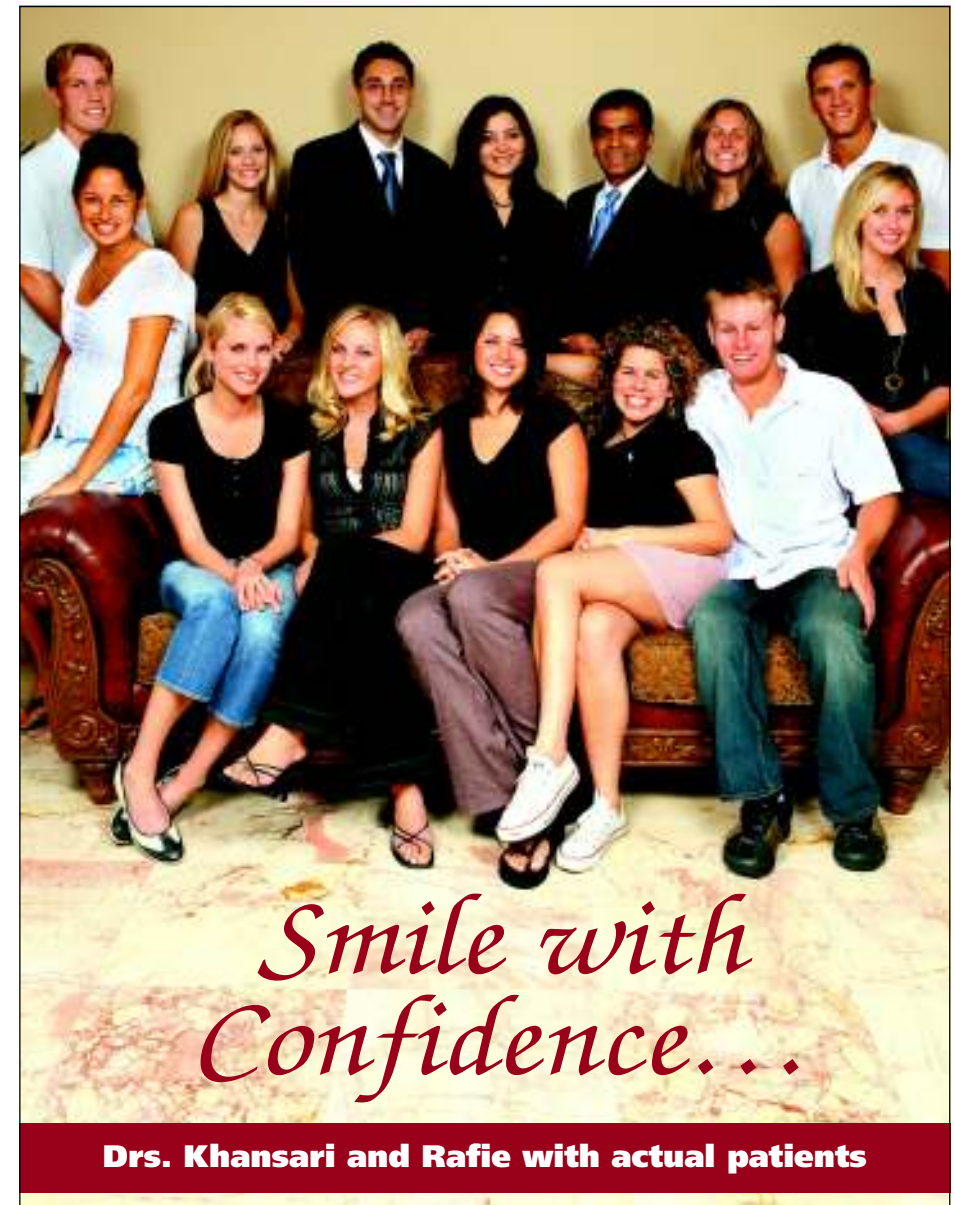
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Shaken up, I walked back through the cop convention and spotted the one who had made the wisecrack. "This guy's family and friends have no idea right now that he's gone." He looked at me thoughtfully and said, "You're right." I would later find out from my neighbor that he was a 23-year-old Navy guy from Massachusetts.

It started to get light out and all the cops left, except for one who just stood there as if he was guarding the scene. About an hour later it was broad daylight and I decided to jump on my skateboard and go get some breakfast. To my disbelief, the cop was still standing there and the dead guy was still hanging in the same position. They hadn't even bothered to throw a tarp or blanket over him or cut him down. Keep in mind that this is on Haines Street in the middle of PB in plain view of the sidewalk and street. I thought about little kids on their way to school being traumatized by the horrific sight. I wondered how his family would feel if they knew they had just let him hang there for so long. I thought it was so classless of the San Diego Police Department to conduct themselves in this way.

Obviously, this weighed heavily on my mind for the next few days and forced me to reflect on a series of events that happened last summer. I met Dave through a mutual friend in PB about three years ago. We had some of the same interests, which included partying excessively, so we quickly became close friends. Aside from being a student, he didn't really have any worries or responsibilities (like work). His family was loaded, and he showed me what it was

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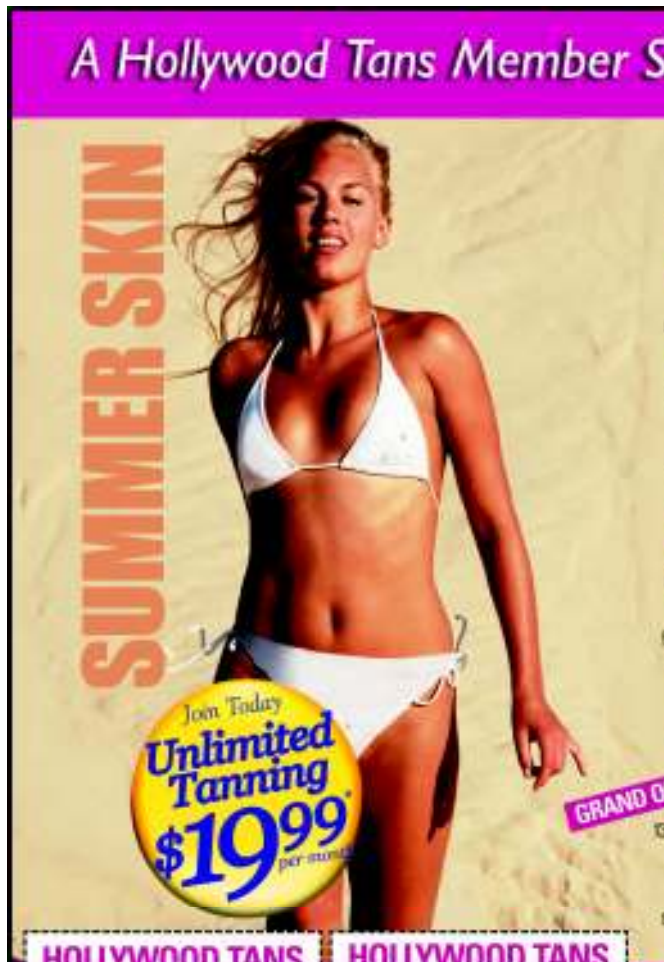
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really like to party like a rock star. Sometimes, when we were out drinking, he would call up a limo service on a whim and take his friends out downtown or to TJ. He had some kind of problem with his back that got him endless supplies of painkillers and muscle relaxants. Often when we were hanging out drinking he would give me a small handful of pills which he called a "pill cocktail."

Eventually, he was getting high-strength Oxycontin. The more I took with him the more dependent I became. If you've heard that oxy is addictive, you've heard right. It's basically synthetic heroin. Half an hour after you pop some your whole body becomes warm and tingly and you get a floating sensation. Throw alcohol in the mix and you can say goodbye to anything you might have been worried about a couple of hours ago. It got to the point that I would start dropping hints sometimes when he didn't offer. "Man, my back is killing me. Do you have any aspirin or anything?" I would say it in a joking way, but he knew what I was getting at.

Dave had people worrying about him on a pretty regular basis because of his pill addiction. He would regularly take so many that he would become unable to walk, talk, stand up, or even stay awake. Many nights, after he passed out, I would stay at his place to make sure he kept breathing. Even though I liked taking the pills with him on a more moderate level, I told him that he was going to kill himself one of these days. I would say things like, "I don't want to be the one who finds you after you stop breathing one of these times." He would just laugh it off.

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Last winter, Dave and I both got on a workout program which included eating well and drastically cutting down on the drinking and pill use. He had just graduated from San Marcos and was talking about finding a good job and marrying Lauren soon. By summertime we had both improved our physical health and appearance. Things seemed to be going great, and I was feeling better than I had in a long time.

Then, on June 26, I got a call from Dave saying that Lauren was in the hospital. Alarmed, I asked him what had happened. He said that the two of them had been out drinking the day before and had continued to drink into the night. She had gone to sleep in her room and Dave had passed out on the couch. He woke up around four in the morning and went to check on her. She had stopped breathing and had no pulse. As he started trying to resuscitate her, he yelled to her roommate to call 911. Lauren had taken some of Dave's pills before she passed out.

The paramedics got there quickly and dragged her into the living room. I guess they started hooking up IVs, doing CPR, pounding on her chest. Finally her pulse came back and she started to breathe again, but she was in a coma. As Dave was telling me this, his voice was starting to sound less and less coherent. After we got off the phone, I knew I needed to go make sure he was all right. As I was getting ready to go over there, I got another call from Lauren's roommate. She said she had just been talking to Dave on the phone and he had just stopped responding but not hung up.

"I think he took a bunch of pills," she said. "I'm going to call the police."

I got there the same time the cops did and showed them where his apartment was. Dave had taken 20 oxys and washed them down with a stiff screwdriver. The paramedics had to help him walk down the stairs and get in the ambulance. I was telling him that he would be okay, he was in good hands now — but he didn't know what I was saying.

So now I had two friends in the same ICU at Scripps Hospital. Over the next couple of days I spent a significant amount of time there. I was never able to see Lauren because her parents had decided they didn't want visitors.

On June 29, I got a call from Lauren's best friend who was also a close friend of mine.

"Well…They just took Lauren off life support."

Suddenly, I felt a huge weight lifted off of me.

"Oh, thank God! So she's going to be okay?" I asked.

"No, she's dead."

I was so shocked that I couldn't even respond at first. I didn't want to believe it. I didn't know how to deal. The doctors had said that she had gone too long without oxygen, which caused her brain to swell. By the third day of her coma her brain was so damaged that she would have been a vegetable for the rest of her life. She died in Dave's arms.

Even though I was turning 29, I had never lost anyone really close to me. I had never even been to a funeral. I was angry. If anyone was going to OD on pills it should have been Dave or me — not her. She was the one who took care of Dave when he was too fucked up. She had so much to offer. A college graduate, she had a promising career as a newswriter. She was only 27 years old.

The hospital kept Dave for a few more days after Lauren passed. They were obviously concerned about his mental state. As one of Dave's closest friends, I felt responsible to be there for him as much as possible. Lauren had been the glue that held Dave together for so many years. The day he got home from the hospital there were some packages waiting for him. They were gifts that he had ordered for Lauren. As if that wasn't enough, he soon received a credit approval from a jewelry store allowing him to finance her wedding ring. It was the hardest thing for me to be strong for him and try to tell him that he could make it through this.

Pretty much right away, Dave was talking about suicide. He was talking about it with other friends and neighbors. He would say things to me like, "I'm not going to make the same mistake twice," referring to his failed overdose attempt that landed him in the hospital. Then he would make comments about how I could take all of his stuff after he was gone. I tried to respond as if he were only kidding about it. I would tell him to shut up, and that he wasn't going to do anything like that.

For the next couple of weeks I was on suicide watch. I wasn't working at the time, so I tried to leave Dave alone as little as possible. His roommate Will and I knew that Dave had a Glock .45 in his room so he found it and hid it from Dave in their garage.



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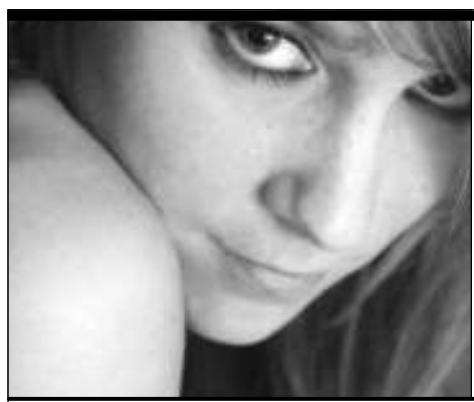
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Dave's parents had flown over from London when they heard about Lauren, and Will told Dave's mom where the gun was and that she should get rid of it. She returned the gun to her son. Why? I will always wonder and will never understand why a smart, powerful businesswoman would do something like that.

On Sunday, July 11, Dave and I decided to go to Gringo's for brunch and mimosas with a bunch of his neighbors. It was a beautiful day and we all got a big table outside. Eventually, we were all pretty hammered and having a great time. When the bill came, Dave insisted on covering the massive tab himself and wouldn't accept money from any of us. That was his style. We all went inside to the bar to have a couple more drinks when I noticed Dave was gone. I walked outside and saw him getting into a cab across the street. That was the last time I would see my friend alive.

About a half hour later I went with Dave's neighbors back to their apartment complex in north PB. When we got there, his apartment was dead-bolted shut and the shades were drawn. Immediately I knew something was wrong. Dave wasn't answering his door or his phone. Deep down, I knew what was behind that locked door. I helped one of the girls get up on his balcony and she climbed in through a window. Seconds later we heard her start screaming. It was the kind of screaming I hope I never hear again. My adrenaline exploded and I ran to the front door as she was unlocking it. I knew he was dead, but I couldn't stop myself from finding out for sure. I pushed past her and approached the hallway that led to his bedroom. As I turned the corner I saw him. He was lying on his back in the doorway of his room. There was a huge puddle of blood under his head. He had put the .45 in his mouth. I ran over and knelt down beside him. His blue eyes looked right through me. I cupped his face in my

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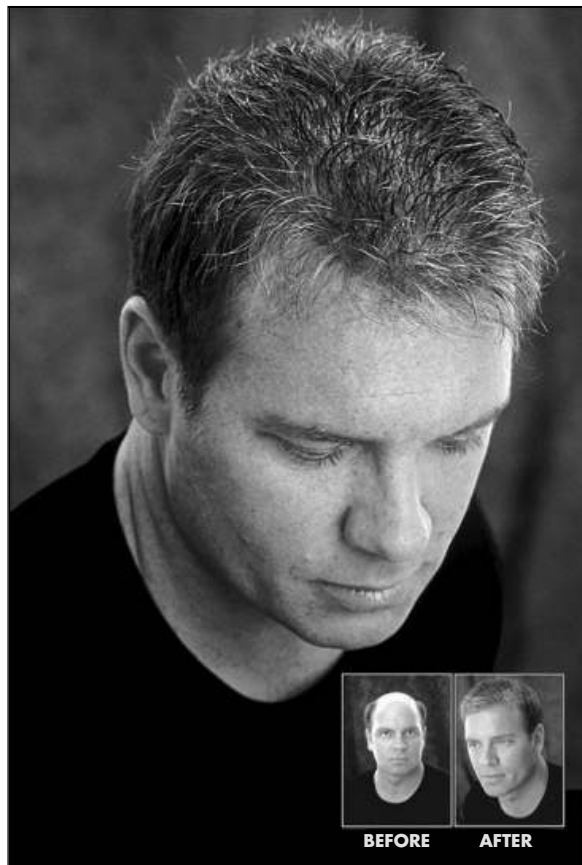
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hands and heard myself yelling "How could you do this to me?!!" I closed his eyes and heard the other girls coming in. I ran to the door and tried to stop them but they pushed past me. They started screaming. The girl who had found him was in absolute hysterics, literally bouncing off the walls.

The next thing I remember, I was lying on the grass outside in the fetal position clutching my stomach. I felt like someone had ripped something out of my body. I guess that was my first time dealing with absolute devastation. The squad was there next — cops, medics, fireman, and a police helicopter overhead. Two ladies showed up who were crisis volunteers and they were trying to calm everyone down. I remember that when I was sitting on the grass, the younger of the two was kneeling in front of me, staring, not saying a word. I told her to just get away from me, and that she wasn't helping. The coroners were joking around laughing as they walked past me with their gurney. I verbally assaulted them. I was told that since I was his best friend, I could say goodbye one last time before they took him. I went upstairs into his apartment and they had Dave already bagged up on the living-room carpet. One of the medical examiners warned me that I probably shouldn't look at him. I just yelled, "Open the fuckin' bag!" So they unzipped it partially to show his face. A rotten smell wafted from the opening. I knelt down and touched his face, not worried about getting blood on my hands. I told him through the tears, "You're okay now, bro. I'll keep living for you, brother."

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the same sad songs over and over again. It sounds strange, but the sad music helped me somehow. Songs about death that had never meant anything to me were now the most powerful songs I had ever heard. I remember hearing Tupac's "Life Goes On" for the first time. It hit me hard. Thankfully, my younger brother was there, doing what he could to console me. If you want to know what it feels like to have a friend die, listen to the song "Fade to Black" by Metallica. The lead singer James Hetfield wrote this song after their first guitarist Cliff Burton died.

Four or five days after Dave died, his parents contacted me to see if I would help them go through his things. Going back to the scene of his death was the last thing I wanted to do, but I knew I had to stand up and be a man about it. When I was on the way to his apartment, I told the cabdriver what I was going to do. He asked, "Are you the guy who was talking about your friend committing suicide last week?" Ironically, Dave and I had taken the same cab a few nights before he died, and I had told the cabbie what Dave had been talking about. It was just a weird coincidence I guess.

Seeing Dave's parents and sisters for the first time was beyond difficult. I told them that I was sorry and that I had done everything I could to prevent this from happening. His Mom said, "Well you know Dave, once he gets something in his head, there's no stopping him." When we walked into his apartment, I was relieved to see that the crime-scene cleaners had pulled up all the blood-soaked carpet from his room and the hallway. His family had sorted things out like robots. Still in shock, they seemed strangely unaffected. After we were done they asked me if they



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could take me out for dinner, and I accepted, of course. During the meal, they asked me if I would speak at his funeral, which was going to be just one week from his death. I told them that I would be honored to speak. My first funeral ever and I was going to have to make a speech. Things didn't seem to be getting any easier.

One of the girls who had been there thought all of us should go talk to a shrink. I went along and found out that I was suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, and that the alcohol was helping me numb my nerves. Surprisingly, the shrink didn't tell me that I shouldn't be drinking. That was fine with me, because I wasn't planning on stopping any time soon.

It seemed that I wanted to tell anyone who would listen about what had happened to me. Sometimes, even when a grocery clerk would ask how I was doing, I would say, "Well, two of my friends just died." When they saw that I was serious, they would get all uncomfortable and say they were sorry. One time I was in Vons to pick up some food and found myself staring blankly at the meat section. I lost my appetite and got a handle of vodka instead.

It was summertime in PB and the streets and beaches were filled with people having the time of their lives. I couldn't have been any further away from that vibe. I didn't give a fuck about anything or anyone. Death was a welcome thought. I found myself envying my late friend. Although I had been close to suicide myself in the past, I knew I couldn't do to my family and friends what Dave had done to his.

I finished the eulogy on the morning of the funeral. I realized that writing a eulogy was simply focusing on the person's attributes and expanding on them. I was scared to death to get up there and read this. I kept worrying that I would break down in front of everyone. I prayed to God to help me get through it. He did. I got up there and spoke loud and clear so everyone could hear what I had to say. I didn't stutter, falter, or cry. I wore shorts and sandals because I knew that's what Dave would have wanted. I knew he was looking down on us, embarrassed that everyone was making such a big deal about this. After the service, I went with some others to Hennessey's bar in PB. We

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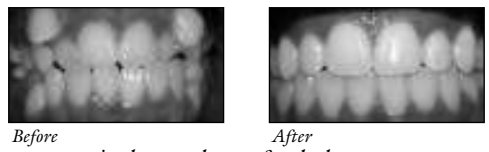
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thought we should recognize Dave's Irish roots and toast a pint of Guinness to him. I had several. We also got a round of blasters because that had been Dave's favorite shot.

The following weekend I went out on a boat to the waters off the San Diego coast to scatter Lauren's ashes in the sea. After that I began to lose contact with people I had met through Dave and Lauren. I guess they had been my only tie to the people I hung out with at their parties. When someone dies, it's amazing how many people are affected by it. I suppose you could say I found out about death the hard way. My experience will always be with me. It has changed the way I look at life. It was a slap in the face about the reality of mortality. You and everyone you know will die eventually. It would be impossible for anyone to go through life without losing loved ones. We all have to bury our parents just as our children will have to bury us. This isn't something anyone likes to think about, but it's an inevitable fact of life.

So here I am, still here eight months after my buddy blew his head off. This experience has taught me something about myself. I've learned that I have the strength to deal with death and move on. In my life I've been through a considerable amount of shit for your average white kid who grew up in a California suburb. I've ridden in cop cars and ambulances. I've been to the emergency room more times than I can count. I have titanium hardware in three different parts of my body. I have scars and tattoos. I have kicked ass and gotten my ass kicked. I've taken a lot for granted. I have closed the eyes of my best friend after he left. I've tried to be a good friend to people who would consider me one. I've written my own suicide note and pictured my mother breaking down when she got the news. I've been to church and have also cursed God for circumstances in my own life. I've been an asshole to people who didn't deserve it. I've been feared and hated by people who didn't even know me. I've been successful and I've spent the last of my change on a tall can. I've risked my own life and the lives of others. I've walked away from car accidents that could have easily killed me. If God wanted me dead, he could have taken me many times. This makes me think that there is some higher purpose for me. Maybe writing this is one of them.…I still believe that the best times in my life are yet to come.

So the next time you think that your day has been ruined by a zit or a parking ticket, remember that over 150,000 people in Asia just lost their families and homes. What do you think those people would give for just one more day with their loved ones? I saw recently on TV that there are more suicides than homicides in our country. This is the land of opportunity. Even bums can turn things around and make a decent life for themselves. I realized I needed to take advantage of the time I have with my family and friends right now, because they could be gone tomorrow. Dave, Lauren, and John Doe from Massachusetts will never see another day. They'll never know what great opportunities may have been waiting in their future. They'll never know what it's like to have a fulfilling career, raise a family, or have grandchildren. Going through all this has made me reevaluate the way I've been living my own life. It's given me the motivation to strive toward the future I want. We only get one life, and every day of it is precious. Don't forget that. ■

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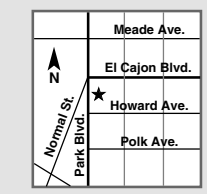
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LETTERS

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most Asians and Pacific Islanders from immigrating to the U.S., and it allowed Indian men living in this country to bring over wives or brides from India. Although this should be seen as an improvement in the status of the Indians, the measure has a very modest impact on the number of Indians coming to America, as it established an annual quota of only 100 Indians per year, not 100,000. The erroneous figure of 100,000 gives the impression that the big breakthrough for Indian immigration to the U.S. occurred in 1946, thus undercutting the importance of the sea change triggered by the 1965 law.

That aside, I think you did a great job of connecting the biography of an individual to historical, economic, and political contexts — which is what sociology is supposed to do. And the piece is very well written.

Gordon Clanton
Department of Sociology
San Diego State University

Thomas Larson responds: From 1946 to 1965, Indians were allowed into the United States at the rate of 100 per year, not 100,000. I regret the error.

Use Thomas Larson

I would like to commend Thomas Larson for the feature article that he wrote on the Indian hotel and motel owners ("The Guest Is Like God," Cover Story, June 29). It was a quality piece of journalism. It synthesized a great many things. It *informed* me. It gave me a new slant on the history and the sociology of immigration. There are too many things about it that I liked to go on, but I hope that the *Reader* can continue to use Thomas Larson. I hope that they will stay at that level in what they write. It was just satisfying and a joy to read what I read. Once again, my acclamations, my kudos.

Marshall Moriarty
San Diego

Why Doesn't She Move?

I am a resident of Imperial Beach and have been for over two years. I own a dog and highly disagree with that article about dogs in I.B. ("City Lights," "Ruff, Ruff, Ruff in Imperial Beach," June 29). I have been stopped by animal control on numerous occasions just to see if my dog was licensed and neutered. They even stop us just for standing in front of our house without leashes. Right in front! I don't even bring my dogs down to the beach anymore because it seems like seconds later there's a lifeguard on the way down to tell me about my dog. As for the dog crap everywhere, that's owners being lazy. The city of I.B. has crews come and pick up the trash, etc., for people who don't know how to use a trash can either. I don't know if that lady in the last article owned her place, but if she doesn't then why doesn't she move if it bothers her so much? Or call the cops on the guy? There *is* a dog beach in I.B. It's just past the jetty. You have to walk a little, but it's there. There's also one in Coronado and Ocean Beach. The City of I.B. is trying to make things better. People should complain about cleaning the water if anything. That's a bigger deal.

C. Crabtree
Imperial Beach

hick-Wallet Types Laugh

This is in regard to "Ruff, Ruff, Ruff in Imperial Beach" ("City Lights," June 29). That poor woman, Diana Cartman! I lived in I.B. for years, and I owned property there at one time. Nobody should have to deal with dog poop and loose pit bulls wreaking havoc. Where are the I.B. city officials? Asleep at the wheel? Diana's case is clearly a violation of a noise ordinance. I once had a loud, music-playing crackhead next door to me and finally got the City of San Diego to send out a letter, which helped. I tape-recorded all the noise and kept a log. All the police calls were listed with incident numbers and dates. Maybe a helpful lawyer might send a cease and desist letter out for Diana to the barking dog's owner next door. Diana Cartman has a legal and moral right to quiet enjoyment of her property. She should insist upon that and not turn tail and move away. I.B. has some really cool people, but it is also full of low-life, scummy trailer trash that have the potential to make your life miserable if you let it.

Not all inconsiderate dog owners live in South County. Try enjoying some downtime along San Diego Bay, across from Shelter Island. This quiet beach area is San Diego Port District property along San Fernando Street in Point Loma. The uppity rich folks treat these small beaches down there as their own dog beach. Port District signs are posted: No Dogs Allowed On The Beach. But the thick-wallet types who live nearby laugh when you point that fact out. Calls to the Harbor Police are ignored, and dog poop and leash laws are not enforced. It seems that everywhere you go there are pet owners that just don't give a damn. It's starting to make this nature lover start to hate dogs, I'm ashamed to say.

L. Turner
Point Loma

Pit Bulls Can Be Loving

In response to the article "Ruff, Ruff, Ruff in Imperial Beach" ("City Lights," June 29). I have no problems with the article itself, which portrays obviously poor dog handling and treatment, as well as disregard for laws pertaining to being in public with a dog. The problem I have is with your chosen graphic depicting a pit bull in an angry stance with teeth shown. I'm sick of the vilification of pit bulls by a public who doesn't know and, more importantly, doesn't care to know the actual facts about these remarkable and intelligent creatures.

There are two places that pit bulls are mentioned. Once during a description of the types of dogs seen in the area. Then again in the description of the pit bull owner playing fetch with no direct control over his dog and the lifeguard obviously not doing his job. In neither case is there a pit bull in a violent situation. The second dog actually showed an example of good temperament, if there were children around and nothing occurred. This event still should not have happened, as it is not legal to have dogs on that beach, and no dog should be unleashed when in public. Any dog can snap or bite someone if it is scared or upset. This article is clearly about certain dog owners, not certain dogs. So, the fact that you played into the guaranteed reaction to a stereotypical image of a pit bull really lowers my opinion of this newspaper.

This particular type of dog receives a lot of bad press due to attacks and fighting rings, but people have to remember that those are almost always examples of owner neglect and abuse. Just like the barking and the piles of fecal matter. Dogs who continually bark are typically not getting the attention that they need. The fecal matter, as well as leaving the dogs out barking all night, are both examples of blatant disregard for one's neighbors. I didn't think that this supposedly progressive and accurate newsweekly would misrepresent the events within its own story. Being a responsible dog owner, I was of course interested in the article. But I'm sure a lot of people saw the picture without reading the article and just assumed that it must have been about *another* pit bull attack, since those dogs are *vicious*. Just like all dogs, pit bulls can be loving and obedient, or violent and uncontrollable. In most cases the owner makes that decision.

Brian Keller
via e-mail

Save It

To letter-writer S.G. Persaud ("Skewered," June 29), who winced at the phrase "The staff are–": Using a plural verb with words like "staff," "team," "jury," etc., is acceptable usage, less common in this country than in Britain. Save your wincing at what you perceive as a blow to Bosnian food if you must.

Don Ridgway
via e-mail

Gold Almost Makes Me Cry

"Remote Control King" was gold this week (June 29). I almost cried. Give that Ollie a raise.

Mark
via e-mail

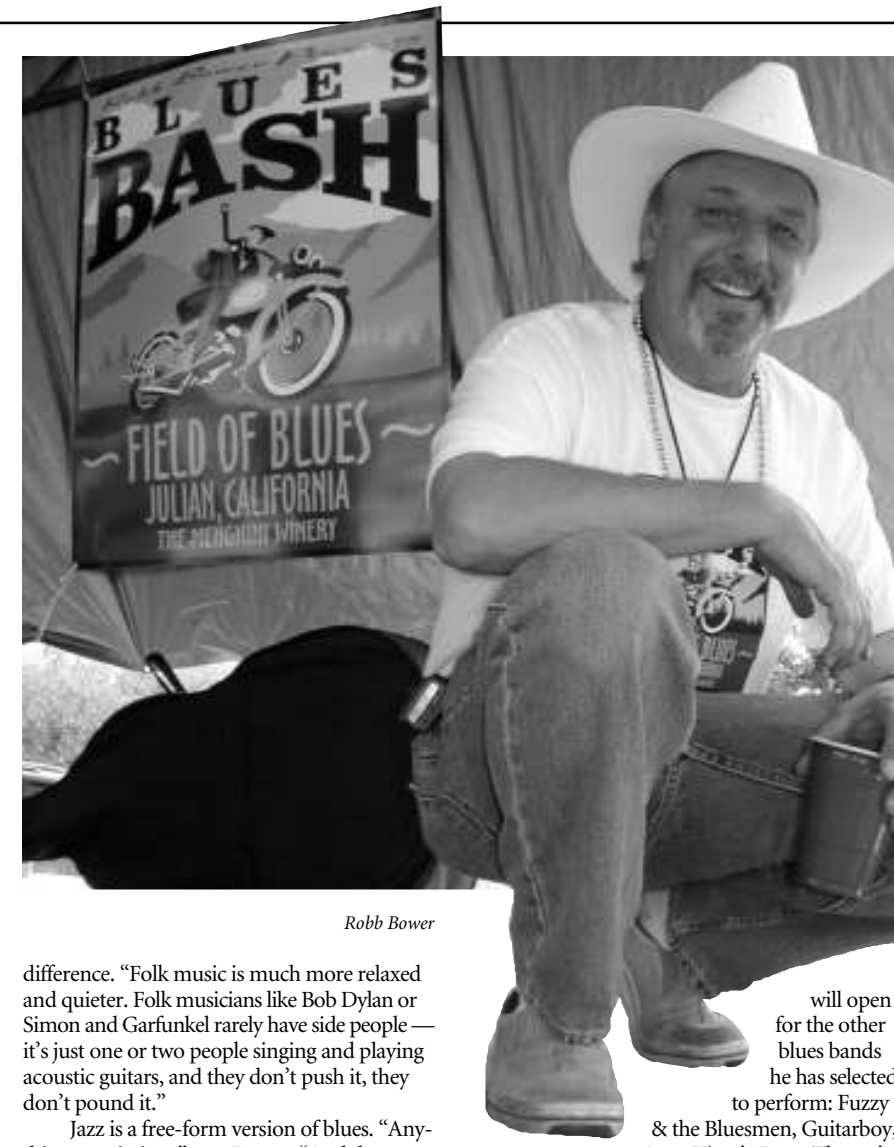
No Wonder

After reading Tom Larson's article ("A Tenth Grader's History of the World," Cover Story, June 22) and commiserating the state of textbook-driven education in the country today, it's no wonder that the best history book I have ever read is *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong* by James W. Loewen.

Richard Brown
via e-mail

Destination: Blues

Julian Festival



Robb Bower

"The whole thing about blues is the formula of the music," says Robb Bower, founder of the Blues Bash festival. "Most blues songs are built around three chords — the one, the four, and the five chords. Even though everybody interprets them and adds embellishments, it always comes back to those three chords." In an eight-note scale, the first chord is C major, the fourth is F major, and the fifth is G major. "Rock 'n' roll was born of those three chords, the Chuck Berrys and John Lennons and Bo Diddleys of the early rock 'n' roll picked up on those three chords, and then they just kind of boogie-woogied them."

LOCAL EVENTS

On Saturday, July 15, the eighth annual Blues Bash festival, titled Destination Blues, takes place at the Menghini Winery in Julian. The festival was originally cohosted by Blind Melons in Pacific Beach and Winstons in Ocean Beach. "We managed to pull it off with 19 bands in one day and had a double-decker English bus that took people back and forth [between the two clubs], but it was a logistical nightmare," Bower says.

After moving the show to Julian, Bower narrowed the festival's focus. From the nearly 200 CDs he receives each year he now selects only 6 bands to perform. "I have one big stack of CDs, and those are like, 'No way,' [the bands] are not serious enough with what they were trying to do, or they weren't crisp enough...their message was foggy. I have another stack, half the size of the first one, to listen to again. Then there's a pile that's three inches tall, and that's a 'holy you-know-what' stack, which means those bands are smoking, and they'll be in the show if we can get them."

Bower is adamant about choosing bands that fall strictly within the blues genre. One band, J.J. Slyde and the Blues Talkers, didn't make the cut because, although Bower liked their sound, the band crosses a line between blues and Motown. "[J.J. Slyde] plays Chicago and Texas style, but he also plays Motown, which is Detroit — it goes away from the one, four, five structure and includes doo-wop." Bower explains that in the Motown style a song often switches keys for the chorus, sometimes transitioning to a relative minor or modulating up to another key.

Within the blues genre are subcategories of styles, designated by the regions in which they first developed. Delta, which originated along the Gulf Coast in the Mississippi Delta, is "unembellished acoustic," says Bower. "It's bone-bare feelings; you're either happy or sad. It's just one guy on a guitar, maybe honking away on a harmonica and telling you how he's feeling that day."

Chicago blues, Bower explains, "is when the blues hit the big town and started to get fancy." Chicago blues is closer to the big-band sound that often includes drums, piano, and horns. "Texas blues was born through guys like Stevie Ray Vaughan, who picked it up from guys like Muddy Waters and Lightnin' Hopkins. Texas is jump blues with an accent on the upbeat; it leans a little more toward the guitar-y, twangy rock 'n' roll part of the blues."

The Cajun blues, known as zydeco, is a French Louisiana sound mixed with Delta blues. "Zydeco is very upbeat. They'll throw in an accordion and maybe a washboard for percussion — it's perky."

Some might confuse the blues with folk or jazz music, but Bower insists there is a vast difference. "Folk music is much more relaxed and quieter. Folk musicians like Bob Dylan or Simon and Garfunkel rarely have side people — it's just one or two people singing and playing acoustic guitars, and they don't push it, they don't pound it."

Jazz is a free-form version of blues. "Anything goes in jazz," says Bower. "And the instruments are completely different — they might use a stand-up acoustic bass, a tenor saxophone, and somebody might be pumping on a Hammond B3 organ."

Bower acknowledges that not everyone is well versed in the nuances of blues. "One year a few ladies came, two middle-aged white women, and sat down during the Texas blues part of the show. They said, 'This isn't bluegrass!' and wanted their money back, so we gave it back and off they went." Bower describes bluegrass as "that acoustic, banjo, mandolin, shit-kickin' music."

Bower's own band, Blackthorne Murray, will open for the other blues bands he has selected to perform: Fuzzy & the Bluesmen, Guitarboy, Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz, The .44's, and Michael John & the Bottom Line. Last year over 800 people attended the festival.

— Barbarella

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BAJA

"Writing Shared Histories," lecture by Ruth Behar, Thursday, July 13, 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)

Lobster Lunch and shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Thursday, July 13. The $69 fee includes transportation, lobster feast at El Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping at artisan's market in Rosarito Beach. Reservations: 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, ROSARITO BEACH)

Mexico's National and Regional Arts, crafts, and products are celebrated in Rosarito Beach Fair 2006, continuing through Sunday, July 30. Mexican food, rides, open-air theater performances, live music, ballet folklorico, more.

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OUT & ABOUT

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Photography Exhibit by Mariana Yampolsky continues through August at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Reception for artist: Friday, July 14, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana's 117th Anniversary celebrated with bullfighting by matadors Juan Bautista, César Castañeda, Eduardo Cuevas Lebrija, and Jorge Hernández Gárate, who tangle with bulls from Jaime Cavazos and Vicki de la Mora, Friday, July 14, 7 p.m.

Bulls from Fernando de la Mora meet up with matadors Alejandro Amaya, José Antonio Morante de la Puebla, Saturday, July 15, 4 p.m. The bullfighting in Tijuana's Downtown Bullring (Boulevard Agua Caliente) is by Eloy Cavazos, Alejandro Amaya, and Juan Antonio Adame on Sunday, July 16. 011-52-664-634-1135. (TIJUANA)

Night Run planned Saturday, July 15, 7 p.m., at Malecón Playas de Tijuana. 011-52-664-215-9000. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, July 15. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: $40 for adults, $20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

International Fish and Seafood Fair at Rosarito Beach Hotel with food competitions, music, entertainment, is Sunday, July 16, 1–6 p.m. 011-52-661-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Banda el Recodo and Lupillo Rivera perform in conjunction with Tijuana's 117th anniversary celebrations, Monday, July 17, 9 p.m., Terrenazo Caliente (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). $10 U.S. 011-52-664-634-1135. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Confesiones de Mujeres de 30* presented at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: $25, $35 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Internationals and 4 Sure present jazz concert, Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Ensenada Summer Fair with music, food, and entertainment continues through Sunday, July 30, at Manazana 8. 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

OUTDOORS

Birdwatchers need not despair now that the winter migrants are gone. Plenty of shore birds can be found on summer evenings in the natural coastal wetland areas of San Diego County. From south to north the publicly accessible coastal wetlands include the Tijuana River Estuary, south San Diego Bay (just north of Imperial Beach and along the bay shore at Chula Vista), the San Diego River channel (inland from Sea World), Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve), the San Dieguito River estuary, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon. In and around these areas look for California gulls, American avocets, brown pelicans, snowy egrets, killdeer, and redwing blackbirds.

Grunion may be active again this week (most likely Thursday and Friday nights, July 13 and 14), roughly during the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., following the nocturnal high tide. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

July Is San Diego's Driest Month, according to precipitation data compiled since the year 1850. Only four hundredths of an inch of rain falls on average this month, compared to almost two inches in January — the wettest month. July also marks the beginning of a new rainfall year, as defined by local meteorological convention.

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Friends of Rose Creek gather to work on native garden, Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.–noon, at Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Volunteers weed, water, plant native species. Bring water, work or gardening gloves. 858-405-7503. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Nature Photographer Sharon Anthony leads easy nature walk for Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. Focus on many species of skimming and diving birds that "fish" the lagoon. Walk commences at Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Help With Wildlife Monitoring after San Diego Tracking Team hosts training, Saturday, July 15, 9:45 a.m.–4 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. 760-715-4102. To reach site, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Open Vistas, Miles of Trails! Explore Rose Canyon during easy hike along wide trail, Saturday, July 15. Join group at 10 a.m. at dead end of Regents Road at Lahitte Court (two blocks north of Governor Drive). Free. 858-964-5141. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Birdwatch Among Pines and Cedars on Palomar Mountain with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Possible sightings: hairy woodpecker, Western tanager, brown creeper, purple martins.

Meet the group at School Camp/Doane Pond day-use parking area within state park. Day-use fee: $5 general. Hot weather, moderately strenuous walking. Bring water, lunch, and insect repellent. Directions: 619-692-3246. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Birds and Biodiversity, birding expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, July 15. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. $5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Is It Snow? Walk through snowy blossoms of flat-topped buckwheat trees during guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, July 15, 16, 19, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, July 15. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Summer Twilight Nature Walk in cool of evening on Saturday, July 15, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 7:30 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

The Crescent Moon's Cusps, or sharp tips, frame the Pleiades star cluster as seen in the eastern, predawn sky on Thursday, July 20. When the light of dawn begins to spread along the east horizon at around 4:45 a.m., notice lantern-like Venus rising over that same horizon. Venus will remain in our skies a "morning star" until September. By December, Venus will have migrated to its "evening star" configuration — visible in the west after sunset.

DANCE

Learn to Lindy Hop during six-week swing class by Meeshi and CafeSavoy Swing Productions beginning Thursday, July 13, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Intermediate class at 7 p.m., beginning class at 8 p.m., followed by DJ swing dance, 9 p.m.–midnight. Fee for dance only: $7; classes are $13 drop-in. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Ballet Folklorico Quetzal and Omo Ache Afro-Cuban Dance Company perform for Entre Nous Showcase, Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Series highlights "hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members." Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Footloose makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Friday, July 14, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. $10. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including July 15, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. $7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Bollywood for Belly Dance! DaVid of Scandinavia leads workshop, as do Jamileh and Sooz, during Sameda Faire 2006. Also on tap: all-day performances by local, national, and international dancers; music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, vendor booths, profes-











sional photography. Fair runs 10 a.m.–7 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). $12. 619-280-8424. (MISSION VALLEY)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Guest caller is Annie Laskey on July 16. $8. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Honoring Departed Family and Friends Through Dance! Bon Odori (Festival of Joy) dance lessons offered at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 18, 25, and August 1; and at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, July 16 and 23. Free. 619-239-0896. (GOLDEN HILL)

FILM

Up for a "Haunting Vision of Childhood"? Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive,* the tale of a young girl's inner life, is "regarded as Spain's greatest film to emerge during the 1970s." See *Beehive* when summer film series gets underway, Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). $7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Cinema under the Stars," see *Before Sunrise* on Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin in *The Big Easy,* Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 8:30 p.m. $12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Roberto Faenza's Political Thriller *Alla Luce del Sole* screens for Italian Film Festival on Friday, July 14, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). $2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Movies before the Mast, during July and August, selected Fridays are date nights, Saturdays are family nights on *Star of India.* Guests may compete in scavenger hunt aboard the B-39 Russian submarine and then see *K-19 the Widowmaker* on Fridays, July 14 and 21. *Mister Roberts* (1955) showcased on family nights, Saturdays, July 15 and 22. Films are projected on special ship sails.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:30 p.m.). Tickets: $13 general, $8 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary *Behind the Mask* screens Friday, July 14, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-886-9259. (BANKERS HILL)

"Detaching the World" and *Touch the Sound* will be shown for summer film series, Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: $5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, July 16, 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)

"Robot Stories" by Greg Pak's 2002 flick screens for Film Forum on Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters* screens Monday, July 17, 7:45 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre. Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

Short Films About Dogs screen for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Who Makes Your Clothing? Bulbo's new documentary *Hecho en Tijuana* is featured on "Open Screening Night," Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Discussion with producers follows. Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Deep Sea, Greece: Secrets of the Past* and *Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France.* "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Space Station* (6 p.m.) and *The Living Sea* at 7 p.m. on July 14. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"John Bachar: Man, Myth, Legend," climbing legend plans slide-illustrated lecture, Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). $5. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Winslow Homer — American Illustrator" discussed by Nikki Oder for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, July 16, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Trekking With Llamas, Joe DuPont shares llama trekking stories and tips at Adventure 16 stores. Presentations Thursday, July 13, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374), and Monday, July 17, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free programs begin at 7 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE)

Connection Between Mindfulness and Aesthetics in Japanese arts discussed by Reverend Hirokazu Kosaka, Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. He'll also demonstrate calligraphy. $15. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" discussed by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo, Saturday, July 15, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). $13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Developing a Personal Vision" is subject for AjA Project digital photography workshops, Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. $250. Registration: 619-223-7001. (BALBOA PARK)

Works, Inspiration, Techniques — art talk by abstract expressionist Joseph Chahfé, Julia San Román, Dennis Ellman, Saturday, July 15, 4 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Poetry-Writing Workshop led by Sylvia Levinson for Magee Park Poets, Sunday, July 16, 9 a.m.–noon, at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Reservations required: 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

"Institutionalized Denial" examined by Ed McBride when Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) gathers on Sunday, July 16, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

Compare and Contrast! Consider two contrasting white wines, two red wines during "Introduction to Wine, Part II" class, Monday, July 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). $35. Registration: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

A Paint-In on Glass planned by Marlene Lytle when Porcelain Artists of San Diego meet Monday, July 17, 10 a.m., at United Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Free. 619-255-0486. (POINT LOMA)

"The War on Weeds: Protecting California's Diversity" presented by Don Mayall when California Native Plant Society gathers, Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101 or 104. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn to Download Music when Ron Like of Fry's Electronics addresses Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, July 18, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Lunch available at noon ($5); reservations required (760-631-8279). Meeting is free. Information: 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

"Double Visions: Combining Art and Literature as a Single Voice" presented by artist/writer Donna Barr, Wednesday, July 19,

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To get there, exit Interstate 15 at Clinton Keith Road in Murrieta and drive south five miles to the reserve's visitor center, which is open on weekends from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Start the Granite Loop by going north from the west side of the parking lot (don't take the nearby multiuse Wiashal Trail, which also goes north). Right away, a slight negative change in elevation results in a big change of habitat. You go from sunny chaparral to shadowy live-oak woods in only a couple of minutes. Picnic tables are amid the oaks, overlooking a small ravine. The trail continues down along that ravine, then climbs onto a bouldery, chaparral-clad slope on the right.



Cole Creek

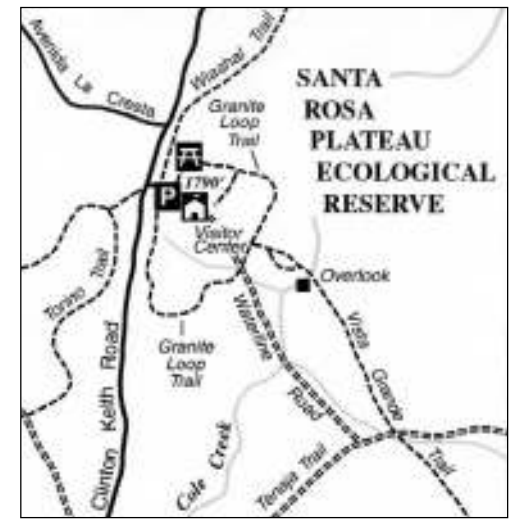
At 0.4 mile you pass a short-cut trail on the right going back toward the visitor center. At 0.6 mile (right before the Granite Loop trail crosses Waterline Road) you come to the Vista Grande Trail, intersecting on the left. Follow the Vista Grande Trail (out and later back) to visit the Tenajas Overlook, with a view of Cole Creek. An interpretive panel explains how the *tenajas,* or small basins worn into the granitic bedrock here, are instrumental in supporting the web of life in the reserve during times of drought. Due to late rains this season, the waters of Cole Creek may form a large and attractive reflective pool here until perhaps through late summer.

Back on the Granite Loop, cross Waterline Road (dirt road) and enjoy the next 0.3 mile in particular as you stroll through a parklike landscape of spreading live oak trees. At two sites, sitting benches are provided under the oldest, most spectacular oaks. Nearing the end of the loop, you climb just a bit and finish the hike amid sunny chaparral.

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"World Travel 101" presented for independent travelers by Hostelling International, focusing on smart packing, personal safety, budgeting, more. Talks offered Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard, 760-944-9020) and Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Learning to Live Happily with Your Dog" presented by behavior, training expert Nan Arthur on Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m., in activity room #2 at Senior Center (13094 Civic Center Drive). $20 in advance, $25 at door. 858-204-0927. (POWAY)

Nonviolent Peace Force Advocate team member Linda Dunn speaks in favor of a "Nonviolent Peace Force in Action," Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Dunn shares photos from work in Sri Lanka during lecture. Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

Painter and "Paleoartist" William Stout leads "step-by-step journey through the creation of the 12 new murals" at San Diego Natural History Museum during lecture and booksigning, Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. "Stout will show how he combines art and science…while also being instructive and educational." $12. Reservations: 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Author Roland J. Hill signs *Secrets Behind the Wall,* the story of Synthia B. Smith, Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m., Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-527-3405. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

Dark Fantasy Author Laurell K. Hamilton visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss *Danse Macabre,* Thursday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sailing to Capri" signed, discussed by author Elizabeth Alder, Thursday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Zingers and Insults! Comedian Don Rickles, Friday, July 14, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). $40. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

25 Local Bands, One White Album! Head to Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club (2606 North Mission Bay Drive) for Album Night, Friday, July 14, 8:45 p.m.–midnight. The bands and singers each perform a song from the Beatles' "white album," in order. Roster includes Rookie Card, the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal, Cindy Lee Berryhill, Berkley Hart, many others. No cover, all ages. 858-270-0840. (MISSION BAY)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series promises "smooth jazz" by Urban Jazz Coalition, Friday, July 14, 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)

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"Broadway Today!" Broadway vocalists Christiane Noll, Debbie Gravitte, Doug LaBrecque join the San Diego Symphony to perform selections from *Cats, Wicked, Rent, The Lion King, The Producers,* and *Phantom of the Opera* for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15. 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. (DOWNTOWN)

Last Comic Standing Winner Alonzo Bodden performs for North County Funnies on Friday, July 14; Comedy Central's Jeff Burghart and Pearl Street Players take stage on Saturday, July 15. Evenings hosted by Kurt Swann start at 8 p.m. at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). $25 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

Summer in the Park concert series features Len Rainey and the Midnight Players at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue) on Friday, July 14, 6 p.m. 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Life's Not Fair, Part 2," sketch comedy on tap Fridays and Saturdays, July 14–22, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). $10. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Blues Singer-Songwriter Roy Book Binder performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, July 14; $15, $20. British folk-rock icon John Renbourn takes stage on Saturday, July 15; $18, $22. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Blues Bash 8 — Destination Blues," performers include Fuzzy Guitarboy and the Bluesmen, Aunt Kizzy's Boys, Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., at Menghini Winery (1150 Julian Orchards Drive). Car and bike contest as well. Tickets: $20 in advance, $25 at gate. 619-282-5430, 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Western Mystery Authors Ann Parker (*Iron Ties)* and Margaret Dumas (*How to Succeed in Murder)* sign and discuss their books, Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Author/Historian Leland Fetzer discusses, signs *San Diego County Place Names A to Z,* Saturday, July 15, 1 p.m., Rudolph Schiller's Bookstore (2754 Calhoun Street). Free. 619-293-7095. (OLD TOWN)

Author Rachel Caplin signs *I'm Beautiful, Dammit!* Saturday, July 15, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Hot Brazilian Tunes on tap when Jangada performs for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn Streets) on Saturday, July 15, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

Heart of Dharma and Monk Party in concert, Saturday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga Studio (3301 Adams Avenue). Free. 619-282-0467. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Anomas — A Night of Movement and Sound," Saturday, July 15, 8 p.m., Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Featured performer: Ruby Blue; live jazz. Tickets: $10 before 10 p.m., $15 after, benefiting Project Umoja. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Three Keys to Happiness, author Diana Marie Weitzel signs *Fall Into Freedom: An Affair Inspires One Woman's Search for Truth* and discusses her travails, Monday, July 17, 1 p.m., at Home and Soul (8036 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

"Wives Behaving Badly" signed, discussed by author Elizabeth Buchan at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue), Monday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series showcases Bill Cabellero Latin jazz quintet on Tuesday, July 18; Breez'n on Wednesday, July 19; Uncle Bob and the Earth Movers take stage on Thursday, July 20. Concerts run from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Dark Fantasy author Kim Harrison visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to discuss and sign *A Fistful of Charms,* Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

From Editor to Contemporary Fiction Author — Adrienne Brodeur will discuss difficulties she encountered, offer advice for aspiring writers, sign her novel *Man Camp,* Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

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)

Rainbow Pride Concert, Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Midtown Church (3858 Front Street at University). Performers include All4One, Jeanne and Karl Anthony, Kenny Ard, Colleen Kendall, Kristi Petersen, many others. $17. 619-692-1111. (HILLCREST)

"Family, Friends, and Comedy," fundraiser for Fiesta Del Barrio Carlsbad, Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Performers: Matt Iseman, Bob Perkell, Pat Leborio. Tickets: $10 in advance, $15 at door. 760-931-8400, 760-434-5093. (LA COSTA)

Reflecting Eastern and Western Traditions, Dr. David Simon, Chopra Center co-founder, discusses and signs *The Ten Commandments: Translating Good Intentions Into Great Choices,* Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Improv and Comedy Sketch with members of Comedy Under Construction, Thursday, July 20, 8 p.m., Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Doo-wop sounds by the Royals. Cover: $5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

"Lord of the Rings: A Symphony in Six Movements" presented Thursday, July 20, for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops concerts. The "multimedia extravaganza with more than 150 musicians and singers" is coupled with visual projections and Howard Shore's music from the films. Concert begins at 8:15 p.m. at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: $20–$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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Plantation Walking Horse Show runs Friday–Sunday, July 14–16, at Del Mar Horsepark





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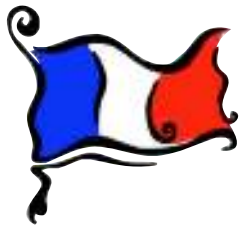
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San Diego Padres host Atlanta Braves in Petco Park July 14–16, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Home stand continues with games against Philadelphia Phillies, Monday–Wednesday, July 17–19, at 7:05 p.m. each night. The next road trip gets underway with games in San Francisco against Giants, July 20–23, at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

World Beach Bocce Ball Championship XXVI, sponsored by Vigilucci's to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, is Saturday, July 15, 7:30 a.m. check-in, at Dog Beach (at mouth of San Dieguito River). Entry fee: $100 per team. 760-632-5944. (DEL MAR)

53rd Annual Over-the-Line World Championship hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club at Fiesta Island, Saturdays and Sundays, July 15, 16, 22, and 23. OTL is a form of softball played by three-person teams; almost 2400 games will be played over the two weekends. Catch the competition from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. Free. 619-688-0817. (FIESTA ISLAND)

Xtreme Cage Fighting hosted by Total Combat, Saturday, July 15, 7 p.m., at ipayOne Center. Mixed martial arts entertainment. Tickets start at $25. 619-392-4660. (SPORTS ARENA)

Bicycle from San Ysidro to Imperial Beach via backcountry along the border with Knickerbikers, Saturday, July 15. Ride — a 30-miler — starts at 9:30 a.m. near boat launch restrooms at Chula Vista Marina. Bring lunch or money for lunch at Ocean Beach pier. 619-426-2043. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Renegade Rollergirls Rollerderby, local girls host Arizona Renegade Rollergirls, Sunday, July 16, 8 p.m., at Rollerskateland (626 L Street). Two bouts: San Diego Scallyhags versus Renegade's Minor Threats; French-Kiss Army versus Mother Truckers. All ages show. Tickets: $10 in advance, $12 at door. 619-420-4761. (CHULA VISTA)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Sunday, July 16, 8–10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. $30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Gutierrez Cup Polo Competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, July 16. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is $5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8–11 a.m. on Sundays year-round. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: $10 per run (about 15 minutes). Information: 800-699-2466, press pound sign, then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

Bicycle to Torrey Pines and Del Mar with Sierra Club bicyclists, Tuesday, July 18. Expect moderate hills and peppy pace. Ride starts at 5:15 p.m. in north

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The San Diego Surf Dawgs baseball team hosts Fullerton Flyers, July 20–23. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

SPECIAL

Taste of Leucadia: Food for Thought, Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m., on Highway 101, from El Portal to Glaucus Streets. Tickets ($17) include samples of cuisine on offer in Leucadia, as well as live music. 760-436-2320. (LEUCADIA)

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)

Festival of Bells, celebrate 237th birthday of Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road) at festival on July 15 and 16. Entertainment, kids' area, food, live pottery demonstrations, bands and dancers, Irish bingo, more. Free admission. Hours: 10 a.m.– 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Sunday. 619-281-8449. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach and other creepy-crawlies during Insect Festival showcasing insects, lizards, and snakes, Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). $8 adults; kids 12 and under free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Native and Exotic Species on Display during San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society Show, July 15 and 16, in Casa del Prado room 101. Animal adoptions available. Show opens at 10 a.m. each morning, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-593-2123. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About Tea from tea specialist Michael Figgins during tea tasting, Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Open Studio/Life Drawing and Painting offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring oil paints, acrylics, charcoal, pencils to work with live model. Sessions begin with a few short poses, followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. $10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Discuss the U.S. Constitution with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-440-5625. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

OUT & ABOUT

MUSTARD PANCAKES
Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, Saturday, July 15.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

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

Taste Cake, Hear Music, See Gowns — Bridal Bazaar at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) on Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Over 235 exhibitors offering their wares. $10. 760-334-5500. (DOWNTOWN)

The House of Colombia hosts lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring Writing Questions and Problems for "live chat room" planned for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meeting, Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). $5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

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)

Discuss "The Constitution as a Living Document," Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Write a Song with Mary Dolan," local singer-songwriter spends an hour with teens 12–19 going over basics and then crafting an original song. It's fun and free; you might hear the results on MySpace. Thursday, July 20, 1 p.m. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. All ages. 858-513-2900. (POWAY)

Rods and Woodies 2006, cruise night series returns to Encinitas on Thursday, July 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Trunkmonkey makes music (at 682 South Coast Highway 101); Surfside Mustangs car club hosts event. Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lumberyard on Highway 101. Free. 619-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

Comic-Con 2006, 37th annual event takes place Thursday–Sunday, July 20–23, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Actor Samuel L. Jackson and director David R. Elllis attend for panel discussion on their new film, *Snakes on a Plane,* Friday, July 21, 5:45 p.m.

Exhibit area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, clothing, movie memorabilia; programming, anime, gaming, parties, lectures, guests including Forrest J. Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Yoshitaka Amano, Peter S. Beagle, Rian Bolland, many others. Four-day passes: $65 for general, $30 for juniors, seniors. 619-491-2475. (DOWNTOWN)

"Beyond Superheroes and Sidekicks: Alternative Comics from SDSU's Special Collections" continues through Friday, August 18, in Special Collections and University Archives at San Diego State University Library. Exhibit includes works by Donna Barr, Roberta Gregory, Chynna Clugston-Major, others. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Calligraphy and Lacquer Objects created by Ayako Stott are on exhibit 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)

"The Art Linkletter Collection" is on view through Friday, September 8, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The "media legend" and SDSU alumnus recently donated his archives to SDSU, including television scripts, scrapbooks, photographs, many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

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

FOR KIDS

"Snoopy: The Musical" continues through 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)

"The Sound of Music" presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater through July 22, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: 619-588-0206. (EL CAJON)

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"Nature, Mommy, and Me," story time for budding naturalists (one–five years old) with their parents, Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pepper's First Favorites" by Puppet Express continues through Sunday, July 16, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Weaver's Tales present *Sleeping Beauty*, July 19–23.

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 through July 16 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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)

Corals Alive, it's theme for family program, Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, crafts, more. Included in regular museum admission. "Explore It: Coral Reefs" offered 1:30–2:30 p.m., with hands-on activities, coral reef craft to take home ($4 per parent/child, in addition to museum admission). Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Vision and Perception when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, July 15, noon–3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

A Series of Unfortunate Activities? Activities "all about Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events*" books planned Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Trivia contest (6:30 p.m.), costume contest (7 p.m.). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"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)

Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including July 18. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: $15 general, $5 for those 6–12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon–4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, "some classics and a concept car." Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard; 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

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

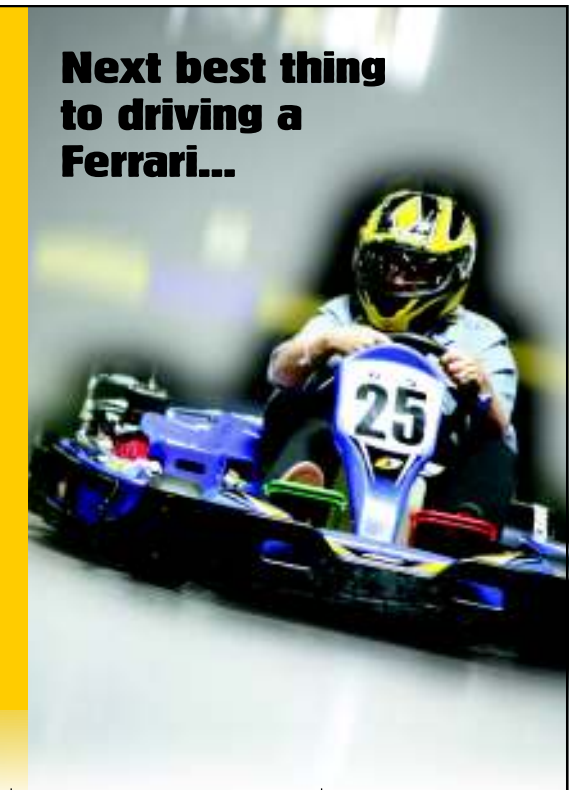
Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through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

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May 2007), "Aging for All Ages," "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet


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Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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of childhood — *Spirit of the Beehive,* Thursday, July 13, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego.

(SEE FILM)



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

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

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

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

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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)

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Reading

Doing Nothing: A History of Loafers, Loungers, Slackers and Bums in America



Tom Lutz

By Tom Lutz
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006, $25, 384 pages

FROM THE BOOK JACKET:
Couch potatoes, goof-offs, freeloaders, good-for-nothings, loafers, and loungers: ever since the Industrial Revolution, when the work ethic as we know it was formed, there has been a chorus of slackers ridiculing and lampooning the pretensions of hard-working respectability. Reviled by many, heroes to others, these layabouts stretch and yawn while the rest of society worries and sweats. Whenever the world of labor changes in significant ways, the pulpits, politicians, and pedagogues ring with exhortations of the value of work, and the slackers answer with a strenuous call of their own: "To do nothing," as Oscar Wilde said, "is the most difficult thing in the world." From Benjamin Franklin's "air baths" to Jack Kerouac's "dharma bums," Generation-X slackers, and beyond, anti-work-ethic proponents have held a central place in modern culture.

Moving with verve and wit through a series of fascinating case studies that illuminate the changing place of leisure in the American republic, *Doing Nothing* revises the way we understand slackers and work itself.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
From *Publishers Weekly:* Lutz eases readers into this sparkling cultural history of stylish American torpor with an anecdote about his 18-year-old son, Cody, moving into his house and bivouacking on the couch – perhaps indefinitely. Lutz himself spent a decade before college "wandering here and abroad," so his intense anger at Cody surprised him – and inspired him to write this book about the crashing fault lines between Anglo-America's vaunted Calvinist work ethic and its skulking, shrugging love of idling. An English professor who admits to being personally caught between these warring impulses, Lutz (*Crying*) has a gimlet eye for the ironies of modern loafing: that the "flaming youth" of the 1920s were intensely industrious; that our most celebrated slackers (Jack Kerouac, Richard Linklater) have been closet workaholics; that our most outspoken Puritans (Benjamin Franklin, George W. Bush) have been notorious layabouts. Lutz's diligent research on a range of lazy and slovenly subjects, from French flâneurs to New York bohos, ultimately leads him to side with the bums. Flying in the face of yuppie values and critics of the welfare state, his "slacker ethic" emerges over the course of this history as both a necessary corrective to – and an inevitable outgrowth of – the 80-hour workweek.

Booklist: Samuel Johnson identified literary loafers in his periodical *Idler* (1758–'60), and here Lutz lays sharp-eyed analysis on society's reaction toward those who repudiate regular work. Productively informing his appraisals of the Thoreaus and Kerouacs with his own youthful experiment in communal living, Lutz weaves no grand theory of the slacker because he finds that wastrels have been different in every generation. In the late 1700s, a disinclination to work was an aristocratic affectation. In reaction to industrialism, the back-to-nature primitivist appeared, embodied by Thoreau, while cultural vulgarity made the Gilded Age vulnerable to the effete cynicism of an Oscar Wilde. In Wilde and others, Lutz nails, with concise sophistication, the mix of anger and amusement such nonconformists provoked. Though a serious study of spongers, this wry book is fun to read. With layabouts such as Theodore Dreiser, the Beats, and our epoch's own Anna Nicole Smith on offer, cultural-history mavens won't be able to pass Lutz up.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Tom Lutz's previous books include *Crying: A Natural and Cultural History of Tears*; *American Nervousness, 1903: An Anecdotal History*; and *Cosmopolitan Vistas*. He lives in Los Angeles.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:
As I drive to meet Tom Lutz at his hotel in downtown Seattle, I hear, on National Public Radio, that on this same date in 1857 Charles Dickens gave his first public reading. In a few hours, Mr. Lutz will conclude a series of speaking

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Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese 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)

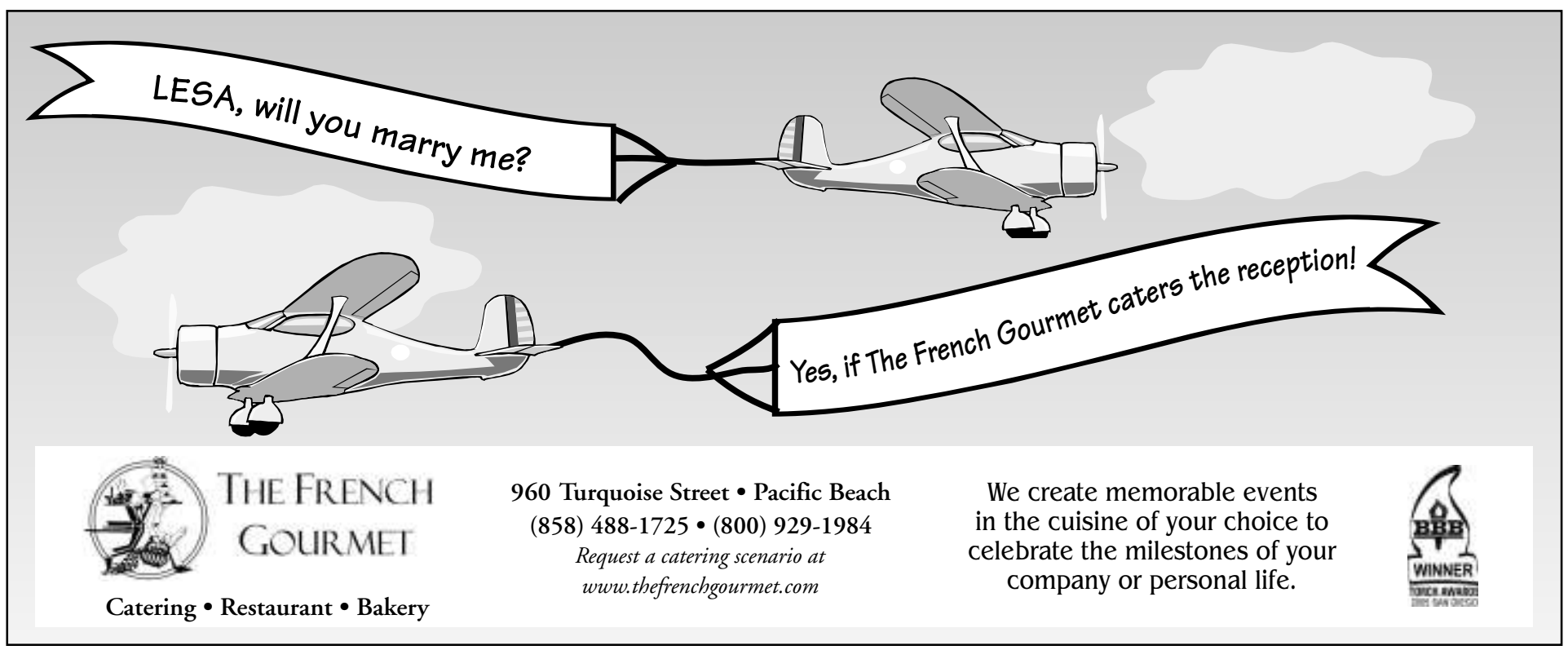
John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located 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)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

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

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with



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engagements that has brought him from Los Angeles to San Francisco to Portland and finally to the Pacific Northwest. Ten minutes prior to our meeting, my cell phone rings. He has just returned from an interview with a local radio station. When I ask if he needs a few minutes to rest before we meet, he declines. "You must be exhausted by all of this running around," I say.

"It beats working," he responds.

Moments later, seated across from one another in the lobby, I again ask if touring isn't tiring or tiresome after a while.

"Yesterday afternoon a young woman in Portland asked me which questions I was sick of. I realized I'm not actually sick of any of them. I think it has something to do with the nature of the pleasure we get from work. There's something satisfying about performing a skill once you've learned how to do it. When I was a cook, I liked knowing that I could flip 40 steaks and get them all out at the same time. The same is true with questions. The better I get at answering the questions, the more pleasurable it is."

"What was the worst job you ever had?"

"I was only there for a week, but it was a factory job. A friend and I stood on a conveyer line adding little metal pieces to little plastic pieces that someone else down the line had put together. It was nonstop for hours and hours. You watched the clock and waited for the next break. It was not good."

"Is writing the best job?"

"At times it's the hardest, most frustrating job ever, and it's the best, by far. The sociologists who talk about flow are right. When that's happening, it doesn't matter what you're doing. You could be skiing, you could be digging a hole, but when you're in the flow of it, it's pleasurable, and when you're not, it's pure drudgery."

"Many of the stories you tell are about fathers and sons who are at odds with one another over the issue of work. Is the tension you write about just the natural tension of the father/son relationship, or is it brought about by a changing definition of work itself?"

"The definition of work changes, and young people's prospects for work change as well. The very materiality of work — from putting cars together to pushing paper to creating and transferring electronic files on a computer — also changes. Even though parents are living in the same world as their kids, they're just not seeing it the same way, obviously. And, the kids are looking at another set of trajectories. Kids are trying to figure out what's going to happen, but their fears and their possibilities are not exactly those their parents had at the same age."

"Flippancy about work, on the part of the nonworking, seems to be especially aggravating."

"There are always multiple audiences for any cultural product. Some have always found the wit of the lounger or the slacker or the loafer infuriating. Some, of course, have found it hilarious. To find it funny doesn't necessarily mean you agree with the attitude, though.

"In my book, I focus on people who have a specific anti-work agenda, either in their self-presentation or in their writing. It's very rare to find a wealthy person who pooh-poohs work, because it's obviously in bad taste. If you have no money and you're making fun of work, at least you clearly have some kind of courage of conviction."

> "There's a certain progressive political consensus that means that the homeless are treated better here than in many places."

I tell Mr. Lutz what I heard on the radio, before we met, about Charles Dickens. "He seems to view work from both perspectives, doesn't he?"

"Dickens loves the artful dodger and he despises piety. It's very hard to be a champion for the work ethic without sounding pious."

"On the other hand, the reward for doing 'good' is to retire to a life of ease and plenty."

"In my other life, aside from being a social historian, I write academic pieces on literature. Over the past ten years or so, it's become clear to me that the thing that makes literature 'Literature' is a text that is complicated and that never comes down on one side or another on these complicated cultural issues. Dickens is great, because he simultaneously describes and undercuts opposing attitudes toward work.

"In a way, that's what I try

over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

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

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown,* and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD.

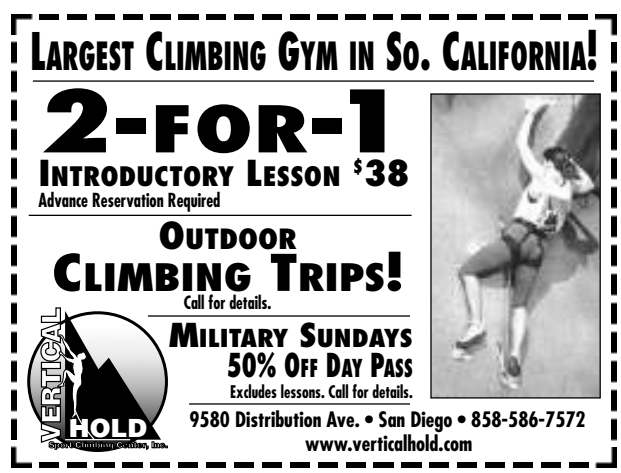




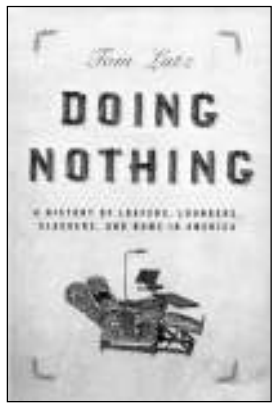












to do in my own books. I give all sides of the picture, but I'm not all that interested in the moral of the story, or of scolding or championing one side or the other."

"Are some readers frustrated by the lack of a stance?"

"Some reviewers are frustrated. They can't figure out where I stand. Others love the compendious nature of that kind of examination."

Looking out the hotel lobby window we see, on the sidewalk across the street, a disheveled man begging for change.

"I was talking to a panhandler outside the bookstore where I read last night in Portland. I asked him how it was going, and he kept his hand out, hitting people up as we were talking. I asked if he was doing all right being on the streets there. He told me he made enough money to rent a couch and kitchen privileges in a house, so he was doing okay. Then he said, "Well, actually it's a love seat, not a couch. But I'm doing fine." His assessment of his career at that time was that it wasn't that bad."

I commented to Mr. Lutz that the homeless seem increasingly more visible in Seattle.

"There's a certain progressive political consensus that means that the homeless are treated better here than in many places. In Portland and Seattle the homeless are more visible because they aren't chased out of every square inch of the city. That's true in Santa Monica, for instance, as opposed to the rest of L.A. Most cities don't have a homeless problem because the police pick them up and drive them someplace else and drop them off.

"We know that the majority of people who are on the street have serious mental illness. We know that the small government movement has made these people's lives hell. Other countries in the world have solved this problem without our per capita income. We could at least be giving them the option of someplace to live. It's a travesty of a sham of a mockery of a horrible thing. It's just terrible."

"What is it about media images of slackers and workers that interests you?"

"When you think about a figure like Chaplin's Little Tramp, he's portraying a person who is homeless. But, the Little Tramp is not a real tramp. I'm interested in these 'slacker' figures that get produced by our writers and comedians and filmmakers and cartoonists. Dagwood asleep at his desk, for example. I'm interested in the function these characters serve. They're very different than anyone's actual life situation, yet eventually those figures do offer people models for identity.

"In my own life, I became Jack Kerouac before I ever read him. It just kind of trickled down as an image, probably from crappy TV shows like *Route 66* or something. I got this watered-down silly version of it from the sources I was imbibing, and I became it. I had a self-image that was constructed out of these available, cultural materials. I'm interested in how lives are shaped by these phantasmic images."

Mr. Lutz explains that our notion of what it means to be a hard worker is also a construct of available cultural images. "We get an idea of what it means to be hard working, and then we shame each other into doing our part of the work."

"Deciding what to read from a piece of nonfiction, at a public event, must be very challenging. How do you go about it?"

"It's difficult, because I feel like the book works cumulatively. So, when I read, I don't read straight from the book. I rearrange sentences and explain things as I go along. Essentially, I rework it as an oral document.

"It was clear to me as soon as I started doing interviews about the book that some people thought I was making fun of slackers. I wanted to disprove that, so I read from the section about my own hippie years. Other times I've read the beginning about my surprising anger at my own son's months on the couch when he moved in with me. Tonight, I was thinking of doing a bit from the ending. I haven't decided yet.

"I have this reputation, among my peers, for being incredibly productive, but it's not true. I waste so much time. It's astounding. It's criminal. I am like these people I talk about."

– Jerry Miller

> "In my own life, I became Jack Kerouac before I ever read him."

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The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

The 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)

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)

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"Broadway Today!" Broadway vocalists Christiane Noll, Debbie Gravitte, Doug LaBrecque join the San Diego Symphony to perform selections from *Cats, Wicked, Rent, The Lion King, The Producers,* and *Phantom of the Opera* for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15. 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. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical Pianist Rueibin Chen plays selections by Bach-Gounod, Beethoven, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, and Chopin in concert on Sunday, July 16, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: $28–$75. 888-388-2518. (LA JOLLA)

Giacomo Puccini Selections promised when sopranos Kathleen Halm and Stephanie Sabin, tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov, baritone William Nolan, and pianist Timothy Todd Simmons perform Sunday, July 16, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Program boasts pieces from *Tosca, Il Tabarro, Gianni Schicchi, Madama Butterfly, Turandot, La Bohème,* others. Event begins with cocktails at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m. Tickets: $15 in advance, $17 at door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Robert Schumann's Great Piano Works played from memory by renowned favorite Gustavo Romero for Athenaeum Music and Arts Library summer festival, Sundays through July 30, 4 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute. Program showcases "Fantasiestücke," "Toccata," "Sonata No. 1 in F-Sharp Minor" on July 16. Tickets: $29 or $34 per concert. Find Neurosciences Institute at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Strauss's "Thunder and Lightning Polka" promised when Donald Mackenzie performs for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Mackenzie is organist of Odeon Leicester Square in London, where he performs movie nights on the five-manual Duchess. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Lord of the Rings: A Symphony in Six Movements" presented Thursday, July 20, for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops concerts. The "multimedia extravaganza with more than 150 musicians and singers" is coupled with visual projections and Howard Shore's music from the films. Concert begins at 8:15 p.m. at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: $20–$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

Abstract Expressionist Joseph Chahfé has work on exhibit, along with Julia San Román and Dennis Ellman, beginning with reception, Friday, July 14, 6 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). 858-793-0316. Through August. (SOLANA BEACH)

Explore the "Confusing Surreal World" of Kelly Hutchison in oil and acrylic paintings gathered in "Influences," an exhibit opening with receptions on Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15, 6 p.m., Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). Closes Friday, July 28. 619-563-9770. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Artists Michael and Inessa Garmash have exhibition and receptions, Saturday, July 15, 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 16, noon, at Monarch Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). 858-454-1231. (LA JOLLA)

New Paintings by Duncan Martin reflecting "his interest in the natural forms of Southern California's rugged coast" may be seen through August at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Opening reception for artist: Thursday, July 20, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Habitats," exhibit of photographic artwork by Peter Fay and Donna Cosentino opens with reception, Thursday, July 20, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). 858-720-1121. Through Sunday, August 13. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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. Closes Monday, August 7. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana" documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores "subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world." Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 17.

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

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)

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

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

"Winslow Homer — American Illustrator" boasts 55 wood engravings celebrating the master artist's ability to capture essence of the American experience during second half of 19th Century. Closes Sunday, September 3.

"American Ceramics 1884–1972" demonstrates depth of museum's holdings, with examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggle. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

"Backs," on exhibit Saturday, July 15, through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Traditions in Transition: Russian Icons from the Age of the Romanovs" illustrates how icons produced during Romanov period (1613–1918) departed from tradition under the influence of Western culture. Exhibit of 45 works follows emergence of decorative *oklads* (covers) made from precious materials and stones. Through Sunday, August 13.

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

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"It's Like Borg in *Star Trek;* it just keeps eating stuff." This is the comment made last week by a local independent promoter who heard about Live Nation's purchase of House of Blues Entertainment for $350 million. Live Nation, a spin-off company of Clear Channel Entertainment, is still tied to Clear Channel.



WHITE STRIPES STAY TRUE TO INDIE PROMOTERS

Last year, Clear Channel was by far the largest national concert company, selling about 30 million tickets. Second-place House of Blues Concerts sold about 7 million. AEG sold 6 million. When the merger is complete, Live Nation will book and/or control eight local radio stations and six concert venues (Coors Amphitheatre, Cox Arena, Open Air Theater, 4th & B, the House of Blues nightclub, and Pala Casino).

"This is going to eliminate the little guy," says an independent promoter. "Now they have a complete lock on the market. Before, we had checks and balances. No one person had all the control."

That promoter thinks he may get squeezed out of booking acts that are at the 500- to 1500-capacity ticket level.

"They can go to the band's agent and say they want to book the whole country. What is the agent going to say? No?… If [Live Nation] controls all the [venues], they can go right to the record labels and get promotional money. They won't even need to worry about radio stations."

San Diego's independent promoters/venues now include Viejas Entertainment, Casbah/Tim Mays, Harlan Schiffman/Fineline, Soma, the Belly Up Tavern, and Humphrey's Concerts-by-the-Bay.

Not all local indie promoters think they are doomed. One points out that Viejas Entertainment has made inroads with its outdoor Bayside venue at the Embarcadero.

"[Viejas] took almost everything that might have played at Coors or Cox," says a promoter about the expanded Bayside series that this year included Santana, Steely Dan, and Chicago.

One promoter suggested that a big loser will be Ticketmaster.

"Live Nation is steering away from Ticketmaster. They want to use their own ticketing. I'm sure they are having meetings at Ticketmaster, deciding what to do about getting back the market share they just lost with Live Nation."

— Ken Leighton

Now Hear This The only local station that will play new music by Tom Petty, Neil Young, and Ziggy Marley may soon be reaching your ears for the first time.

Triple-A (adult album alternative) station KPRI was recently granted permission to move its transmitter from San Marcos to Mt. Soledad. Once set up, the signal will reach southern San Diego County for the first time and provide the full-market coverage of most other local FM stations. As a result, the two owners of KPRI (Bob Hughes and Jonathan Schwartz) may have doubled their station's value.



NEIL GARNERS MORE AUDIENCE

Insiders estimate that KPRI at its current transmitter location is worth between $30 million and $35 million. After the transmitter is moved (perhaps by the end of the year), the station's value may increase to between $50 million and $65 million. Radio executives at other stations wonder if Hughes and Schwartz will sell the station they have owned and operated for ten years. (They've been trying to relocate their transmitter for seven years.)

Hughes and Schwartz recently invested in an all-digital studio in Sorrento Valley, so a sale is not imminent. But "if the right offer came along," says Hughes, they would consider it.

Should Hughes and Schwartz sell KPRI, it is questionable whether a new owner would keep KPRI's triple-A format. Hughes boasts that his station helped break artists such as John Mayer and K.T. Tunstall, but some wonder if a different format would make more money. Triple-A stations in San Francisco, Chicago, and Denver get big ratings, but the format is not hugely successful in other markets. KPRI is one of three triple-A stations in California.

— Ken Leighton

Wails Like Cassandra Malcolm Gladwell introduced the concept of snap decision-making in his book *Blink.* He wrote about experts being able to size up a situation (be it a failing relationship or the likelihood of a new product to succeed) in a few seconds, based on unconscious analysis that even the experts couldn't understand.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

GRAND OLE PARTY: THE HOOK IS THE SINGER

I think that I experience "blink" moments with music every now and then. There are times when, within five seconds of a song starting up, I can tell that it's something special. The last time it happened was with the *Seeger Sessions* album, and it happened again recently when I read some online recommendations of local bands. One of the suggested groups was San Diego's Grand Ole Party.

Most MySpace pages play a song for you automatically when they load. This is usually an annoyance, but in the case of Grand Ole Party, it works as a hook. Both of the songs on the page, "Insane" and "Look Out Young Son," result in the rarest of MySpace page phenomena: seeking out the "volume up" button rather than looking for the mute button with the purpose of someone looking for the abort button as a bomb ticks down its final seconds.

Both songs slink and lurch along, featuring sleazy and dirty guitar and drums. The music sounds sort of like the rawness of early White Stripes — like "Jimmy the Exploder" played with the slow back-alley coolness of Tom Waits at his most mysterious. But the hook is the singer, who is also the drummer, who is also a lady who can wail like Cassandra from Crucial Taunt (watched *Wayne's World* last weekend…that chick can sing). This band sounds as if it's destined to get signed. (from *SanDiegoSerenade.com*)

— Conor Lastowka

On the Bandwagon "I have a kiosk — actually, it's a cart — in the Mission Valley mall," says assistant bank manager Persis Knipe, 28. Named My Stuff, Knipe's outdoor CD and clothing store opened July 1.

"[The concept] came to me on a Sunday afternoon, after I had been on MySpace



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MY STUFF IS KNIPE'S STUFF

were always promoting their stuff on MySpace. I figured it would be good to get all this stuff in one place."

Knipe pays $2100 a month to lease a cart near Macy's. The last mall kiosk to carry local music was opened in April of last year at Fashion Valley's mall; singer/songwriter Greg Laswell's All the Rest Records closed after five months. He carried his CDs through consignment agreements. Knipe says she buys CDs outright from musicians who show heavy MySpace activity.

"I am taking a risk, but I think the concept is good. I have very good credit, so I got good financing." Knipe, who will keep her day job, made a commitment to operate My Stuff for at least three months. She would like to hear from musicians who have substantial MySpace traffic and who would like to be represented at My Stuff (*www.myspace.com/mystuff_cali.*)

— Ken Leighton

Enter the Octajohn Local singer/songwriter Michael Tiernan performed in Texas at the 34th annual Kerrville New Folk Songwriter Contest over Memorial Day weekend. He competed against 32 other songwriters.

"It's pretty much the *American Idol* of the folk world," he says, "complete with three judges marking every note and move and a pin-drop-focused audience, all reeking from camping out in the nearby meadow.… It's on a dusty ranch, and it's a three-week festival, with some people camping there the whole time."

He describes the campground's "very suspicious bathroom facilities, one of which was called the 'Octajohn,' an octagonal wood building that converged in a huge central Port-a-Potty.… After my first



TIERNAN GOES ON STRIKE

morning duty, I had no choice but to call a strike on all future movements until I got back home."

Tiernan (who spent four days at the event) says he felt like an "out-of-place metrosexual camping in a meadow.… I didn't encounter any unfriendly rednecks, but the crowd was truly diverse, from super-crunchy types to corporate people who go there to let loose for the weekend."

Crunchy types?

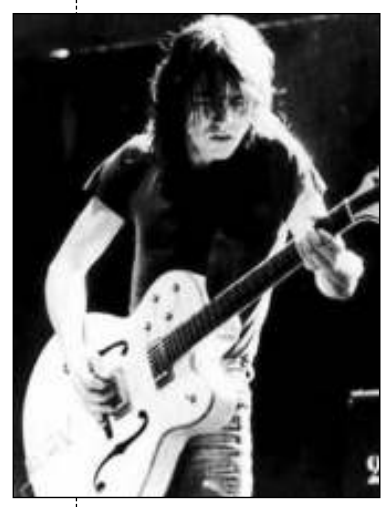
"The Grateful Deadesque: dreads, hacky sacks, tie-dye.… The dude who drove me from the airport in his tricked-out SUV [said he] designed missiles for the government. He dropped me off and, the next time I saw him, he was decked out in tie-dye and taking a leak on the side of the road."

Michael Tiernan appears July 26 at the Belly Up as part of New Acoustic Generation IV.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Where's Angus? Over burritos in Mission Valley, former local resort hotel concierge Juan Mas (not his real name) told of a visit paid by AC/DC guitarist Malcolm Young:

"My coworker Linda assisted him and I witnessed it. She's an older lady and came up to me and said, 'I have this really nice-dressed man with extremely long hair and an Australian accent. He bought a computer somewhere in town, and he has no idea where it is, and he's coming to me to find his purchase.'



SUCH LOUD MUSIC FROM A LOVELY MAN (MALCOM YOUNG)

"We started calling computer stores, and I think we got it on the second try. We spoke to the store manager, and he said he had the same dilemma: he had a customer come in and buy a computer but had no idea where he wanted the computer sent. By the time we found the computer, Mr. Young had already checked out of the hotel, and we had to call Australia to find an address to have CompUSA send it to him.

"Linda said he was a 'very lovely man' and wanted to hear what kind of music he played. I brought her an AC/DC CD to check out, and she said she couldn't believe it. 'How could such a nice man produce such loud music?' "

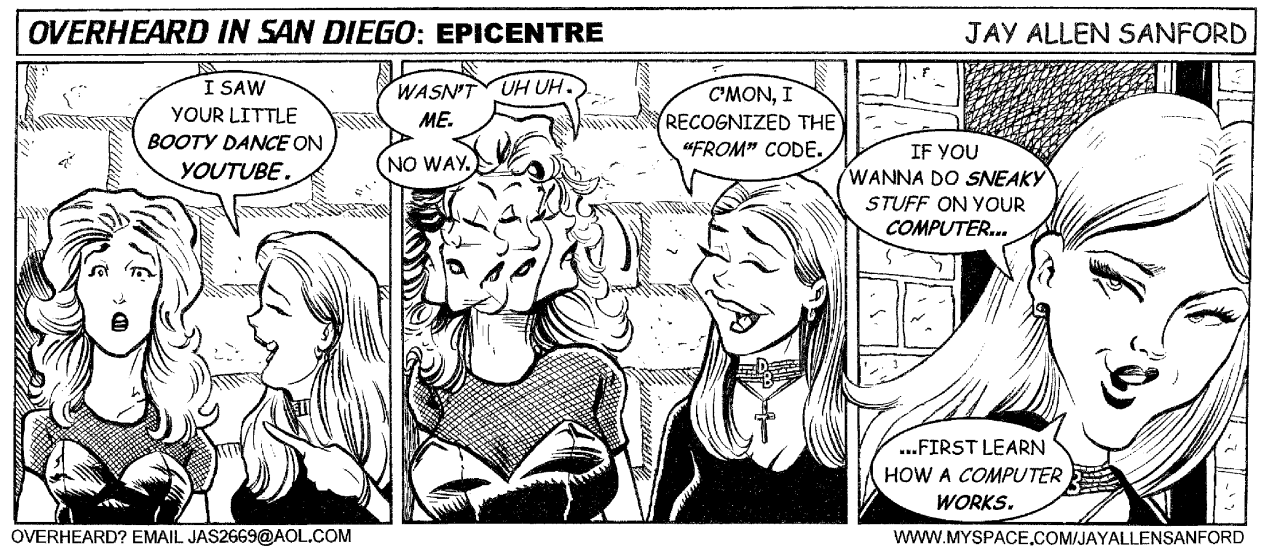
— Larry Harmon

No Hot Spot Music Trader district manager Darren Fionda was arrested in May at the chain's SDSU store for allegedly selling "pirated music." In a sting orchestrated by the Recording Industry Association of America, 195 discs were seized, most of them "mix CDs" featuring compilations of hip-hop tracks. Around the time of Fionda's arrest, the recording-industry organization claimed San Diego was among the top 12 "hot spots for music piracy."

This week's San Diego Record Show will offer fewer counterfeits than in past years. "There aren't many bootlegs at the show," says organizer Alan Garth, who spent seven years as Tower Records' vinyl buyer. "All the vendors sign a form every time that clearly states 'no bootlegs' and places all the liability on the individual vendor and not the promoter and/or the venue, etc."

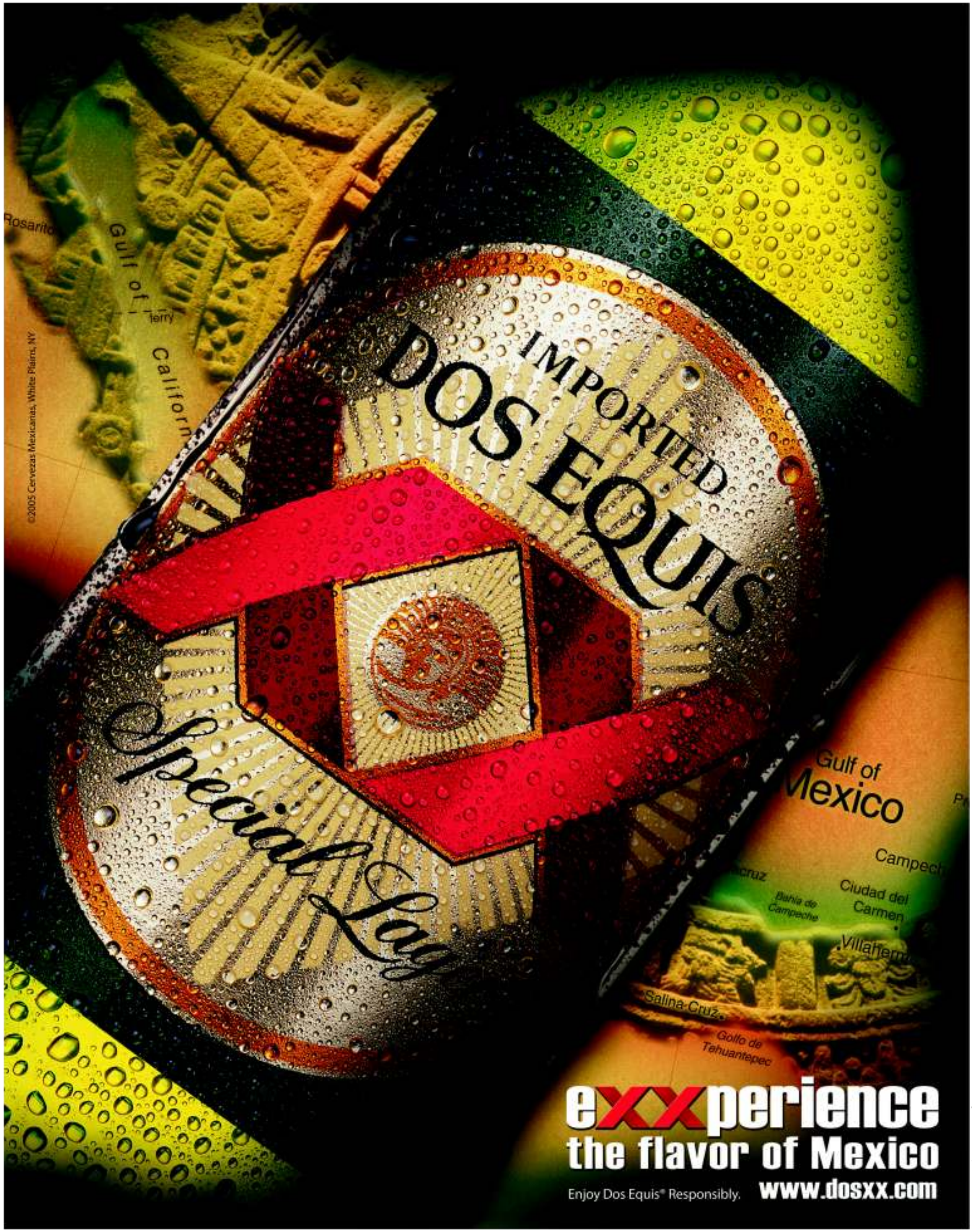
The San Diego Record Show takes place July 15 at 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest. Admission is $5 (or $10 for the early-bird preview, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.).

— Jay Allen Sanford



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"The original MCA record will probably never see the light of day."

Q&A
JAY ALLEN SANFORD

"The first Four Eyes album, recorded for MCA in 1982–1983, remains unreleased," says Mark DeCerbo. The guitarist/bassist/singer for Rockola and the Steely Damned founded Four Eyes in 1979 and revived the group late last year with a new album, *Sweet on the Vine.*

"Our first record was shelved due to the corporate shake-up at MCA, when Irving Azoff took control as president of that company. I do have the masters in my possession." DeCerbo says some tracks from the MCA sessions have already been remastered. "The original MCA record will probably never see the light of day as a complete album. But there will be remastered releases of some and maybe all of those original recordings on upcoming Four Eyes compilations already in the works."

DeCerbo has played on the local scene since moving here in 1975 when he formed a pop-rock duo called Roots with Gary Lehmann.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MUSIC?
"Well, let's see. My music is melodic. Wait, a lot of music is, isn't it? Um, it's rhythmic. Oh, yeah, I guess all music by nature has some sort of a pulse. Well, how 'bout harmonic? My music has chords and harmonies in it. You know, this is harder than I thought it would be."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?
1. The Beatles, *Rubber Soul* ("My favorite Beatles album and, hey, it's got 'In My Life' on it.")
2. The White Stripes, *De Stijl* ("I like it raw.")
3. Leo Kottke, *6- & 12-String Guitar* ("It soothes me.")

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?
1. *Sleeper* ("Or most any Woody Allen movie, really.")
2. *A Hard Day's Night* ("The best rock 'n' roll movie, hands down.")
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Mark DeCerbo

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Eddie Money: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

FRIDAY

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Roy Book Binder: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, July 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

SATURDAY

John Renbourn: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, July 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Ray Davies: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, July 15, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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.

SUNDAY

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marc Anthony and **Marco Antonio Solis:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 16, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

MONDAY

The Foo Fighters: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, July 17, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Nils Lofgren: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, July 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

TUESDAY

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

WEDNESDAY

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Raconteurs: Soma, Wednesday, July 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JULY

Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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, Friday, July 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Saturday, July 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray: House of Blues, Saturday, July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Herman's Hermits: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Sunday, July 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Taking Back Sunday: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Robin Trower: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Steely Dan: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Monday, July 24, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Duncan Sheik: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, July 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Santana: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Thursday, July 27, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Terri Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jurassic-5: 4th & B, Thursday, July 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Sounds of the Underground Tour": Soma, Friday, July 28, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Circa Survive: House of Blues, Friday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kirk Whalum: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, July 28, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Al Green: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Bone Thugs N Harmony: House of Blues, Saturday, July 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Sammy Hagar: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Manu Chao: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 30, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Bruce Cockburn: House of Blues, Monday, July 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

AUGUST

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pete Yorn: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Rollins Band and **X:** 4th & B, Tuesday, August 1, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Panic! at the Disco: Soma, Tuesday, August 1, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Sean Hannity, **Hank Williams Jr.**, and **Lee Greenwood:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Rippingtons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Julio Iglesias: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ramblin' Jack Elliott: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Ian Anderson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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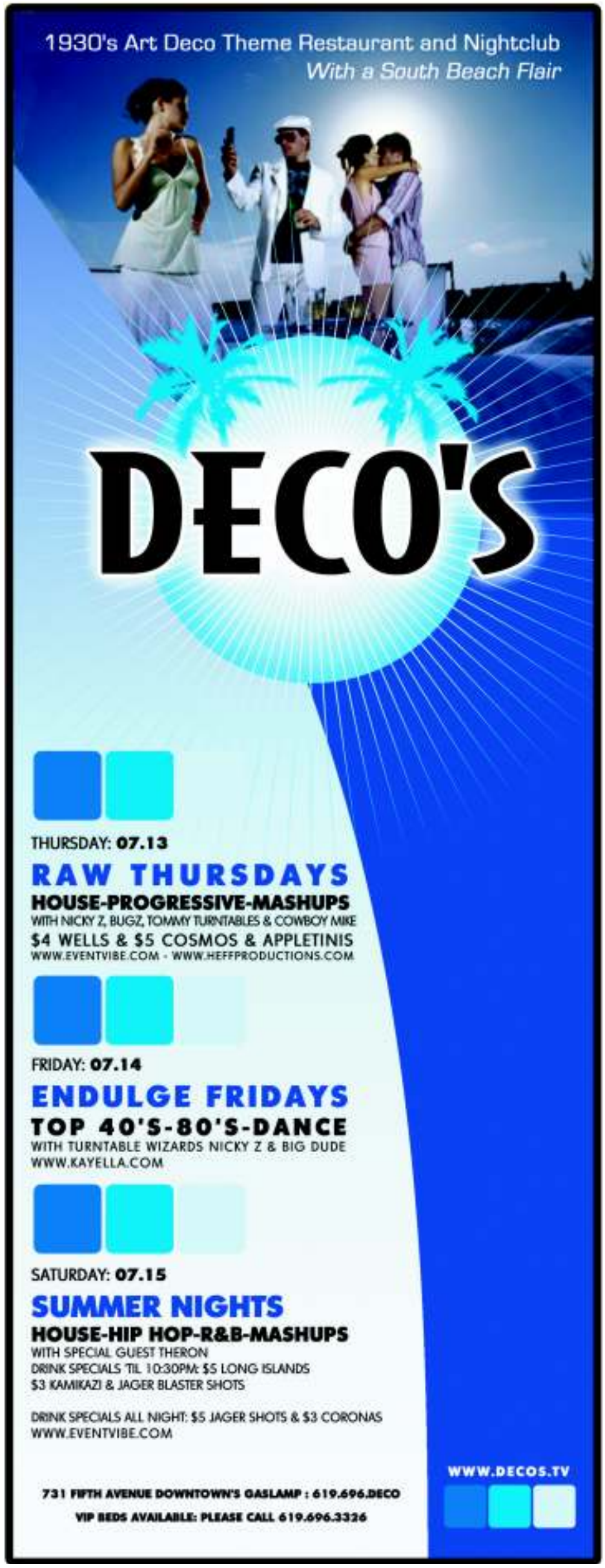
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Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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, Sunday, August 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Death Cab for Cutie: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, August 15, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Neville Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The John Jorgenson Quintet: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, August 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dennis DeYoung: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Bill Medley: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Saturday, August 19, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Dan Band: House of Blues, Saturday, August 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Burt Bacharach: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, August 20, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, August 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 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.

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Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Brian Howe: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Linda Eder: San Diego Civic Theatre, Saturday, September 9, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

The Wailers: House of Blues, Sunday, September 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 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.

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.

Venice: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, September 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Snow Patrol: House of Blues, Thursday, September 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Na Leo: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ellis Paul: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Former Kink **Ray Davies** has had his songs covered by Herman's Hermits, Van Halen, the Jam, the Pretenders, Yo La Tengo, and many others. He's been honored by the Queen of England. He is considered a father of both hard rock and Brit-pop, and he is practically a living brand name for a kind of middle-class, slice-of-life, character-driven style of songwriting that has influenced British bands from the Who to the Arctic Monkeys — not to mention a lot of artists in other countries, too. And yet people still say that Ray Davies has been underrated.

That's partly because some bad luck and questionable career moves prevented Davies from rising to the household-name status of his peers in the Beatles, the Who, and the Stones. Mostly, I think it's because Davies likes to keep it that way. Davies has confounded expectations at every turn — sometimes in a good way, often not — and seems to take delight in making himself frustrating and enigmatic. Even when he wrote his autobiography *X-Ray* in 1995, he made it a semi-fictionalized account of someone else interviewing him, set it in the future, and ends the Kinks story in 1973. (In reality, they broke up in 1996.) In a recent interview in London's *Telegraph,* he claimed to be suffering from multiple personality disorder. He was probably joking. Maybe not.


RAY DAVIES

Davies's new *Other People's Lives* is his first proper solo album in a career that spans more than 40 years, and it showcases some of his much-imitated, never-equaled lyrics set to disappointingly anonymous music — not that this matters much to Davies fans, and I am one. For us, the frustration is part of the charm.

RAY DAVIES, Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, July 15, 8 p.m. 619-235-9500. $25 to $40.

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: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Susan Werner: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

NOVEMBER

The Blue Man Group: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Aerosmith and **Mötley Crüe:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, November 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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Geoff Muldaur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

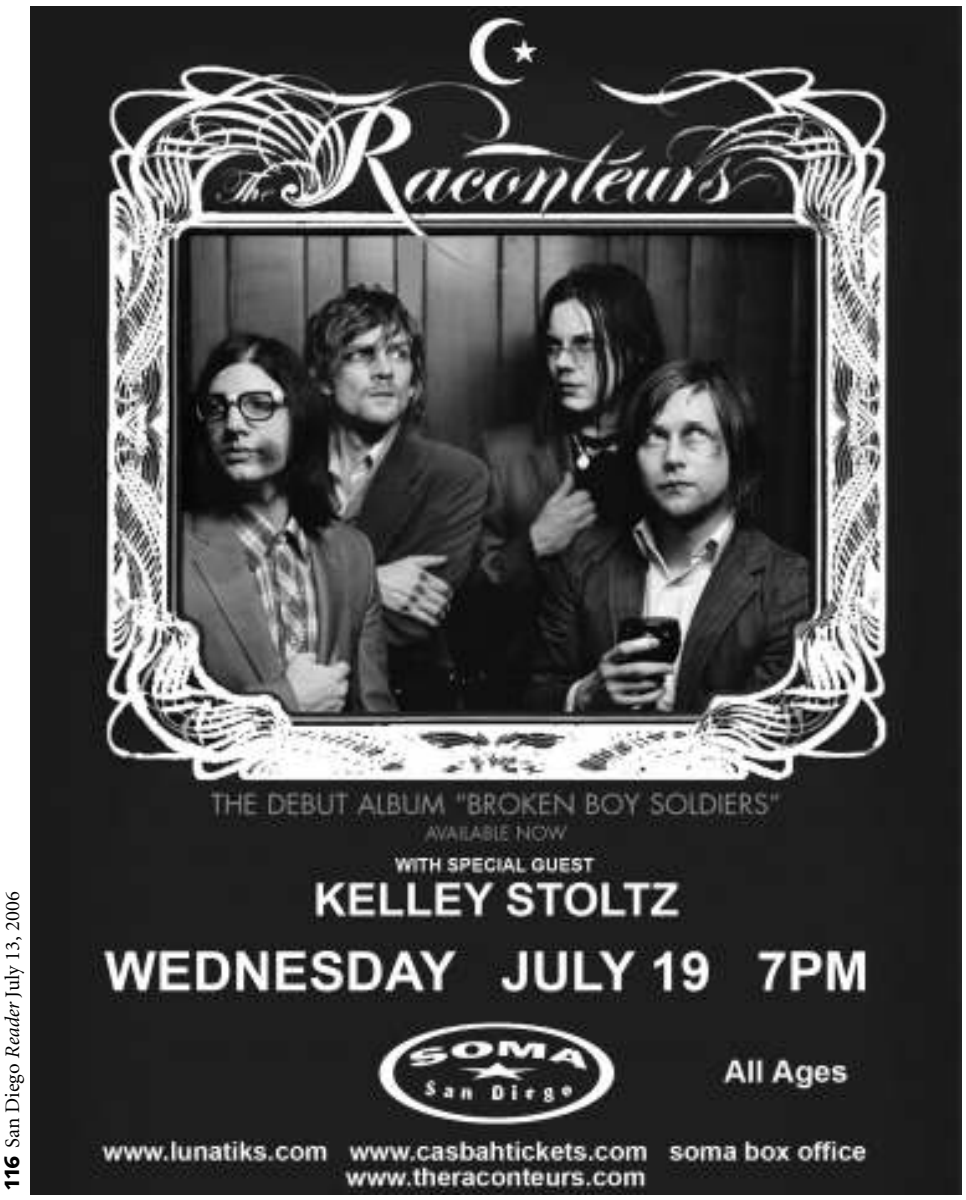
Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Glen Yarbrough: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Al Kooper: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana 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, Sickboy, and Atari. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth, Terryn, and other female DJs spin indie, electro, and Britpop. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, and Grimderella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Decade: First Saturday of the month, DJs Tom King and Brendan Cahill spin the best of '80s new romantic and post-punk. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-3323.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, DJs Veep Reekins and friends spin underground and classic hip-hop. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Thursdays, Mundo Caliente, DJ Sambo spins reggaeton, merengue, and salsa. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Wednesdays, Bay Area, dance and old skool with DJ Kool T. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close; 21 and up. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.

Mashed-Up Wednesdays: Wednesdays, mashups, breaks, and house with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 21 and up. Dino's 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

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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-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Third Saturday of the month, house, progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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!OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In his book *The Tipping Point,* Malcolm Gladwell describes how big changes can happen almost overnight. Changes follow a series of smaller and what might appear to be unrelated events. In Gladwell's world, change is like an epidemic. Social epidemics, he writes, are actually controlled by various agents, including "the efforts of a handful of exceptional people."

Did **Najee** "tip" smooth jazz? If you accept Gladwell's thesis, the evidence says yes. If the swelling popularity of the new jazz that took shape in the late '70s could be likened to a social epidemic, then Najee's role was indeed exceptional.

By the '60s, some critics say, straight-ahead jazz was an indulgence of the past. A decade later, radio programmers were scrambling to satisfy a growing market of baby boomers who were disenfranchised by hard rock and chatty DJs. Jazz artists like Bob James and David Sanborn, Earl Klugh and George Benson gained airplay alongside mellow James Taylor and Laura Nyro tracks with a new pared-down form of melodic jazz that was angst-free and light on the improvisation.


NAJEE

When Najee recorded a handful of demos he called "R&B with a saxophone" in the late '80s, he created one of the first rules of order of the new smooth jazz: all melodies should sound familiar, even if vaguely so. There was a huge audience ready to go there with him. His debut *Najee's Theme* cast him as a soprano saxophone flame and sold platinum. The follow-up *Day by Day* made Najee one of the first smooth-jazz superstars, and by 1991 he was *Soul Train's* Best Jazz Artist. All without one serious sax workout, in the old-school sense, although Najee punched through with shapes and edges and dynamics. He was good enough then that I can forgive him now for the legions of clones that have followed him down the smooth-jazz trail, where integrity is often bartered for fame and riches.

NAJEE, "Sunset Jazz at the Vines," Wilson Creek Winery, Saturday, July 15, 7 p.m. 951-699-9463. $50.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Morningwood, the Lashes,* and *As Fast As.* Friday, *Cannibal Ox, 4th Period,* and *the Icons,* hip-hop. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Venice, Jack Tempchin,* and *Rocket Science,* rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Veruca Salt* and *Jack the Original,* alternative. Monday, 8 p.m., *Nils Lofgren* and *Marcus Eaton,* acoustic. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Refugee Allstars of Sierra Leone.* Wednesday, *Boogie Nights.*

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, DJ event. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn,* classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kay Etheridge* and *Lisa Sanders,* acoustic.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *McGill,* folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sam Fisher,* folk.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Brokers,* blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Sunday, 4 p.m., and Tuesday, 5 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard,* rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson,* blues; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Nathaniel Street West;* 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds,* classic rock; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues;* 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague,* jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band,* rock/blues.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the North County Cowboys,* country.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Crystal Sage,* country/blues. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Nitro Express,* country/classic rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Superfreaks,* disco/dance. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reseeded,* classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Mother Funk,* rock. Saturday, *Leo Rising,* rock.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub, 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., *DJ Kool T,* hip-hop, house, reggaeton.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *R.D.G., National Dust, Deliverance, Machine,* and *Rev.* Saturday, *Deeds of Flesh, Severe Torture, Vile,* and *Decrepit Birth.* Sunday, *Clit 45, New Mexican, Disaster Squad, the Career Soldiers,* and *Locked & Loaded.* Tuesday, *Lindsey Yung, Bristol of Memory, Scarlet, Through the Radio,* and *Losers Beat Winners.* Wednesday, *Decapulet, Ayla, We're Falling, Evangeline,* and *Unknown Motive.*

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Peter Sprague,* jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *the Flat-Out Liars,* classic rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul,* blues/rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers.* rock. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Stefani Stevens,* acoustic pop. Sunday, 11 a.m., *Chini & Camberos,* Latin jazz.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, live bands, call club for information.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, Dixieland music. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, Dixieland jazz.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Trunk Monkey,* modern alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Lizard Fish,* rock and roll.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, *the Leperkhanz,* reggae/rock/Irish/funk. Friday and Saturday, live music. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union,* swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop,* jazz/variety.

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mark Norris,* smooth jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big Backyard,* rock. Saturday, *5 Alarm,* rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* pub rock. Friday, call club for information.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael,* Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Media Lab, Six-Foot Deathtrap,* and *Unset.* Friday, *the Stepping Feet, Desire,* and *Gish.* Saturday, *the Southland.* Wednesday, *Gadfly, Dirty Heads,* and *DJ Johnny B.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744.

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Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney,* solo/blues. Friday, *Charles Burton,* blues. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney* or *J.J. Slyde.*

Clay's, (formerly Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge), atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, live jazz.

Club 710 on the Beach (formerly Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *High Tide, the Fussa,* and *the Return,* reggae/rock. Friday, *DJ Cool Breeze, the Chris Murray Combo, Gadfly,* and *Burnt,* reggae. Saturday, *Agua Dulce* and *Those Dang Robinsons,* Latin/roots. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars.* Monday, open mike. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, *Kuumba Dawa,* world beat.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Big Backyard,* rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Machine, Oliver Reigns,* and *Lagoon,* rock. Saturday, *Hi8us* and *Sanguine.*

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.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind,* global jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Live rock, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Modern Day Moonshine,* blues/rock. Saturday, *Mojo Rising,* blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross,* jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila,* solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego. 858-270-0840. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Beatles White Album Night, live band performances of the Beatles' music.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

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.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine,* soul/blues/reggae. 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, 9 p.m., call club for information. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues.* Saturday, *Superunloader,* alternative rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Superdoo,* rock. Wednesday, *Cheeky,* alternative.

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, *D.P.I., the Gizzards, In Perfect Agony,* and *Solis.* Friday, *Psydecar* and *Kanekoa,* reggae/funk/island sounds. Saturday, *Drum and Tuba* and *Not Since Reagan,* rock. Sunday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra,* groove. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, *Elemental Harmonies.* Wednesday, *the Blue James Band* and *Shoestring Strap,* blues/bluegrass.

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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 Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Call club for information.

bold:The Arts and Entertainment Center, 3026 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-260-1731. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Ruby Blue,* acoustic jazz.

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.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Monday, 9 p.m., *Losers Beat Winners,* punk rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins,* 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., *Kim DiVine,* acoustic folk. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Sam Fisher,* folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is metal rock/heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *Masterguru, Downspell, Modessa,* and *Difficult Henry.* Friday, *Klub Therapy.* Saturday, *the Alternatives, Made out of Babies,* and *Headtrip Superstar.* Sunday, *Six Inch Man, 1019,* and guests.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, house/techno/electro.

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.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Devastators,* reggae.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings,* reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox.*

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80's.* Friday, *DJs Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes,* dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* jazz/blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Stellita* and *Reggie Smith,* jazz. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Johnson Project,* 9:30 p.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Burt Brion,* smooth jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Chet Cannon,* blues jam. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola.*

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.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live heavy rock/metal/alternative music.

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.*

Landing Strip Cafe and Bar (at Brown Field), 1425 Continental Avenue, San Diego. 619-661-6037. Friday and Saturday, 8:45 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, *Renata Youngblood* and *Root Hubb.* Friday, *Robin Henkel,* blues. Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale* and *Greg Laswell.* Sunday, *Gregory Page.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, call club for information.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective,* jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Midtown Church, 3858 Front Street, Hillcrest. 619-291-4728. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Karl Anthony, Kenny Ard, Jim Bianchi, Mama Christy of Darzana, Rachel Drexler, Daniel Hendrick, Ric Henry, Colleen Kendall, Carole Kuck, Fran Loskota, Kristi Rickert Peterson, All 4 One,* and *Soul Voice,* rock/blues/jazz/new age.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *One Inch Punch, the Archons,* and *El Dedo,* metal rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Sweet Tooth, Sugarglider, Wolf Trane,* and *Shea Stratton,* rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Rob Deez,* acoustic/hip-hop. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *U.S. Drag, the Tiger Sharks,* and *Middle Finger,* rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax,* folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band.*

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Coupe de Ville,* blues/swing.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, swing.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins,* rockabilly/blues.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove,* classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *the Devil Wears Prada, Carol Ann, Carniflex, Corsets Are Cages,* and *Message in Blood.* Friday, *Crystalline, Four Kings, the Dekoys, Kavena, Stiletto Silhouette,* and *Further.* Saturday, *Take the City, Sky Walker, Dinosaur Party, Family Forces 5, the Color Turning,* and *Nome Aesthetic.* Tuesday, *As Cities Burn, Maylete & the Sons of Disaster, Lorene Drive, Jonezetta,* and *Sever Your Ties.* Wednesday, *the Raconteurs* and *Kelly Stoltz.*

Static Lounge, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 858-534-2311. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Duff-O-Cide,* punk rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *the Citizen Band, Experimental,* and *the Bigfellas,* rock/blues. Friday, *the Joey Show,* rock. Saturday, *MC Flow, the Kneehighs,* and *the Nucc,* rock. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band.*

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert,* piano.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle, Coral MacFarland, Bob Magnusson,* and *Allan Phillips,* jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Chris*

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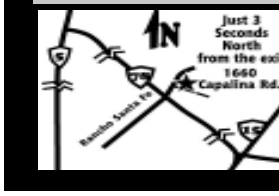
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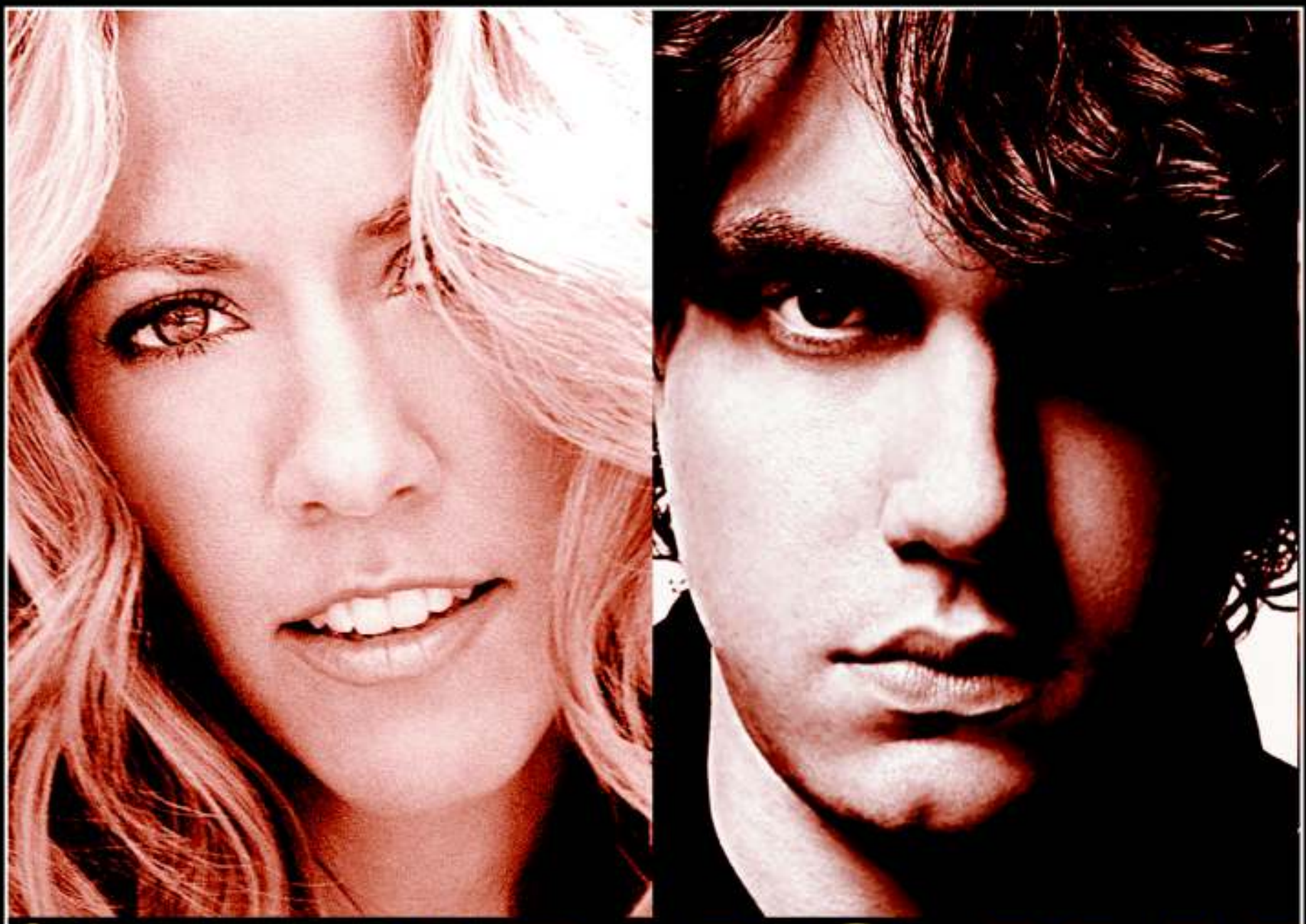
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Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Aspects of Physics* and *S.S.I.,* rock.

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Call club for information.

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., *Kova,* folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk,* acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Zepperella* and *Blizzard.* Friday, *Greg Laswell, Simon Dawes,* and *Anya Marina.* Saturday, *the UV Tigers, the Prayers,* and *Oliver Future.* Sunday, *the Appleseed Cast, Criteria,* and *the Russian Circles.* Tuesday, *Camera Obscura* and *Georgie James.* Wednesday, *Sean from Reeve, Ryan Ferguson, Arabella Harrison,* and *Tracy Johnson,* acoustic.

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.*

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Thicker Than Thieves, Blues from a Gun,* and *the Simple-Minded Soldiers,* reggae/blues/rock.

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Album: *At Arm's Length* (2006)
Artist: Michele Shipp
Label: self-released
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Band: Michele Shipp (vocals, piano, guitar, violin); Enrique Platas (drums); Mike Alvarez (cello)

On her website, Michele Shipp states, "This new CD was produced in my own recording studio on a G4 Mac using ProTools." It sounds as if it was recorded on a Fisher-Price "My First Boom Box."

The album is full of emotional soft rock that takes its cues, chords, and feeling from Sheryl Crow and Fleetwood Mac. But, everything's out of synch: as the primary musician, Shipp had to layer the recordings of each of her parts...and she *almost* gets it. The result is an arrhythmic mish-mash of instruments set to weak, loose, and muffled drumming. And, Shipp's vocals (lead and backups) are off-key.

Shipp's lyrics are her biggest asset. They're abstract and grounded, but a touch sentimental. "Within each quest a mystery has been / Greater search discoveries begin / Measure it and weighing it, puncture its skin / Hypothesize yourself too thin."

Shipp must be talented to play most of the instruments herself, although you



Michele Shipp

can't tell by the way this album is mixed. She's probably great at cocktail parties, given a piano or guitar, but her gifts do not lie in singing or producing.

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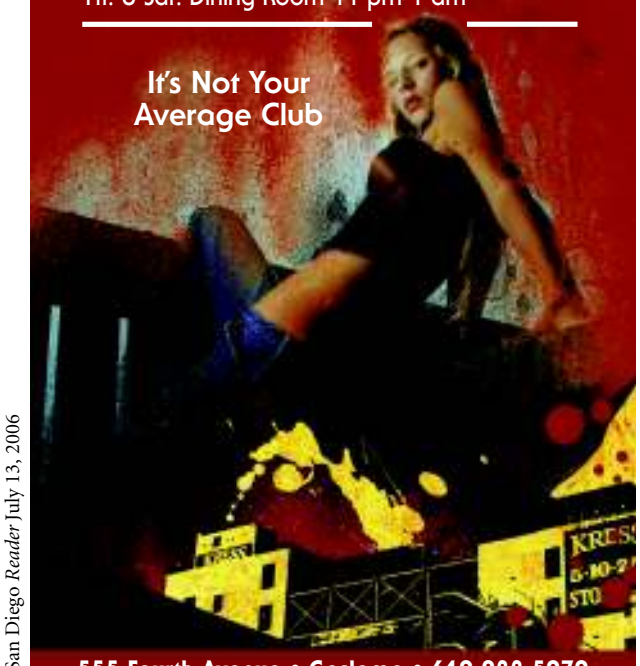
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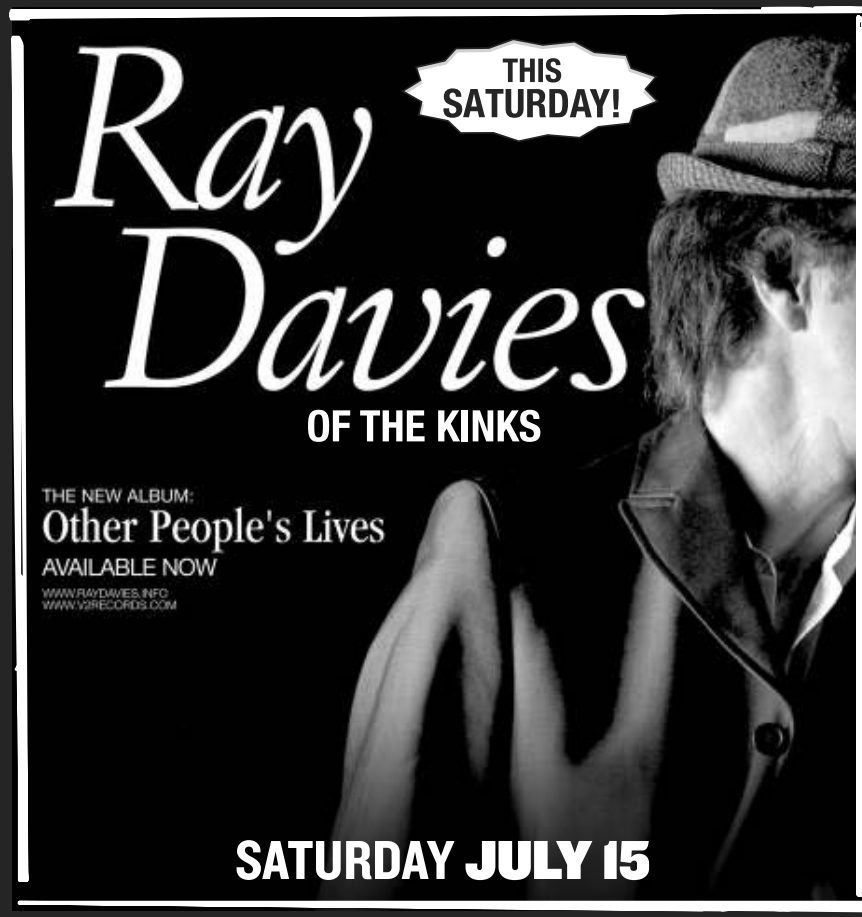
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The Whiskey Dicks: Fannie's Nightclub

Wolf Trane: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Zeperrella: The Casbah

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Cool Fever: Island Sports and Spirits

The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Stefani Stevens: La Playa Cantina & Grill

Superfreaks: Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce: Club 710 on the Beach

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

Jim Bianchi: Midtown Church

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Burt Brion: Humphrey's

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters, Magnolia's

The Caballeros Latin Jam: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Edo Brazil: Samba Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

The Johnson Project: Humphrey's

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Dave and Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Luna Llena: La Playa Cantina & Grill

Coral MacFarland: Tutto Mare

Bob Magnusson: Tutto Mare

Israel Maldonado: Pasquale on Prospect

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant & Bar

Mark Norris: St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery

P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Allan Phillips: Tutto Mare

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

The Rick Ross Trio: The Calypso Cafe

Ruby Blue: The Arts and Entertainment Center

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

Reggie Smith: Humphrey's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague: Ki's Coffee On Top, Coyote Bar and Grill

Stelitta: Humphrey's

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Jaime Valle: Tutto Mare

Willovealot: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Magnolia's, Thrusters

The Wize Guyz: Tommy's Italian Restaurant

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Z-Bop: Martini's Bar and Grill

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High Tide: Club 710 on the Beach

Kanekoa: Winstons

Kuumba Dawa: Club 710 on the Beach

The Chris Murray Combo: Club 710 on the Beach

Psydecar: Winstons

The Return: Club 710 on the Beach

Sally's Steel Drum Duo: Sally's Seafood on the Water

Thicker Than Thieves: 4th & B

Those Dang Robinsons: Club 710 on the Beach

Uplift: The Calypso Cafe

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The North County Cowboys: Del Dios Bar and Grill

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

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Kenny Ard: Midtown Church

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Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Blarney Stone Pub

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Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Simon Dawes: The Casbah

Kim DiVine: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley

Rachel Drexler: Midtown Church

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9/11 Feist
10/10 Mofro
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8/6 **FM 94.9 presents The Aggrolites w/The Chris Murray Combo**
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8/10 **KSON presents Asleep at the Wheel**
8/11 **Years Around The Sun**
8/13 **KSON presents Hal Ketchum**
8/15 **The Neville Brothers**
8/16 **Cracker**
8/17 **World Party w/Elvis Perkins**
8/18 **Hurt**
8/19 **Dead Man's Party w/The Cured**
8/21 **91X presents Gary Numan**
8/25 **Al Howard & The K23 Orchestra, Vegitation & Deadline Friday**
8/26 **Dave Alvin w/The Hacienda Bros.**
8/28 **Everton Blender/Admiral Tibet**
8/30 **Little River Band**
8/31 **Greg Brown**
9/2 **Steve Poltz**
9/3 **Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers**
9/7 **Brian Howe formerly of Bad Company**
9/8 **Mikey Dread**
9/15 **The Mother Hips**
9/17 **Cross Canadian Ragweed**
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10/13 **Los Straitjackets w/Pontani Sisters**
10/18 **Ladytron w/CSS**
10/22 **Easy Star All Stars**
10/26 **Bob Schneider**
10/28 **Atomic Punks**
11/4 **Tommy Castro**
11/16 **An Evening with Groundation**

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Mike Gardner: Cheers, North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub

Eli Goldsmith: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Taran Gray: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Arabella Harrison: The Casbah

Daniel Hendrick: Midtown Church

Ric Henry: Midtown Church

David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Tracy Johnson: The Casbah

Julianne: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Colleen Kendall: Midtown Church

Nikhil Korula: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Kova: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Carol Kuck: Midtown Church

Greg Laswell: The Casbah, Lestat's Coffee House

Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe

Elise Levi: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Nils Lofgren: Belly Up Tavern

Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffee House

Fran Loskota: Midtown Church

Anya Marina: The Casbah

McGill: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Amy Obenski: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Pat & Joe: Blarney Stone Pub

Joey Person: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Kristi Rickert-Peterson: Midtown Church

Root Hubb: Lestat's Coffee House

Lisa Sanders: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Sean from Reeve: The Casbah

Jack Tempchin: Belly Up Tavern, The Calypso Cafe

Chris Torres: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Renata Youngblood: Lestat's Coffee House

Lindsay Yung: The Jumping Turtle

BLUES / SOUL

The Blue James Band: Winstons

Blue Largo: Patrick's II

Blue Rockit: Dick's Last Resort

The Blues Brokers: Carvers, The Kraken

Blues from a Gun: 4th & B

Charles Burton: Chateau Orleans

Chet Cannon: Humphrey's

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

Coupe de Ville: Pal Joey's

Tomcat Courtney: Chateau Orleans

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters: Turquoise Cafe

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Hugh Gaskins: Rosie & Joe's

Robin Henkel: Lestat's Coffee House

The Hoodoo Blues: Tiki House

The Ironworks: Fannie's Nightclub

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill

Jumpstart: Island Sports and Spirits

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Tower Bar, Henry's Pub

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak: Patrick's II

Gregory Michael: Bully's

Modern Day Moonshine: Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Thrusters

Mojo Rising: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players: Patrick's II

The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club

Shelle Blue: Patrick's II

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II

J.J. Slyde: Chateau Orleans

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Billy Thompson: Coyote Bar and Grill

West of Memphis: House of Blues

EVERYTHING ELSE

John Cain: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Cannibal Ox: Belly Up Tavern

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Rob Deez: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

4th Period: Belly Up Tavern

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

The Icons: Belly Up Tavern

The Leperkhanz: Ocean House

Los Ingratos: Over the Border

Mama Christy of Darzana: Midtown Church

Amanda Miguel: House of Blues

Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla

Palos: The Calypso Cafe

Kristi Rickert: Top of the Cove

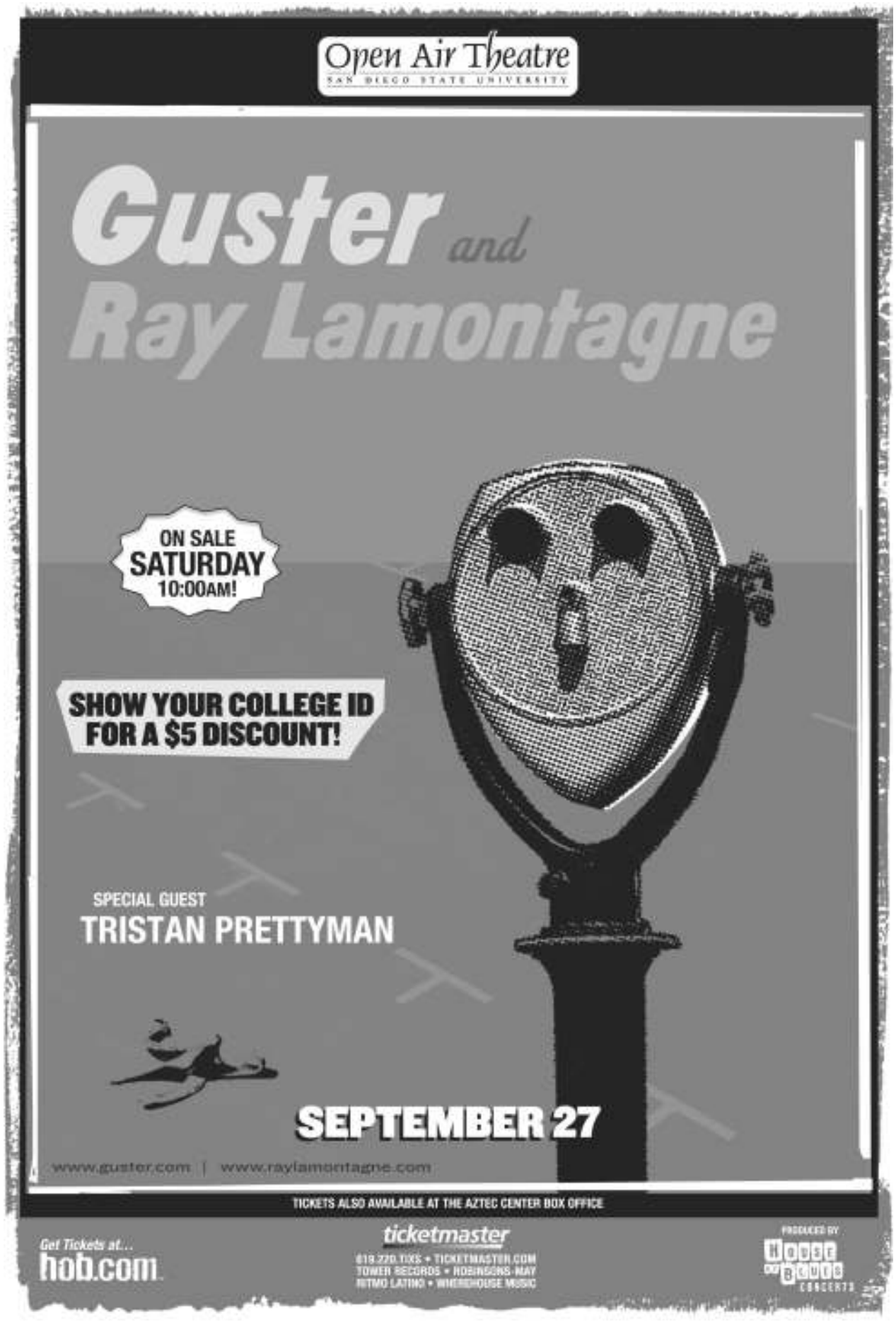
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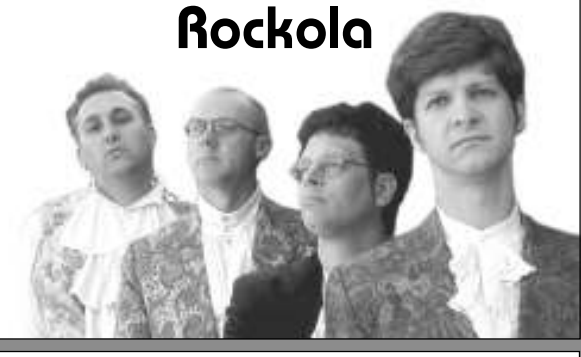


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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

On a midweek evening a few months ago, my partner and I rambled over to our brand-new neighborhood bistro, excited because in all of South Park/Golden Hill there are only two other genuine restaurants. "No reservation?" said the hostess. "You'll have to wait at the bar for at least an hour. We have a big party coming in ten minutes." We glanced at the bar: bodies three to four deep. Noise like a trash truck in full collection mode. No thanks. Next day, we called for a res. "We don't take reservations for small parties," a different hostess said in a French accent. "You can put your name on the waiting list just before you start out, and you'll get the first available table after you arrive." We decided to put off going to Vagabond Kitchen until the dust settled.

Meanwhile, Vagabond grew into a hangout for local French chefs, SD celebs, and business hotshots coming from downtown and other high-toned districts. The gleaming tan-and-chestnut Mercedes parked at the yellow zone in front during our most recent dinner certainly didn't look like a South Beach resident; nor did its owner, a tall, dark, and handsome cigar-smoker, wearing a fine white shirt with so many buttons opened, you could count his chest hairs.

The restaurant occupies a small, hacienda-style terra-cotta adobe. Inside, it's about half bar, half sit-down, with tables for 40. The decor combines France, Morocco, the Caribbean, and lands less known, with decorative bits of exotica wherever your gaze turns. There are banquettes along the walls lined with throw pillows, but most tables are tiny, with barely room for each person's entrée and bread plate. Each table holds a scented candle and a French canning jar filled with dining utensils, and the white tablecloths are topped, bistro-style, with white paper. The room roars with world music, bar blenders, and diners shouting to hear each other — and that's on a quiet night. Most evenings there are huge parties, too.

The bill of fare has changed so often (mainly by expansion) that as of this writing, Vagabond's website still has no posted menu, and although a sign in the window says (in French) that you can take out any dish, there aren't any takeout menus either. The menu, subtitled "cuisine without boundaries," ranges over the world — Europe (France, Italy, and Spain), North Africa, the Caribbean, and South America — but the dishes are interpreted in a style that's at once distinctly Gallic yet highly personal. Paris-born restaurateur and world-traveler Philippe Beltran (co-owner of Vagabond with Jerome Gombert), who many years ago owned French Side of the West and the French-Caribbean Alizé, brought his long-time chef Baltazar Montero with him. The cooking may sport a French accent, but it's free from the manacles of classic French culinary restraint. The kitchen doesn't merely sprinkle on the herbs, spices, and condiments, it piles them on.

Take the ramekin of aioli that comes with the light, puffy Italian table-bread. "Honey, don't kiss me until you take a bite of this, too," said my partner after swiping his bread in it. I took a taste in turn: it proved to be the original garlic-loaded potion of southern France, not some newfangled lightened version. "No worries about Dracula tonight," I said.

We hesitated a bit too long over our order, and that was enough for our French waitress to gravitate to a newly entered party of ten, switching us to an American waitress (actually more cordial) who also had to deal with a giggly party of six halfway across the room and a threesome beside us. There were long gaps between orders and deliveries. We didn't mind the waits but were a bit put off by the musical-waitresses stunt, which made us feel that we'd been sized up for our tip potential and found wanting. After the meal, I phoned my friend Bill to compare notes, as he'd mentioned lunching there earlier that week. "I shouldn't have hesitated over the menu," he said. "When I couldn't order as soon as I sat down, my waitress disappeared for a full 25 minutes. I wondered if I'd ever see her again. Everybody else eating there looked so corporate. Maybe I was dressed wrong. I felt like they didn't really want me there."

Our first dinner began with an *assiette française,* an assortment of pâtés, deli meats, cheeses, and garnishes. When you travel in France, charcuterie shops become your mainstays for affordable *piqnique* lunches of pâtés, bread, and cheese (compared to the exorbitant grilled-cheese sandwiches at the cafés). I was grinning like the Cheshire Cat as I tasted my way through Vagabond's made-in-France assortment: a country-style pork pâté (which I loved but my less-traveled partner compared unfavorably to his favorite pâté, Spam); an ethereal duck-liver mousse that flew off the plate (and onto both forks); and slices of *rosette de Lyons,* a dainty French salami. Dairy showed up as two melon-ball scoops of salty Roquefort and two slices of mild semi-soft cheese, possibly Manchego. Classic garnishes included cornichon pickles, salt-cured ripe olives, and toasted baguette slices.

Vagabond Kitchen
★★★ (Very Good)

2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 255-1035; *www.vagabond-kitchen.com*

HOURS: Daily 11:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.; bar until midnight on weekends.
PRICES: Soups, appetizers, and salads, $4.50–$9.50; entrées, $10–$21.50; lunch appetizers slightly higher (to serve as entrées); sandwiches, $8–$9.50; lunch entrées, $10.50–$13.50.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Seasonal "world food" filtered through a French sensibility, with an affordable list of global wines to match, plenty by the glass (many for $5), plus international beers. Full bar with tropical cocktails.
PICK HITS: Charcuterie plate; calamari (fried or salad); *moules-frites*; bass baked in banana leaves; seco de carne.
NEED TO KNOW: Reservations a must for dinner unless you want to belly up to the bar (and even that doesn't guarantee a barstool). Busy at lunch, too, with a crowd dressed for business. Extremely noisy (must shout to converse). Desserts outsourced. Parking best on 30th, behind liquor store.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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Fried calamari were winners, too, in a crisp, peppery batter, sprinkled with chives and bits of tomato, mingling with sweet-tasting roasted garlic cloves that send their aroma deep into the squid and prove delicious eating on their own. At that dinner, the dip was tartar sauce, but we cleaved to the aioli. Next time, we ordered a calamari salad, and aioli alone was the dip. The salad is about half fried calamari (including garlic) and half grilled squid *a la plancha,* mingling with crisp spring greens in a light honey-mustard dressing that we found irresistible. However, Vagabond was having a busy night (as always) and some of the squid came off the *plancha* too soon, still slimy and rubbery. In either of its guises, the calamari appetizers are portioned to share among three or four. Fewer at table? The salad leftovers make an ideal hot-weather lunch.

A summery "Italian appetizer plate" is meant for two to share. About half the plate is covered with *insalata caprese,* tomato slices with mild buffalo-milk mozzarella, topped with a layer of fresh-basil confetti. The tomatoes ranged from very ripe to cottony. The other half consists of two bruschetta on a sliced olive baguette, topped with ripe, diced tomato, basil, garlic, Kalamata olives, pine nuts, and a haystack of prosciutto slivers (which claims to be imported but actually tasted like any mild ham). "Between underripe tomato and undercooked squid, I'm not sure the Emperor is fully dressed," said my partner. "BVDs, maybe, but no ermine robe."

The best of our entrées royally completed the Emperor's costume. The masterpiece was a Caribbean-style dish of Chilean sea bass baked in banana leaves. The leaves are soaked in water to soften them, and the moisture poaches the fish during a brief trip through a very hot oven. Topped with a lime slice and a bay leaf, our fish was cooked to trembling opalescence, while the charred leaves contributed an earthy flavor. The sauce was subtle and lime-y, and we loved the topping of roasted chopped peanuts. Alongside came saffron rice and interesting *nuevo wavo* Cuban-style black beans, sweet with molasses and herbal with a heavy waft of thyme.

In the Peruvian stew, *seco de carne*, beef substitutes for traditional goat meat (and I can't blame the kitchen for that, given that most Americans won't order *chivo*). The deep, dark herbal sauce not only does Peru proud, it actually outshines most Peruvian folk versions. This magic potion is laden with cooked-in cilantro and green peas, beef cubes, and potato chunks. The spuds, cooked separately, are topped with herbed yogurt, and the tart dairy flavor seeps into the sauce, adding an unexpected fresh-sour note. "I see why they call this 'Seco,' " said my partner. "This beef is pretty dry. I'd rather have some nice, fatty goat." "No, the recipe's name is because the sauce — not the meat — is supposed to be *seco,* that is, thick and not runny," I protested. I didn't mind the beef too much — especially since this was still the tastiest *seco* sauce either one of us has ever laid fork to. (Unfortunately, it's not long for the ever-changing menu: Beltran plans to substitute *lomo saltado,* Peruvian sautéed steak strips with French fries in their sauce, as a lighter dish for summer.)

I'd have loved to sink into a bathtub filled with the sauce that swathed the *moules-frites,* a classic Belgian dish of mussels cooked with sliced celery in white wine, finished off with an enrichment of cream and fries on the side. The small mussels from chilly Prince Edward Island in the North Atlantic were dense-textured and full-flavored, and the flawless straw potatoes were sprinkled amply with salt, black pepper, and toasted, crumbled dry rosemary.

The lesser entrées stripped the Emperor back to his skivvies. I'd heard rumors the paella was good. It proved to be not paella at all but a French fantasy of the dish. It was more citrusy than saffron-laden, and smothered with chopped fresh basil. Served in a small iron pan sized for two, it included mussels, clams, chicken breast, Spanish chorizo, and loose sausage — all rather dry. It wasn't bad, exactly, but if your mouth is set for authentic paella sized for a couple, better head to Costa Brava (in PB) for its Sunday brunch version, rather than this oddball rendition.

The dish we liked least was a "Caribbean" rack of lamb stuffed with a large branch of rosemary, based on a recipe from Guadeloupe-Martinique in the French West Indies (where it's made with beef). In a half-dozen trips to the southern Caribbean, I've never seen one sheep — just lots of goats. (Sheep wool stays thin and patchy in the tropics, and ovine eating habits are too destructive for thin-soiled volcanic islands.) Nor did I ever spot a sprig of rosemary, a Mediterranean herb that swoons in the heat. "Our spiciest dish," said the menu, but we didn't detect any significant hot pepper. Wherever the recipe came from, the rosemary was overwhelming, the meat slightly greasy. (Happily, this dish, too, is scheduled to be replaced — by a Moroccan extravaganza of lamb tagine, merguez, and cous-cous.)

Other popular options that we didn't try include numerous salads (most temptingly, a salade niçoise made with freshly grilled ahi) and coq au vin, which seems to be making a comeback lately — Le Bastide, Cavaillon, and Stingaree are among the celebrated new restaurants that feature it. (I couldn't bring myself to order it; during my first romance with Julia Child, Volume 1, seduced by its low cost and easy technique, I cooked it for a few too many dinner parties.)

The wine list is a joy, with something for every taste and budget. If the weather is still steamy, run your eyes down the whites by the glass, thinking, "Anything but Chardonnay." The list includes both a Muscadet and a Vouvray, perfect hot-weather aperitifs, and both fine matches for Asian flavors. But if you must have Chard, the DeLoach is fuller-bodied than the minor French bottling and is worth the extra four bits.

Lamb aside, I generally enjoyed eating at Vagabond (as reflected in the rating), but as my friend Bill noted, there's something in the atmosphere that's oddly unwelcoming to just plain neighborhood folk. The owner states that he wants his restaurant to be a place where people can relax, but in some subtle fashion, the staffers at Vagabond seem to embody a chilly Gallic "hipper than thou" stance. (Hipper than *moi? Est-ce possible?*) However delightful the food, it doesn't quite match the heights of the 'tude — and attitude's not something I expect or want from a bohemian neighborhood spot serving adventurous bistro fare.

ABOUT VAGABOND

"I'm not really a chef, I don't know the techniques," says Philippe Beltran. He's a restaurateur with a trusty long-time chef, Baltazar Montero, starting with Beltran's French Side of the West (the predecessor to Vagabond, and currently the site of Nathan Coulon's Modus). "I had a French chef there," he says, "and Baltazar started as dishwasher and worked his way up to prep cook, cook, and then became sous-chef, and he learned everything from the French chef. Then I had Alizé [which featured the cuisine of the French West Indies]. The chef there was a younger guy named Olivier (who was a friend of Fabrice Poigin, all those people who came over from France at one time). Baltazar worked under him to learn some of the newer techniques and basically from there on became my chef and has followed me everywhere." Philippe comes up with the decor and collaborates with Baltazar on the menu and the overall recipe for each dish and often works in the kitchen putting the final touches on the plates and making sure everything is okay. Baltazar does the actual cooking.

"I was born and raised in Paris," says Philippe. "I had the equivalent of two years of college. When I was 20, I visited North Africa and got the travel bug. I got a job with Club Med for three years and traveled all through Spain and Italy. Then I went to the Caribbean for three years — Guadeloupe, Martinique, the Dominican Republic. After that I came back here and opened restaurants, and then I traveled to Asia.

"I sold all my restaurants about six years ago. I needed a break from the restaurant business, and I started to work for a French company importing teak furniture from Vietnam. The food in Vietnam — wonderful! After four years, the restaurant business was calling to me again and I wanted to get back into it. A French artist named Titouan Lamazou inspired me. He studied the arts in Paris and then traveled the world by boat, competing in open-sea races, and everywhere he went, he took photographs and collected things and wrote a travel journal called *Carnet des Voyages.* That gave me the concept for a restaurant that eventually became Vagabond."

"Now I'm going to go to South America to get married in Peru. My fiancée is Peruvian, and her mother came to the restaurant and taught Baltazar the recipe for the *seco de carne.* Her grandmother taught him the recipe for *aji amarillo* sauce. Baltazar is a really good learner…We get some of our other recipes from friends who live here who came from other countries.…

"The one thing I'm proud of is that when I first came here, I was a waiter at Café des Beaux Arts, and we had one pâté on the menu, but nobody ever ordered it. Later, when I bought the place and turned it into French Side of the West, we did a charcuterie plate — several pâtés from France, and the chef would make *rillettes* or head cheese. And the first thing we'd do, before we'd even give you a menu (it was a prix fixe), was to serve the charcuterie plate. Nobody would order it, but when I gave it away, everyone would eat it and love it. So I was the first one to introduce San Diegans to charcuterie.

"It's my art, it's what I do. I'm 42 years old and I have no money in the bank, but I love my life. What Vagabond is about is exposing San Diegans to the world — other cultures, other music, other art, other cuisines. It's all about friendship, one world, no borders. When you travel, you bring back spices and art from here or there. So Vagabond is like a world house with a world kitchen, with art and spices from all over. Our success — it's such a small place, such big crowds — we're actually stretching a little too thin. I have to train new people constantly. I've always been a people person. This is not the greatest restaurant in the world — it's a restaurant for the people, and when people come in stressed and then over their dinner they relax and enjoy themselves here, that's what I find so rewarding." ■

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Avocado Gives It Squelch

"Sweet tacos? Yeah, right. And you found Bigfoot munching there, too, I suppose?"

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Is there such a thing as a sweet taco?

My friend Jason and his friend Mariana claimed they'd found this joint in Tijuana up beyond the racetrack. "Honest," said Jason. "They served shrimp tortillas with pineapple inside and raspberry sauce on top and walnuts on top of that. It was incredible!"

'Course I said, "Sweet tacos? Yeah, right. And you found Bigfoot munching there, too, I suppose?"

Then I headed south, just in case.

At 7:00 p.m., I squeeze out of one of those crowded community taxis and totter off Agua Caliente into a side street. La Ermita-Norte.

Suddenly, you're in a land of quaint houses and narrow cross-streets. And quiet, so quiet — until a pack of schoolgirls in plaid-skirted uniforms comes up the other way, shouting and laughing. You pass an old wooden bungalow with sewing machines crowding its porch. "*Máquinas de Coser,*" says the sign. "Sewing Machines, Repairs and Sales."

"It's down that way," says the girl on the porch when I ask. And yes, just beyond a little street called Barburias del Mar, a crowded island of light bursts into view.

"Sweet tacos? This is it," says a guy outside. "Its official name is 'Tacos Salceados,' but everybody calls it '*La Ermita.*' "

Hmm. "The Hermitage." And it's a classy taco place all right. Looks middle-class. Well-dressed people, families munching, partying.

I count about a dozen tables and maybe 15 counter stools. The place has a sloping lean-to-shaped roof, white walls, and a white-and-blue tiled floor. A blue pillar in the center tells you where the original building ended: this place has expanded. They have Paris street scenes hanging on the walls. Waiters scurry 'round in white shirts and green aprons and black baseball caps, with maybe another dozen kitchen staff behind the counter.

I maneuver onto a counter stool. Tall, 40ish chef looks at me, like, "What's it gonna be?" He points to the listings painted on the wall behind me. Lord. About 30 different taco combos. "They have 30 salsas, too," says this guy on the stool to my right. Esteban.

I consider the list. First up is *taco salceado*. "It has meat with cheese and *salsa suave,*" the chef says. "It's 15 pesos on a corn tortilla, 24 on a flour. Flour tortilla's bigger." That's about $1.50 or $2.25.

The list goes down. Tacos with jalapeño, carne asada, shrimp, then, hey, interesting combos: shrimp and salmon, shrimp and trout, shrimp and scallops, shrimp, swordfish, New York steak, cow's tongue.

But now the chef's assistant throws a handful of shredded cheese onto the hot plate, then glues a corn tortilla to it and adds shrimp, then slices of avocado. He creams a pinkish dressing over it and hands it to this gal on my left. "This is my *quesataco,*" she says.

"Like a quesadilla?"

"Sort of," she says.

Man, it looks so sloppy and delicious, I have to try one. It costs about two bucks for the corn-tortilla version, three for the flour.

In a couple of minutes, the big guy hands me mine. Corn. The cheese is grilled till it's almost crackly against the tortilla. The pink dressing, *salsa de camarón,* gives it richness. The avocado gives it squelch. "I make the dressing specially for all fish tacos," he says. Oh man, it works.

I get a Coke in the old-fashioned bottle (about a dollar), just to help it down. Turns out the big guy's the owner, the founder. Javier Campos Guttiérez.

The question is, what next? Esteban is plowing into a *quesataco* with shrimp and scallops (about $2.50), but Guadalupe, on the stool next to him, has what she calls a *taco dulce.* Aha! Looks like a kind of crêpe. Inside, it has shrimp with pineapple, and the raspberry sauce Jason was talking about, oozing all over the top. Chopped walnuts scattered everywhere. It goes for about $3.00. "I have come all the way down from L.A. for this," says Guadalupe.

So of course I ask Javier for a *taco dulce* for me, and man, that combo of savory shrimp and the sweet raspberry cover works wonders. Javier has topped it with mint and garnished it with slices of orange. 'Course purists are probably gagging by now. You've gotta have a sweet tooth to appreciate it. I've got 32 of them.

"And I came down from L.A. for this," says Guadalupe's daughter, Carmen. She's looking down at a baked potato stuffed with shrimp. So, even though I've just had this sweet taco, I have to try the baked potato (about $3.00). I go for *adobada* (pork) in mine. And this, too, is out-of-the-box beautiful. The thing is drenched in cheese, swimming in mushrooms, pork, crispy bacon, and a white, garlicky dressing. It's so good I forget to add any of those 30 salsas.

Turns out Esteban, who's a true-blue *Tijuanense,* has known Javier for years. "Javier came up from Guadalajara," he says. "I knew him when he just had a standard little taco place. Then he set up here five years ago and started having these ideas, inventing new tacos. And look how he has expanded. This used to be a little hole in the wall. Now, between nine and midnight it gets so crowded, they have to line up out in the street."

It's dark as I head up Ermita toward the distant roar of Boulevard Díaz Ordaz. But I'm thrilled. What a find! Guess I'll have to, uh, apologize to Jason and Mariana for the "Bigfoot" crack — and then slam them for not letting me in on this sooner. ■

The Place: *Tacos Salceados (Tacos La Ermita), 30-A, Avenida Ermita-Norte, Fraccionamiento Santa Cruz La Mesa, near Calle Barburias del Mar, off Boulevard Díaz Ordaz. No phone.*
Type of Food: *Mexican tacos*
Prices: *Jalapeño taco, $1.50 (corn tortilla), $2.25 (larger flour tortilla) (prices approximate, exchange rate varies); shrimp tacos with salmon or trout, $2.00/$3.00; marlin tacos, $1.80/$2.50;* quesataco *(various fillings), $2.00/$3.00; asada, $1–$2; baked potato with beef, $3.00;* taco dulce, *shrimp, pineapple, raspberry sauce, walnuts, $3.00*
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"Women were dominant consumers, making mostly anonymous purchases in supermarkets."

"About 20 years ago," recalls Women & Wine founder Julie Brosterman, "I worked at Windows on the World in New York. Kevin Zraly" — author of the famed *Windows on the World Complete Wine Course* — "had the office next to mine. He said, 'If you want to learn about wine, come and pour for the wine school classes.' And I did." And that might have been the end of it — a splendid introduction, providing an enhanced personal enjoyment of the grape.

But then, "about 16 months ago, I read an article in the *New York Times*' travel section about women traveling together for spa and adventure travel. This was a growing trend — to celebrate newfound wealth, to celebrate their independence. I turned to my husband and said, 'Why isn't anybody doing this as a go-to source for women who want to learn about wine?' There's that great creation of a memory over sharing this or that glass. And, of course, traveling to wine country is an incredible experience, and there's the bonding that happens over that learning."

Brosterman fired herself from her job as a strategist, then hired herself as if she were a client of her old firm. "The more I peeled the onion back, the more I realized that women were dominant consumers, making mostly anonymous purchases in supermarkets. There weren't a lot of trusted sources to talk to them in a personal yet aspirational way."

Her first website, launched in February of '05, was just a toe in the water — Girlfriends' Getaway. The water, as it turned out, was fine — and more than fine. "With the zeitgeist moment of *Sideways* and *Desperate Housewives,* the media response was pretty overwhelming. People were really excited."

Initially, the site sought to offer custom travel packages for groups of women interested in wine-related travel. The itinerary for a May 2005 trip to Santa Barbara gives a sense of things: arrive at Simpson House Inn, taste Rabbit Ridge wines, and hear a lecture on Santa Barbara winemaking history. Early-evening excursion to the city's wonderful Wine Cask wine store for a session on how to buy wine in a retail shop. "We lock travelers in a wine shop with a glass of Champagne and watch them cringe over, 'Why do I feel like I have two heads?' "

But things change for the terrified tourists "after tasting and being able to say what they like and don't like, and having had someone explain to them the kinds of questions they should ask, and that the wine retailer can be your best ally in helping to facilitate dinner parties. They usually become comfortable and just start shopping. You know, women like to buy things, and when they get some experience under their belt, wine is one of those things. They get very excited about finding new things, expanding their horizons," and further, spending outside the supermarket range. "Women wear Manolo Blahnik shoes; they carry beautiful handbags. There's really that trend of treating themselves well. I don't think that they're put off by a beautiful wine that has a very high price."



After the session, dinner at the Wine Cask restaurant with the winemakers from Curran, Sea Smoke, Cold Heaven, and Sanford. "At the end of the two or three days, the winemakers are all personal friends with the guests, and the guests are calling them by their first names. It's a very different experience — real accessibility." Next day, it's vineyard tours and more tasting. But the trip also allows time for other sorts of shopping, garden tours, spa treatments, hiking…

The group tours were phase one. Phase two sought to cater to solo women travelers who wanted "a kind of Women & Wine experience. We reached out to our hotel partners to create signature packages. If a woman was on a business trip in San Francisco and wanted to go to Napa for the weekend, either alone or with a colleague," she could sign on and let the package take care of the details. That led to phase three — custom trips put together by the company, open to anybody. Well, maybe not just *anybody:* "We have one on our website right now, a very behind-the-scenes trip in Sonoma. Based on the price and the type of people that they're going to be meeting, we feel that it's going to be people who are pretty savvy about wine."

But such events are the exception; the general theme of Women & Wine is one of inclusion — this wine thing is good for us all. That led to phase four (the company is nothing if not adaptable) — bringing Women & Wine into the home. "As I peeled the onion back more and more, I realized that we could be a trusted source for women on the Web. We almost had an obligation to bring more to people, whether they could travel with us or just experience it at home."

The current form of the Women & Wine website launched in November of '05. Brosterman had a team by then and began posting regular updates of original content. "Our message is all about connecting and comfort, finding what you like, and 'Wine should be more fun!' "

Among other features, she says, "We have a radio show. We all walk around with digital tape recorders all the time. I just came back from the

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Food and Wine Classic in Aspen, and two weeks ago, I was at the Napa Valley Vintner's Auction. I got a great interview with Gael Greene" — restaurant critic for *New York* magazine — "which was a thrill for me."

Resident wine guru Lisa Kring does a segment entitled "Angel in the Aisle." "We ask a woman with glazed eyes in the aisle of either a grocery store or a wine shop if we can help make a suggestion. We find out why there's so much confusion — mostly, it's because there are so many choices." Kring asks a few questions to determine an appropriate choice, makes a suggestion, and then buys the wine, as a thank-you "for being such a good sport. What we really want to do is create experiences and give people the confidence to make their own choices."

Which is not to say that Women & Wine is above recommending bottles. In the effort to "bring the experience home," Brosterman says she "analyzed the person who was probably our core constituent and realized that it was someone who was probably a member of a book club — because rather than reading the book and talking about it, when they get together, it's mostly about connecting with friends and drinking wine."

But which wine? "People have said to us that it's hard enough to figure out what to read on a monthly basis, and then they stand in a wine store, eyes completely blurred, trying to figure out what wines to bring."

So, the site recently debuted "Reading Glasses," a book-club wine club. You let them know what you're reading, Women & Wine picks a relevant wine for your book (*The Da Vinci Code* gets paired with a Chateauneuf-du-Pape, natch), and sends an appropriate quantity for the size of your club, along with tasting notes and an explanation of their selection. "Also, we're going to list some of our favorite books," along with pairing suggestions. "The book club can become a little tasting group," says Brosterman, "learning about wine and connecting over that, as well as sharing in the love of reading."

And it will surely come as no surprise to hear that the company isn't stopping there. "We create events where the story of the wine is incorporated into the event, so that people really have that takeaway" about what it was they drank. "And we're going to be doing some consulting for one of the major luxury hotel chains — they're launching a by-the-glass program. People write us every day and tell us they can't wait to see the next thing that's going to be coming down the pike." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Dring summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw…oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is $10, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations urged. Lunch weekdays, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

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 downtuned 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)*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open

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Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the *"Es ist Wunderbar!"* sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo,* but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam,* Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo.* Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams.* (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until closing time. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles,

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too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open for breakfast daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays,* and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that all their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef, chicken, lamb, and fresh sauces using chemical-free ingredients. All from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. Décor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice *(unagi-zushi).* It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on scallop shells with sesame balls and yummy cream cheese wonton. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach,* with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped, panang,* and *kang kari.* Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai.* But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla,* Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the

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soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay,* a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach.* Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful minichain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegivirtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try…anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí,* the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open daily until 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war *and* Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom "Hunter" omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B. (5/06)*

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian *"Treno della Pace."* Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (1/05)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-











wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Panda Park Buffet 3036 El Cajon Boulevard (near Ohio), North Park, 619-640-2471. Warning: Once you get locked into this kind of all-you-can-eat eatery, no single-serve place seems to measure up. This is smaller than many similar places but still offers a good range of seafood, like salt-and-pepper squid, shrimp, fish, cheese mussels, and meaty regulars like boneless spare rib. Don't desert desserts — they have butter cake with hidden bursts of custard, almond cake, chocolate cake, and chopped banana that looks as if it's lying in its own brilliant-red blood. You could polish them all off. It might take two or three runs, but who's counting? Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. No lunch, but dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles.* Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bamboo Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — *N.W. (5/05)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/05)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Three meals daily. Open until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian décor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible froufrou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada.* For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata,* a rice drink, or *jamaica,* made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who run this place do. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/06)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried



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shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

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 sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around $30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epousses Berthaut,* or the beautifully tangy *Schloss.* Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/06)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khoresh Bademjan" is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open breakfast through dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/06)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

House Of Blues Restaurant 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was *not* tear down Woolworth's old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you'll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel's crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a "caramel halo" will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun.* And it *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus from Idaho or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from New Zealand. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/06)*

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for

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two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 72 hours to a week's notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners nightly, open late Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soulful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajas,* puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Asian Noodles Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma's "Mi" — noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Canyon Club Cafe 421 Telegraph Canyon Road, Chula Vista, (no phone). You don't get deals like this every day — think 1940's roadhouses. Read the breakfast menu: "All items above include hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and (1) beer." Bikers (especially the U.M.F. of America, and yes, you've probably worked the letters out) appreciate this menu regularly. The food is strictly Americana, from the half plate of biscuits and gravy, to steak and eggs, to omelets with Ortega chili. Biggest threat isn't the bikers (they're "good people" according to the owners), it's gentrification. Good-tasting sandwiches: salmon burger or COBALT (Cheese, Onion, Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, and Tomato). Open seven days, lunch and dinner, until midnight; breakfast on weekends from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu.* For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero,* from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of

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El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada,* and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden *("escondida")* mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole *(cacerola de mariscos)*, the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat *("cabrito tatemado")*. Desserts include the house *especial,* mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve,* crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" (*"la vuelta"*) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro,* an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

Restaurante Don Quijote Hotel El Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town's truest colonial Mexican *posada* (inn). It's a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, and black wrought iron. You expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? *Sopa Azteca,* with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. — *E.B. (2/06)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an *18*-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of $70 but reasonable markups and wines over $100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*



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Hie to the Woods

"Dude, you would not believe how I spent my summer vacation!"

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

After a month of muggy days and nights, for the opening of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Lowell Davies, nature finally behaved. A lazy breeze freshened. When the lights came up, a eucalyptus behind the stage began to sway, as if on cue, and the zoo's macaws squawked. By play's end a canopy of fog shrouded the theater. For those of us who prefer June Gloom to New Orleans Sauna — and who love to watch Shakespeare outdoors on a summer's eve — order had been restored.

Nature threatens the opposite in *Dream*. Oberon and Titania, king and queen of fairies, rule with an indelicate touch. Their slightest whim might unravel reality. But if nature's barely held together, the laws of Athens are absolute. All letter, no spirit. The marriage of Duke Theseus and the Amazon Hippolyta, combined with the adventures of four teens in a mystical wood, could change things. But then again maybe not. Hippolyta will be Theseus's next wife — not his last. And the three marriages at play's end may signify not everlasting harmony but a momentary stay against confusion.

In his book on the comedy, my mentor James L. Calderwood wrote, "The entire play has demonstrated that reason is itself a dream from which we are always awaking."

You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak's staging, "Dude, you would not be*lieve* how I spent my summer vacation!" The play starts at an academy (Paloma Young's costumes suggest Victorian-Edwardian). Four teens graduate, imbued with rah-rah idealism. To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases and tennis rackets and a teddy bear, and things fall apart.

The production combines Tresnjak's hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments. Actors add the equivalent of grace notes to speeches: a mute take, or a "duhh" aside, or a gestural fillip. Each explains a speech by other, often comic means (there's an infectious sense of play here; the cast's obviously been encouraged to invent freely). He also adds major interpretive strokes: Egeus, headmaster of the academy, doesn't just die; a trap door opens, flames arise, and he plunges straight to hell.

The production includes songs, elegantly choreographed dances under a starry "welkin" (Ralph Funicello's wood-stained set becomes a summer night sky, the kind kids sleep under, ponder infinity, and say "whoa!"). In Shakespeare's time, change happened below the moon. And a sleek, waxing crescent overlooks many scenes, as much an influence on the "sublunary" lovers as Theseus or Oberon.

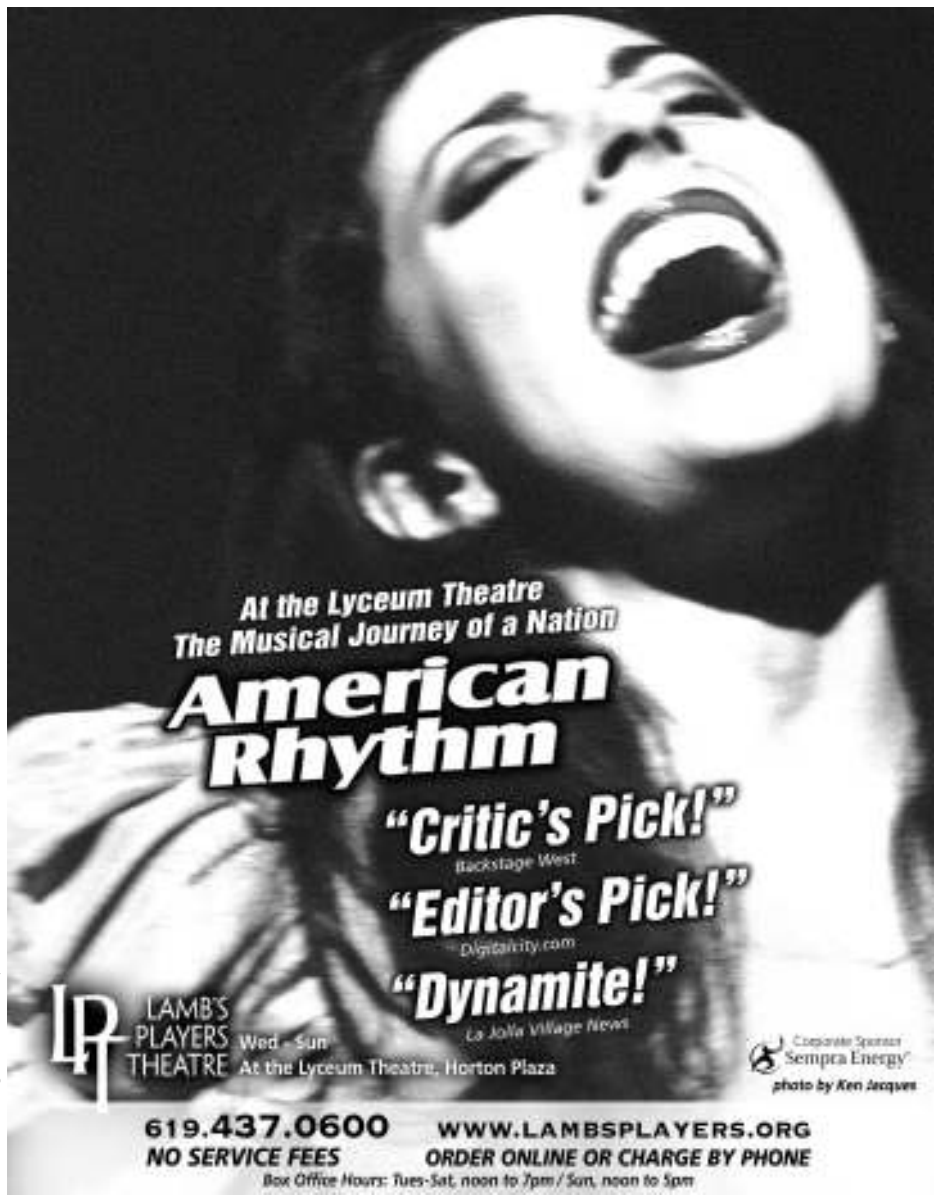
In many stagings of *Dream,* the lovers are interchangeable. Tresnjak's quartet's distinct. Owiso Odera's swift, graceful Lysander must have been a star athlete at the academy, while David Villalobos's stumbling Demetrius probably got cut from the squad. Once in the wood, Eve

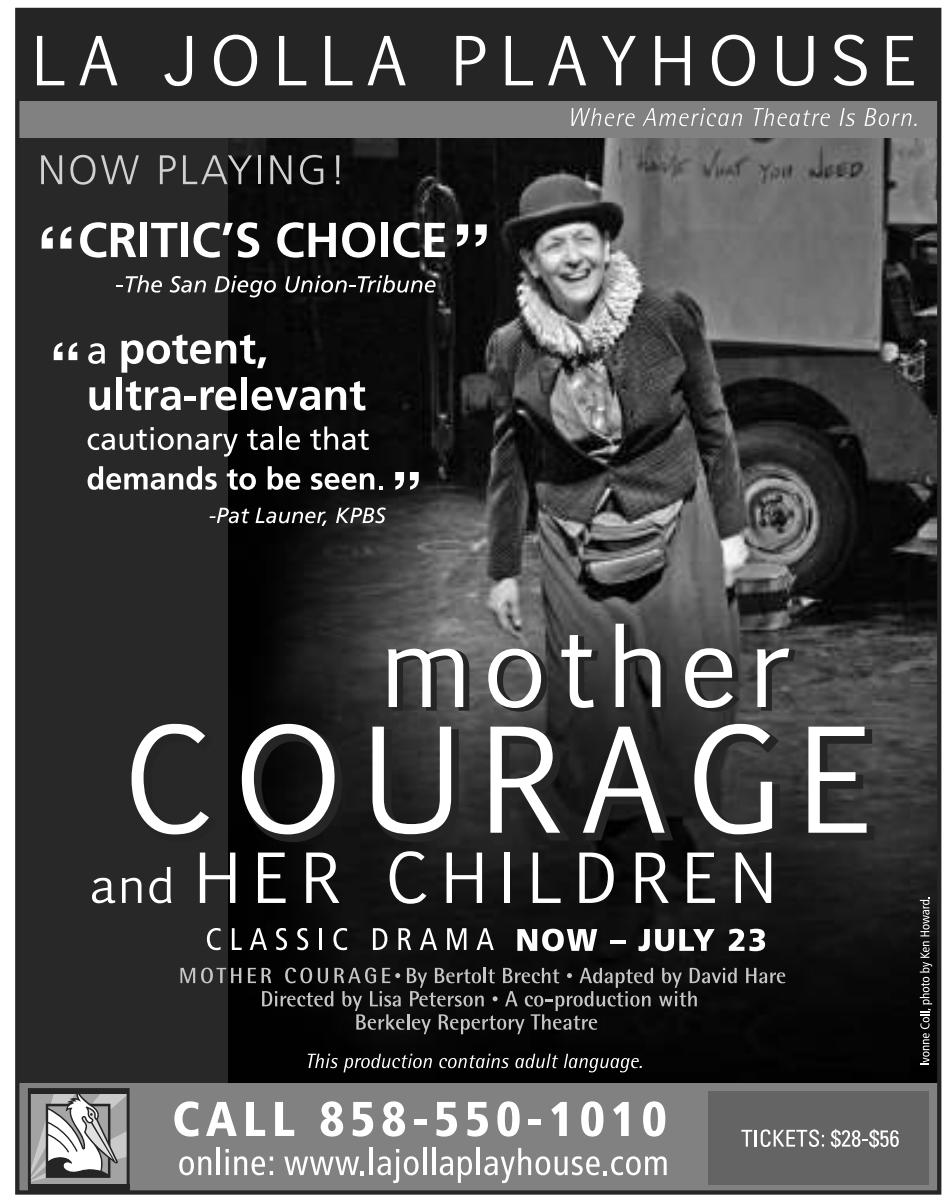


Lise Bruneau, J. Paul Boehmer in A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Midsummer Night's Dream, *by William Shakespeare*
Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by Darko Tresnjak; *cast: J. Paul Boehmer, Lise Bruneau, Eve Danzeisen, Julie Jesneck, David Villalobos, Owiso Odera, Charles Janasz, Jonathan Peck, Michael Urie, Chip Brookes, Michael A. Newcomer, Dan Hodge, Michael Drummond, Matt Biedel; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Paloma Young; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Christopher R. Walker*
Playing through September 29; *runs in repertory with* Othello *and* Titus Andronicus. *For days and times call 619-239-2255.*

Fall, *by Bridget Carpenter*
Moxie Theatre at Diversionary Theatre, *4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights*
Directed by Jennifer Eve Thorn; *cast: Craig Huisenga, Liv Kellgren, Robert Kirk, Jamie Lloyd, Nicole Monet, Brandon Walker, Ernest T. Dela Cruz; scenic and lighting, Mia Bane Jacobs; costumes, Jennifer Brawn Giddings; sound, Rachel Le Vine; choreographer, Jennifer Sowden*
Playing through July 16; *Thursday through Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday, 2:00 p.m. 760-634-3965.*





Danzeisen's Hermia loses her favored status (was she homecoming queen?) and does not like it one bit. Julie Jesneck's put-upon Helena starts out as the class geek (to make friends, she probably helped others with their homework), then comes of age before our eyes. All four communicate the outsized feelings of teenagers in, and out of, love.

J. Paul Boehmer's Theseus and Lise Bruneau's Hippolyta don't go gently into their marriage, which is appropriate, but both are mostly one-note adamant, which wears thin (and carries over into their portrayals of Oberon and Titania). It's fitting to see a very young man play Puck, though Michael Drummond lacks the verbal chops and the underlying menace the role demands (Robin Goodfellow has, or should have, no conscience and derives "sport" from human pain).

The mechanicals miss the point. Most aren't "rude" enough. Christopher R. Walker's excellent music, especially a metallic plinking for the rustic artisans, suggests amateur theatricalists. But Jonathan Peck makes Bottom a slick sophisticate. Peck's deep, echo-chamber voice (which recalls former Old Globe mainstay G. Wood) is too studied for the bumbling Weaver, as are his stylish, prefab movements.

The exception, and one of the show's highlights, is Michael Urie as Francis Flute and Thisbe. Urie does a priceless take when first seeing Bottom the Ass, and later a whopping pratfall. And Flute's Thisbe, in the play within the play, is special. Flute, an obviously inept actor who makes bellows for a living, gets cast in the woman's role. At first he can't begin, but not because he's gender-reticent. Something about her suffering has touched him. He shakes his head: how to start? Then — with a startling metamorphosis in a play full of them — Thisbe takes over so completely that you wonder: who was more real, Flute or the role that transformed him (and did Thisbe take over Urie as well)? Which was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"?

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Lydia's "at that age." The 14-year-old begins high school in the fall. She questions everything from sex to why her parents, Dog (his name's Doug but they dropped the *u*) and Jill, want to take her to a summer camp for swing dancers. "Why aren't you two into the Grateful Dead," she asks, "like *normal* people your age?"

And what does it mean to be an adult if your parents keep acting like infants?

Bridget Carpenter's *Fall* gets lost in the long first act, where the play dances away from drama, literally and figuratively. Act Two's stronger. But except for Lydia, the wafer-thin characters verge on generic types. One of the play's messages, derived from swing and Lindy dancing, is about women learning how to "follow." It's as suspect as the "spring/fall" summer romance between Lydia and her teacher is downright creepy.

What Carpenter gets right are Lydia's heart and mind, maelstroms of confusion jolted by overwhelming insights. She doesn't see at all, then suddenly *sees through,* as if she's both younger and a lot older than her parents.

Moxie Theater's capable cast does what it can within the play's narrow limits. The exception is Nicole Monet. Beneath Lydia's angst and perplexity there's a young actor with sharp instincts and timing and an easy rapport with the audience. But all of that appears later. While Monet's onstage, she is Lydia "at that age." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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.

American Rhythm

Lamb's Players Theatre stages this "musical tour" of 20th Century American music, created by Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 13; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Collected Stories

Don't worry about hurting people's feelings, Ruth Steiner, the famous writer, tells her grad student-protégé Lisa. "You have to get in there and shoot." Steiner also warns Lisa that if you tell a story out loud you won't write it (Ruth talks so tough, it's easy to forget she also said, "Some things you don't touch"). Like writerly karma, both pieces of advice boomerang Ruth in Donald Margulies's uneven drama (about two-thirds didactic Creative Writing 1A writ large and one-third dramatic). The script has gaps, big ones. But Kandis Chappell fills them in a riveting performance. Ruth, who was most alive over 30 years ago, now faces mortality: both literary and human. Chappell's like an atlas of roads taken and not, superimposed on each other. In six scenes, spanning six years, Chappell becomes haunted by both. As Lisa, rocketed into instant stardom, Amanda Sitton's rising arc matches Ruth's tailspin. She's on her way (now shooting first and handling questions later). But — given Ruth's experience and the play's subtext about fame's imprisonment — to where? Under David Ellenstein's unfussy direction, they perform on Marty Burnett's detailed set, which looks as if Ruth hasn't changed anything since she moved into the Greenwich Village apartment 31 years ago.
Worth a try.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JULY 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Come Blow Your Horn

OnStage Playhouse starts off its 2006–2007 season with Neil Simon's first hit comedy. Bob Christiansen directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, JULY 14, THROUGH AUGUST 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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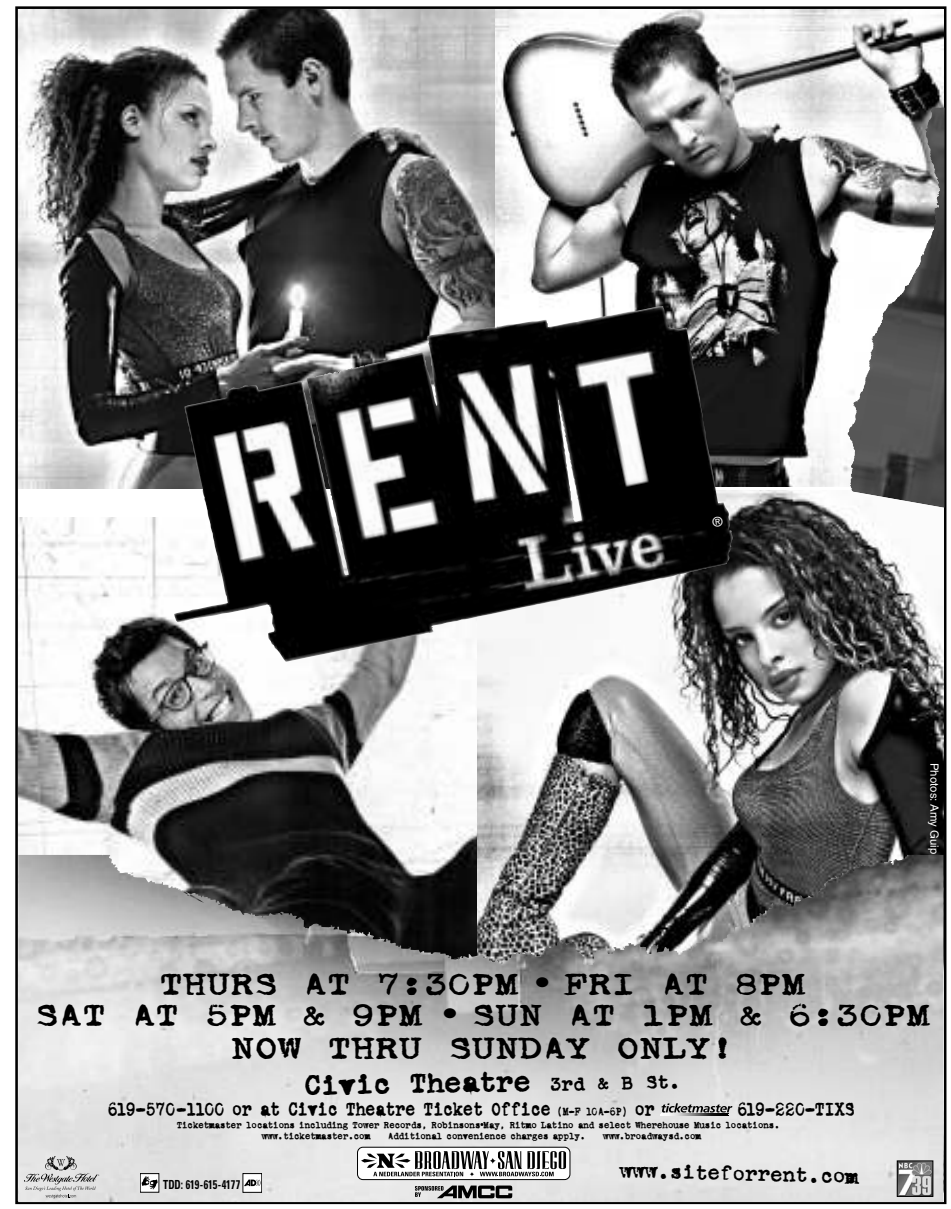
Miracle Productions and the Theatre in Old Town present the musical comedy with a Wild West take on Wagner's Ring Cycle. Five performers play 30 roles.
THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M., SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

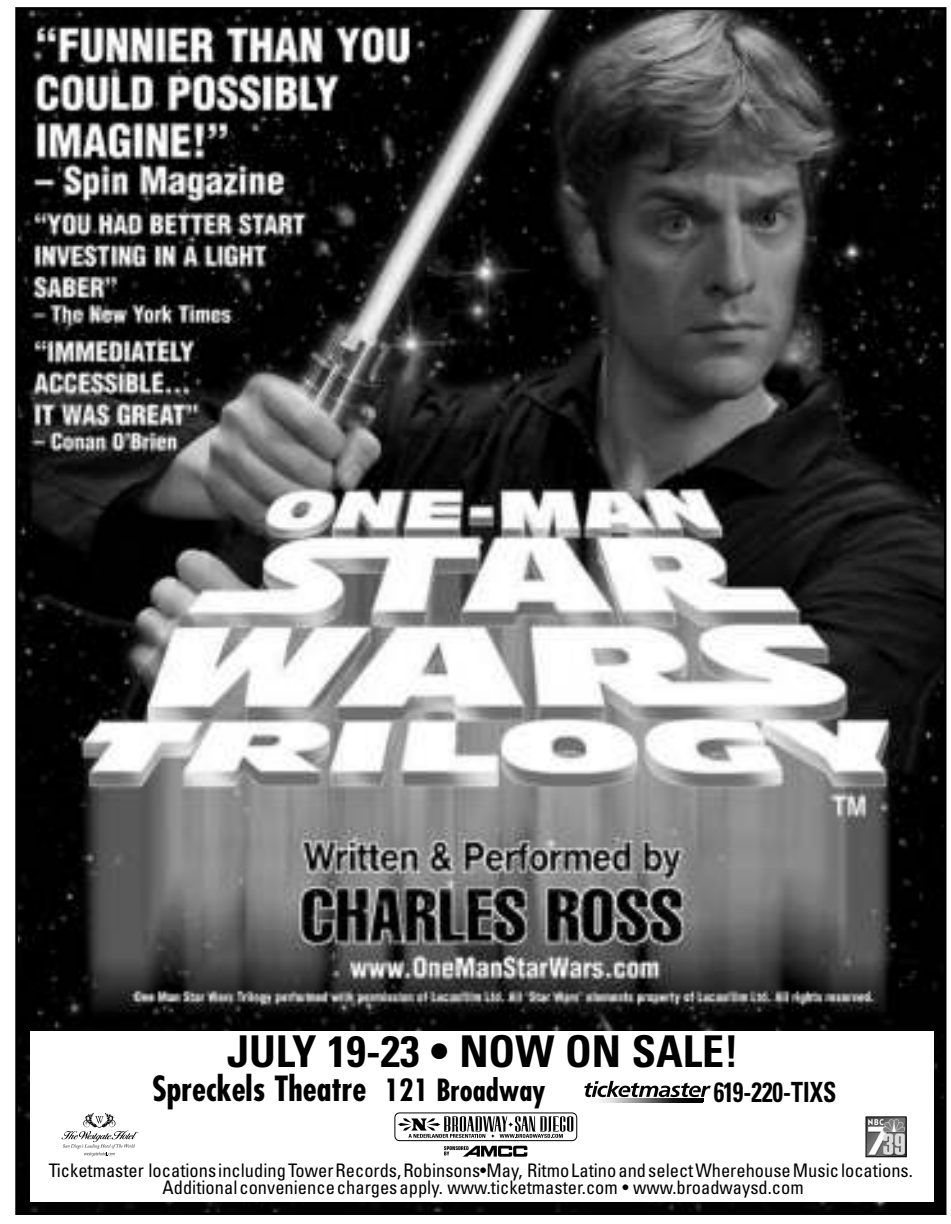
Fall

Reviewed this issue.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JULY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 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.
CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.





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Honk!
Vanguard at the Westminster Theater stages the musical story of Ugly, a duckling whose "odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors." Lesley K. Pearson directed.
WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, JULY 14, THROUGH JULY 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Iphigenia at Aulis
6th@Penn Theatre offers Marianne McDonald's new translation of Euripides ardent anti-war drama. To guarantee fair winds to Troy, Agamemnon must sacrifice his daughter. Douglas Lay directed.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH AUGUST 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Jesus Christ Superstar
Starlight continues its 60th anniversary season with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's irreverent version of the Easter story. Brian Wells directed.
STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JULY 13, THROUGH JULY 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

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NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE & CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, FRIDAY, JULY 14, THROUGH JULY 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Reviewed this issue.
LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: *MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS;* FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Moms in America
J. Marcus Newman (the erstwhile Nonnie Vishner) stages the world premiere of his drama about three generations of Jewish men: "one family, perhaps." Newman directed.
2790 LYTTON STREET, LOMA PORTAL (ACROSS FROM LIBERTY STATION), THROUGH JULY 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-683-2256.



American Rhythm

Mother Courage
No play, this minute, is more relevant than *Mother Courage,* which illustrates Bertolt Brecht's thesis that "war is the continuation of business by other means." The 1941 drama shocked audiences when first produced. But even though what it says about the business of war defines our era, the La Jolla Playhouse's staging, with a few vivid exceptions, is surprisingly bland and everyday. Anna Fierling, called "Mother Courage" for an unheroic act, is the Kellogg, Brown, and Root of the Thirty Years War. She and her three children sell food to the cannon fodder of the wealthy. The production uses famous — and now-familiar — Brechtian techniques (no acted emotion, no illusions, non sequitur collages of music, burlesque, and dance) but lacks spirit. It's a far cry from the wake-up call the author wanted. In her opening-night performance as the title character, Ivonne Call was neither intrepid nor savage. Nor was she, it seemed, off-book. It's hard to tell if she was underdirected, underrehearsed, or if some theory wedged between her and the character. Maybe all of the above. Gina Leishman's music — for piano, accordion, and tuba — and the efforts of Katie Barrett, Patrick Kerr, and the physically expressive Hilary Ward stand out. The rest is dutiful and uninspired.
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
Snowbound travelers. A murder. Agatha Christie's enduring whodunit gets a staging at Patio Playhouse. Connie Boyd directed.
PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JULY 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

My Fair Lady
Welk Resort Theatre presents Lerner and Loewe's classic about a Cockney flower girl becoming a British sophisticate. Jon Engstrom directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 27; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 888-802-7469.

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Mother Courage

cult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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Othello
As part of its Shakespeare Festival, the Old Globe Theatre stages the Bard's tragedy of love poisoned by jealousy.
LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: *OTHELLO RUNS* IN REPERTORY WITH *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS;* FOR DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Rent
Broadway*San Diego hosts a touring production of the Tony Award-winning musical about "being young and learning to survive in NYC."
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THIRD AVENUE AND B STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 16; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Snoopy!!! The Musical
Coronado Playhouse stages this sequel to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* with a big-band, jazz-style score. Daniel Logan directed and choreographed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH AUGUST 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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Lise Bruneau and J. Paul Boehmer, bottom: (l-r) Leah Zhang, Summer Shirey and Cara Greene in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Photo by Craig Schwartz.

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Before Sunrise — Richard Linklater, of *Slacker* and *Dazed and Confused*, has unmistakably entered the mainstream: a "date movie" (according to *Rolling Stone* magazine) about a young Frenchwoman and American man who meet on a train, get off in Vienna, and pass one sleepless night together before the man catches a plane back to the States. The filmmaker continues, however, to paddle against the current, to hug the reedy edges of the stream. The thing that sets this romantic comedy a little apart is that the budding lovers really talk to one another. Boy, do they talk! — in long static dialogues in front of an unfidgety camera. They philosophize, they tell stories, they remark on their surroundings, they're never at a loss for words. It's not much like real talk (for all the sprinklings of "It's weird" and "It's cool" and "It's fantastic" and so on), but it's not much like screen talk either. Linklater talk, simply. You may not be as fascinated in the talkers as they themselves are, especially because one of them is Ethan Hawke, but you can be happy they've got each other. With Julie Delpy. 1995.
★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/13 AND 14, 8:30 P.M.)

The Big Easy — Strictly routine case of police corruption, with dashes of Cajun flavoring around New Orleans, and a mildly

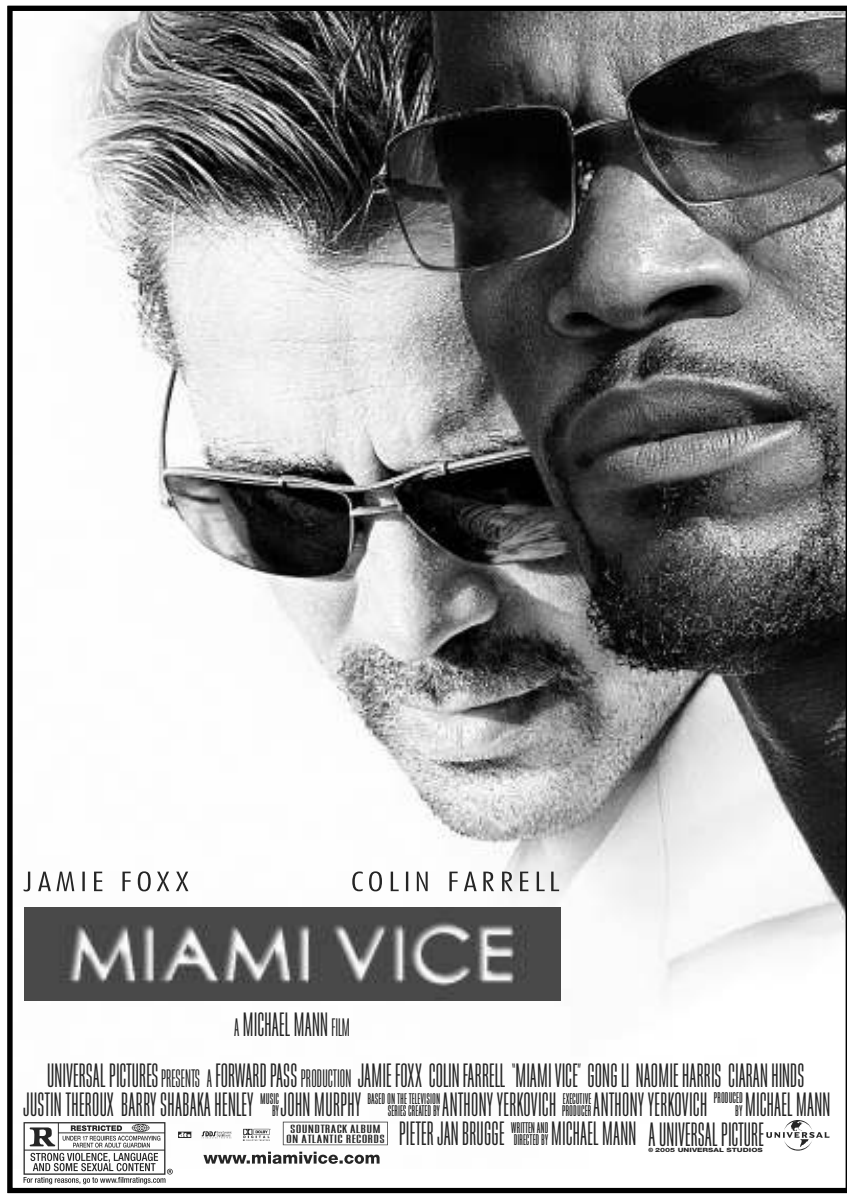


The Devil Wears Prada

spicy sex scene ("Stop that," the woman protests, in reference to the man's out-of-frame hand. "That?" he leers. "Or *that*?"). Its most distinctive feature, however, is its attitude of Old World (or Man's World) condescension toward the heroine. Sure, she's risen to the post of Assistant D.A., and she's on the right trail in her investigations, but she's also uptight, sexually repressed, a flutter of eyelids in the courtroom, needy of a good strong man, and unable to hold her ground under the least little pressure from such a one. The case itself stays lifelessly on the sidelines: names keep being thrown around, and corpses turning up, of people we've never met, and it's hard to take an interest. With Dennis Quaid, Ellen Barkin, and Ned Beatty; directed by Jim McBride. 1987.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/15 AND 16, 8:30 P.M.)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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



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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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



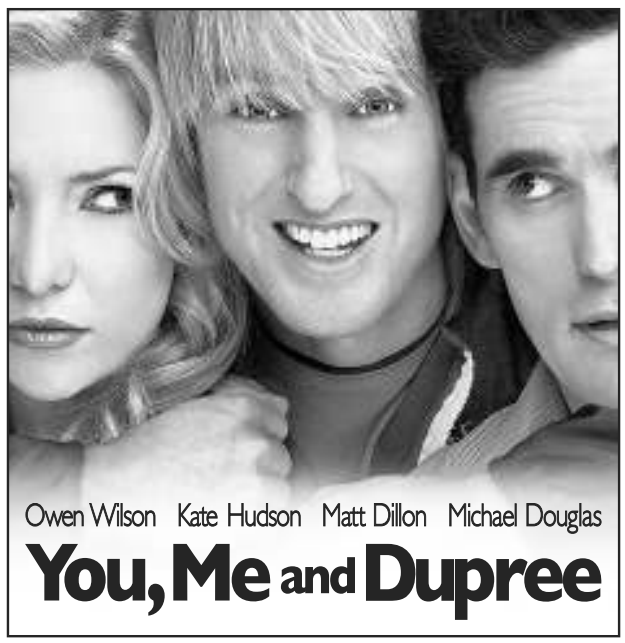
Nacho Libre

Click — Clunk. Patented Adam Sandler blend of juvenile misconduct and remorseful moralism. In the Beyond department at a Bed Bath and Beyond, an angel (Christopher Walken, looking more like a mad scientist) gives a "universal remote" to a harried workaholic, allowing him to mute the barking dog, fast-forward through a marital spat, slo-mo a busty jogger, replay scenes from his past (with audio commentary by James Earl Jones), change the tint on his own flesh tone (the best idea cinematically), and so on. Fortunately events take a serious turn, or there would have been no laughs whatsoever. With Kate Beckinsale, David Hasselhoff, Sean Astin, Jennifer Coolidge, Henry Winkler, and Julie Kavner; directed by Frank Coraci. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Da Vinci Code — Nonsensical retelling of the Dan Brown best-seller, premised on "the greatest cover-up in human history," namely the murderously guarded secret that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene married and multiplied. (The additional premise that the disclosure of the secret would have the immediate effect of liberating the oppressed worldwide and bringing about an epoch of peace and harmony, and that nothing would please the Catholic Church less, seems dubious in the extreme.) The movie is of course its own separate matter, and inasmuch as it's a Ron Howard movie it's pretty much what we could have predicted, something dogged, diligent, uninspired, overproduced, and crowd-pleasing or at least crowd-pandering. The grainy, color-drained flashbacks, ranging back to the traumatic childhoods of the two principals — a symbologist and a cryptologist — and back, back, back to the Dark Ages, Ancient Rome, and the aftermath of the Crucifixion, testify to the unwieldiness of the transfer from page to screen. The trajectory of the narrative is an odd, dash-and-dot line of breathless chase interrupted by long-winded discourse on religion, Church history, Renaissance art, etc., a high-speed quest for the Holy Grail broken off for pedantic exegesis of what the Grail actually is. Tom Hanks, even with longer hair, does not make a credible long-hair. Audrey Tautou speaks English well enough to expand the market for her elfin cuteness. And Ian McKellen carries on in the grand tradition of stage-trained British thespians who have fallen in love with the sounds of their own voices. Still, the movie ought to be cut some slack for its abstinence from pyrotechnics, albeit no abstinence from high technology. And some more slack for its stress on the mental aspects of detective work, although even the code-breaking proceeds at a breakneck pace. And maybe, too, a bit more slack for its crescendo of rhetoric to a pitch typically in the upper range of apocalyptic science fiction. But that might altogether be too much slack for a movie with an acute predisposition to hang itself. Paul Bettany, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina. 2006.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

The Devil Wears Prada — Working-girl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, *Working Girl*, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashion-industry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by

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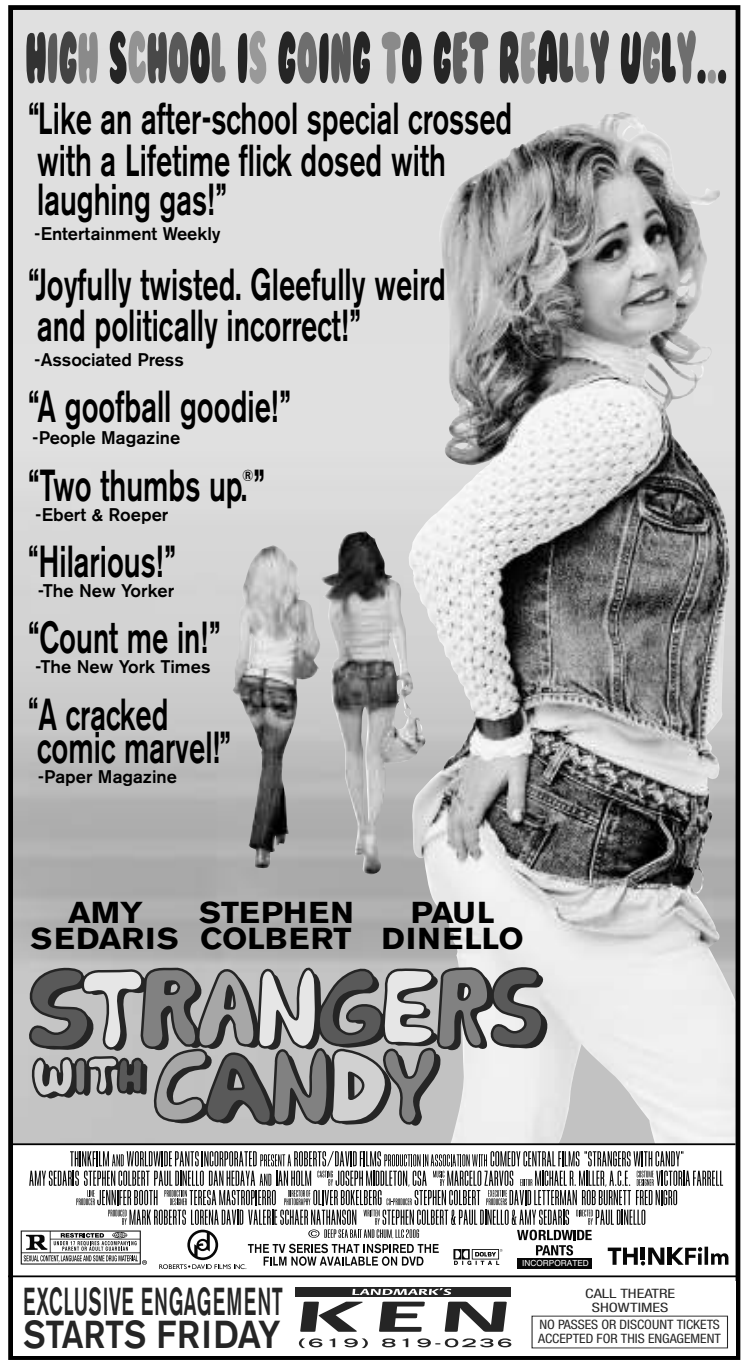
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An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think *The Day after Tomorrow*, think *Waterworld*, or if you're a reader, think *The Drowned World* or *The Kraken Wakes)*, with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 García 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, THROUGH 7/13)

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 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.
★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Lemming — Crafty and craftsmanly French thriller, and much fun, from the maker of *With a Friend Like Harry*, Dominik Moll. Like *Harry*, it deals with the erosive effects of one couple (or anyhow one-half of one couple) on another, in this case an older couple on a younger couple, a dysfunctional couple on a "model couple." (It even has another mountain chalet as a setting, albeit brief.) A small rodent indigenous to northern Scandinavia and inexplicably extricated from a pipe under a kitchen sink in southern France makes a contribution to the erosion as well. The movie, very measured and steady in its development, might be almost too much fun, might take too much delight in its devilry, a cold-blooded Chabrolian assault on bourgeois contentment, undercutting the suspense with snickers. Certainly the well-tuned ensemble, Laurent Lucas (looking a bit like an earlier Laurent, surname Terzieff), Charlotte Gainsbourg, Charlotte Rampling, and André Dussollier, waste little effort on winning sympathy, yet they manage to generate tremendous tension in their dialogues. An apparent drift into the supernatural realm — if that doesn't give away too much already — runs the risk of losing the viewer. There can be no objection to a

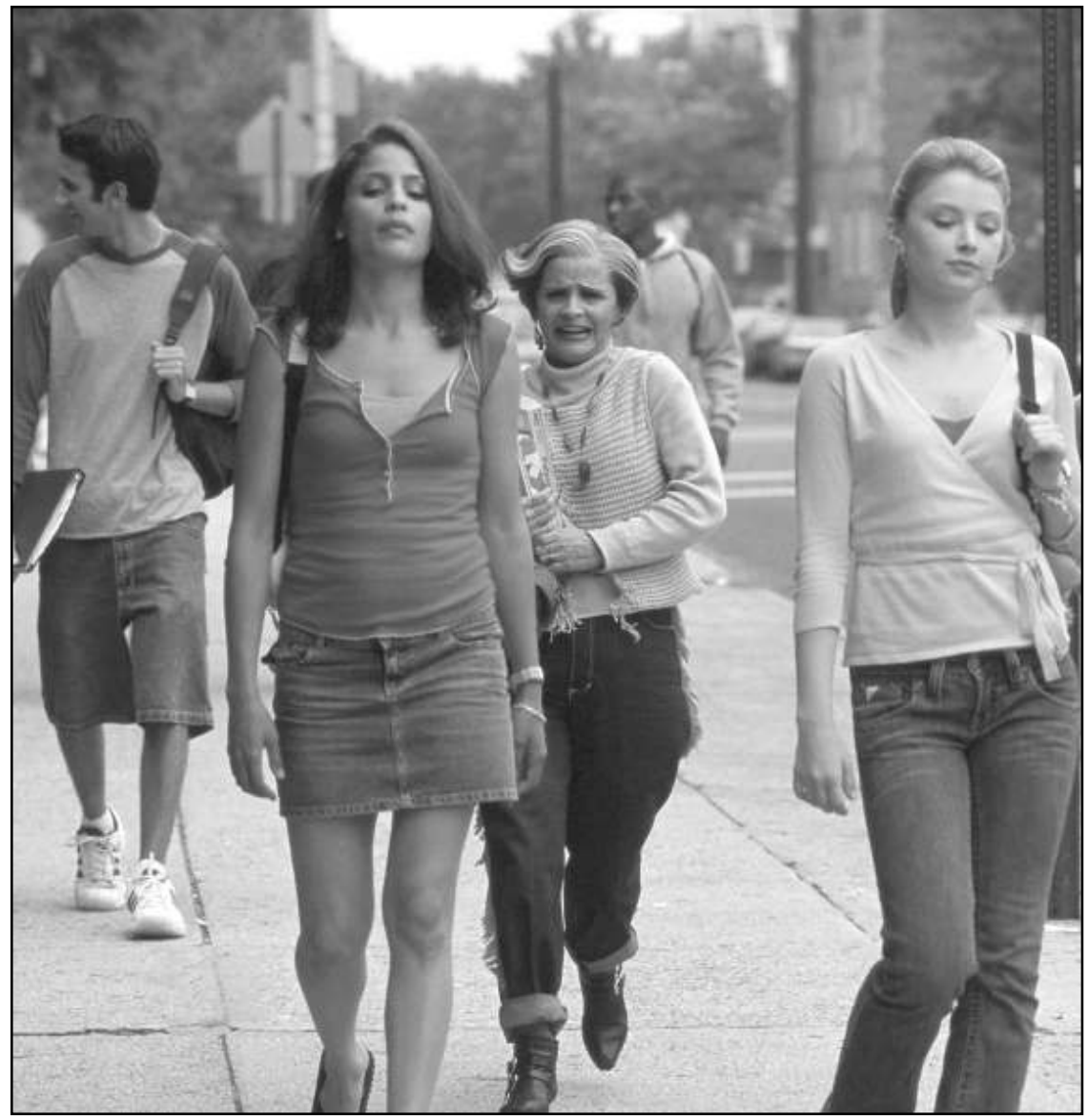




realistic depiction of the paranormal. The only objection would be that it is unrealistically unaddressed. These people address everything else. 2005.
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/13)

Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man — Part concert film, part interview film. The titular singer-songwriter takes no part in the tributary concert, called "Came So Far for Beauty" and staged at the Sydney Opera House in January of 2005, but he dominates the interviews, along with Bono and The Edge of the rock group U2, who take no part in the concert either, but accompany Cohen in a single addendum number, "Tower of Song," recorded at the Slipper Room in New York City. The filmmaker, Lian Lunson, feels at liberty to drop bits of the interviews, disruptively, into the instrumental middles of the concert pieces. Of these, Martha Wainwright's rendition of "The Traitor," in unwavering closeup, is particularly spellbinding, despite the disruption. Cohen himself is a low-key charmer, counterbalanced by the pretentious pronouncements of the two U2-ers. With Rufus Wainwright, Nick Cave, Antony, Jarvis Cocker, Beth Orton, Kate and Anna McGarrigle. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Little Man — Marlon Wayans as a midget criminal, in hiding as an infant, with Shawn Wayans, directed by Keenen Ivory Wayans. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/14)



Strangers with Candy

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 subculture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, followup 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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15; 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)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest — Sequel to *PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. And more than just a sequel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of *thought*, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a two-and-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc., does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-in-the-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of *The Empire Strikes Back* or *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (VOGUE)

A Prairie Home Companion — Its title and its emcee have been taken from Garrison (a/k/a Garrulous) Keillor's weekly public-radio show. But there is no mention of the imaginary world of Lake Woebegone, MN. The sole setting is the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, named after native son F. Scott, and ticketed for the wrecking ball; and the plot situation is closing night of a long-running old-fashioned live radio variety hour, mixing gospel music, cowboy songs, bluegrass, and blues: a fragile audio fantasy made heavily (and unconvincingly) concrete. Director Robert Altman brings, along with his drifting, disengaged cameras, a deep-seated condescension that makes the loss seem like no big loss. And it goes without saying that he also brings an ensemble cast: Kevin Kline as a 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 already taken"), but Altman treats everything, good, bad, mostly indifferent, as a throwaway. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 7; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Road to Guantanamo — Jumbled, hurried docudrama heavily accentuates the "docu" over the "drama." Co-directors Michael Winterbottom and Mat Whitecross re-enact the case of three British Pakis arrested in Afghanistan in late 2001 (post-youknowwhat) and detained without charge in Cuba for the better part of three years. They dig into the case as deep as the pose of righteous indignation, and a bit of credible circumstantiation, but not as deep as the Essential Facts, much less the Whole Truth. 2006.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 7/13)

Robot Stories — Four separate episodes united by the common theme of robotics, the second of which deals only with toy robots and is in no sense science fiction. (All are written and directed by Greg Pak — a four-Pak, if you please — and the filmmaker himself plays a robot in the third.) Tasteful, thoughtful, gently provocative, but severely deficient in production values and futuristic ambience. With Tamlyn Tomita, Wai Ching Ho, Cindy Cheung, and Sab Shimono. 2004.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/17, 6:30 P.M.)

A Scanner Darkly — Richard Linklater's animated adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel, with the voices of Keanu Reeves, Woody Harrelson, Winona Ryder, and Robert Downey, Jr.
(FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/14)

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Watchers of *Shrek* need to know the fairy tales the film makes fun of. If you don't know *The Gingerbread Man*, why would a talking, partially eaten cookie be funny? I hope watching *Shrek* makes people want to reread or discover for the first time the classic fairy tales.

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As professional storytellers, we enjoy a story well told on film. Our top picks for stories on DVD include *Big Fish*, a story of a man whose father — a perennial storyteller (or is it liar?) — is dying. This magical movie helps us look at what is truth and what is fiction in our own families. Just because it didn't happen that way, doesn't mean it wasn't true.

Storytellers love to find out "the story behind the story," and one of our favorites is *Finding Neverland,* the story of the man who wrote *Peter Pan.*

The Postman stars Kevin Costner as a post-apocalyptic Harold Hill convincing everyone he is a postman for the reconstituted United States. His story is so convincing that it almost comes true. Do we shape our stories, or do our stories shape us?

BIG FISH (USA) 2003, Columbia Tristar
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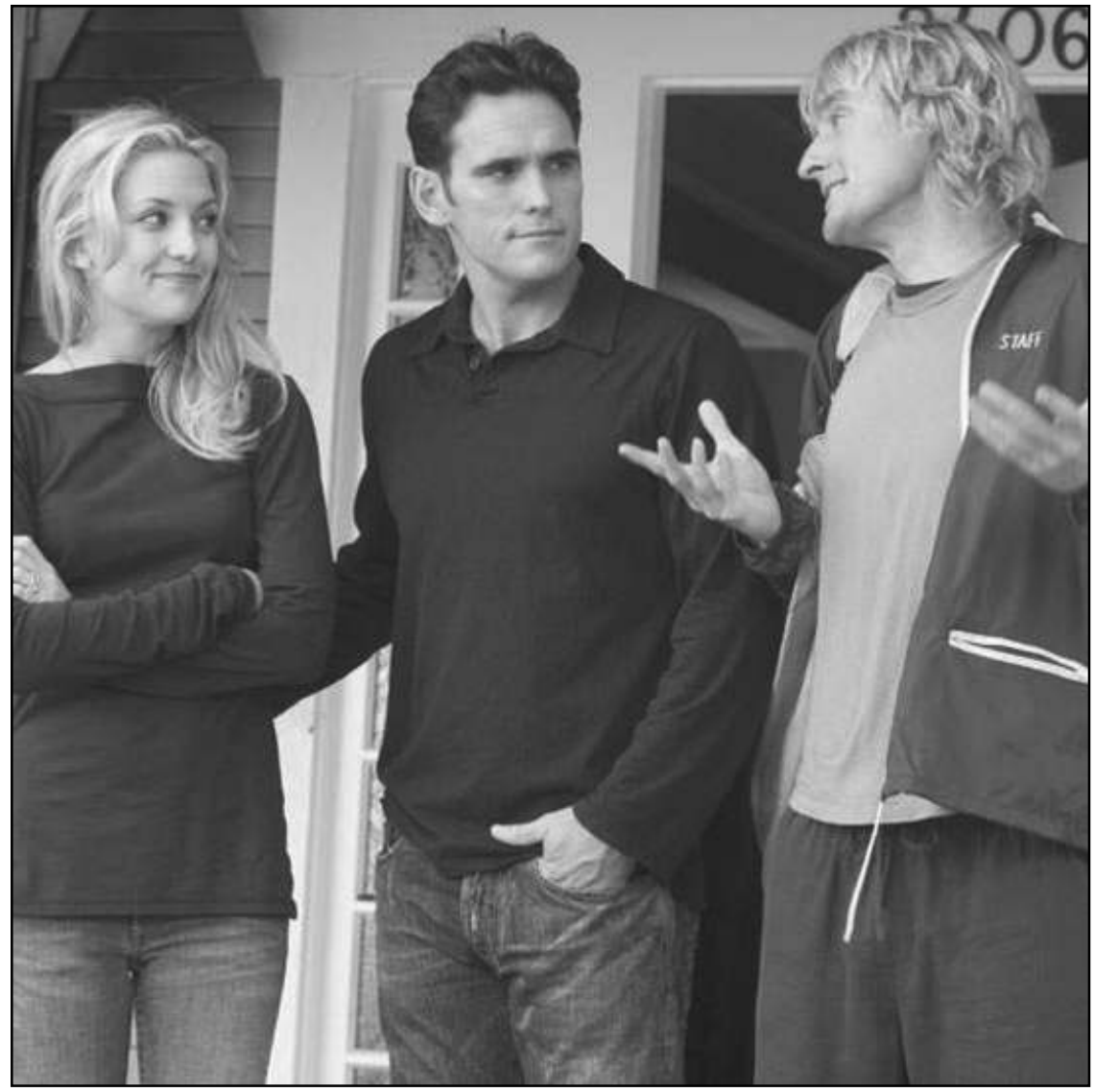
Spirit of the Beehive — A minor masterpiece from Spain, which country has not yielded many, major or minor. On one level, it has to do with the psychological devastation that follows from an impressionable little girl's viewing of the original 1931 *Frankenstein.* On another level, it has to do with the wider-scale psychological devastation that followed from Franco's ascent to power (Franco-stein?). The latter subject is not dealt with so openly that the movie might have been nabbed by the Spanish censors; but the other subject is absorbing enough on its own. Ana Torrent as the traumatized child — an ingrained rainy-day sadness on her face, moist shining eyes, a hook-lipped, turtle-like mouth that suggests an upside-down pout — is one of the most hauntingly unforgettable children ever seen on screen. But her role is only a half. Her screen sister, Isabel Telleria, is her perfect and necessary complement. For every story-swallower, after all, there must be a story-spinner, and where Ana is the ideal audience, the believer, the dupe, Isabel is the conniving artist, the deceiver, the manipulator. No movie has gone harder at the purely aesthetic, amoral aspect of childhood. And with its thrillingly atmospheric photography by Luis Cuadrado (the dark and yellowy interiors often suggestive of Zurbarán, Caravaggio, Ribera), it creates a child's sense of the liveliness and voluptuousness of even the most barren environment. Its finicking aestheticism, make no mistake, is not mere ornamentalism, but is straight to the point. Directed by Victor Erice. 1973.
★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 7/13, 7 P.M.)





Strangers with Candy — Big-screen blowup of the culty Comedy Central series built around Amy Sedaris, looking uncannily like Tracey Ullman in one of her countless disguises, as a sexually ambiguous (or ambidextrous) ex-con ex-junkie who returns to high school in her late forties, afflicted with all the normal anxieties about "fitting in." A John Waters-y bad-taste treat, it mostly falls flat, but it keeps picking itself up, dusting itself off, and coming out with the odd good line: "If you're paying for cable and you're not watching TV, you're losing money. It's simple economics." With Carlo Alban, Maria Thayer, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Stephen Colbert, and Paul Dinello; directed by Dinello. 2006.
★ (KEN, 7/14 THROUGH 20)

Superman Returns — A true sequel, despite the nineteen-year hiatus since the fourth and final appearance of Christopher Reeve in the part. (The new Superman and his new Clark Kent alter ego, the little-known Brandon Routh, not only bears a creepy physical resemblance to Reeve, but also patterns his performance on Reeve's so closely as to constitute an "impression.") The major advantage of a true sequel, namely sparing us the necessity of going back to square one, has been somewhat offset, however, by the modern mania for mythic, epic, operatic grandeur, puffing up and dragging out every little thing. We still have to sit through a flashback to Superman's childhood discovery of his powers amid the cornfields and haystacks of the Kent family farm. And there's still a wait of three-quarters of an hour until the first quick-change from dumb Clark to Super-Duper. The Lois-and-Clark business remains as absurd and as boring as ever: take away the glasses, curl a forelock, *et voilà!* And Kevin Spacey's incarnation of Lex Luthor, though sneerier than Gene Hackman's, is still too campy and condescending to be taken seriously, even when his apocalyptic vision of world domination is enacted on a toy-train set, or even when it's enacted on a full-scale Metropolis. Nevertheless, the special effects of an ocean-floor shockwave rippling beneath the city are well done, and not overdone, and Superman's superpowers have indisputably been enhanced by CGI: a point-blank bullet, for example, flattening itself against his Eyeball of Steel. For people, whoever they may be, who might honestly have wanted another Superman movie, this is at most a serviceable one, and at the same time a most inefficient one. Kate Bosworth, James Marsden, Frank Langella, Parker Posey; directed by Bryan Singer. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



You, Me and Dupree

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.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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)

X-Men: The Last Stand — The third installment (to be less melodramatic about it), and despite the deaths and genetic alterations of several key mutants, it offers no assurance that it is indeed the last. (After all, the key mutant who perished in the previous installment returns here as an upgraded Class Five mutant: "The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a cocoon that protected her.") The storytelling addresses itself exclusively to devotees and does not worry itself with recruiting new ones or reclaiming defectors. Only devotees, surely, could go along with the assumption that the thing the series needed, even before the thinning-out through death and alteration, was more mutants with more powers. In sum, more mess. New to the series, Brett Ratner directed, or at any rate sat in the director's chair. With Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Kelsey Grammer. 2006.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

You, Me and Dupree — The unemployed, unemployable best man (identified by the initials "BM" on his jacket) moves in with his newlywed old buddy, a situation rich in annoyance, dirt-poor in amusement. The casting of Owen Wilson as the adult slacker guarantees the rich gets richer, the poor poorer. With Matt Dillon, Kate Hudson, and Michael Douglas; directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/14)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40) 5:15, 10:10; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (12:30) 4:20, 9:30 Sun. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:30, 7:20, 9:35; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:30) 7:55; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; **Monster House** (PG) Sat. 7:00; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:10, 8:10, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35, 12:05, 12:45, 2:55) 4:25, 4:55, 7:15, 7:40, 8:15, 10:25, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (11:35, 12:05, 12:45, 2:55) 4:25, 4:55, 7:15, 7:40, 8:15, 10:25; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 12:25, 3:05) 4:15, 7:05, 7:35, 10:20, 10:55 Sun. (11:45, 12:25, 3:05) 4:15, 7:05, 7:35, 10:20; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:50) 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:30

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; **The Celestine Prophecy** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:35; **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:05, 10:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:45, 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00; **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:05, 3:05) 4:45, 5:45, 7:30, 8:25, 10:15; **Goal** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; **The Omen** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:50, 2:50) 4:35, 5:35, 7:20, 8:20, 10:10; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:40; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 11:30, 12:10, 1:55, 2:35, 4:25, 5:00) 6:55, 7:35, 9:25, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (9:45, 11:30, 12:10, 1:55, 2:35) 4:25, 5:00, 6:55, 7:35, 9:25, 10:00; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri. (9:40, 11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (9:40, 11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (9:25, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat.,-Sun. (9:25, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 12:00, 12:50, 3:30, 4:10) 7:00, 7:30, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (9:30, 12:00, 12:50, 3:30) 4:10, 7:00, 7:30, 10:30, 11:00; **Waist Deep** (R) Fri. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:40; **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:05, 7:10, 9:40

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Break-Up (PG-13); **Cars** (G); **Click** (PG-13); **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties** (PG); **The Lake House** (PG); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Nacho Libre** (PG); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **A Scanner Darkly** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Wordplay** (PG) Fri. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Break-Up (PG-13); **Cars** (G); **Click** (PG-13); **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **The Lake House** (PG); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Nacho Libre** (PG); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 2:15, 3:15) 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (3:30) 7:15, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:15, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Call theater for program information

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Click (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 1:00, 3:20, 4:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 3:20, 4:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:20; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. (12:10, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:30

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Strangers with Candy (R) Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Before Sunrise (R); **The Big Easy** (R)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Peaceful Warrior** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **A Scanner Darkly** (R) Fri. (1:50, 2:50, 4:35, 5:35) 7:20, 8:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05) 11:55, 1:50, 4:35, 5:35, 7:20, 2:50, 8:20, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 8:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 8:15, 10:35; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 5:50, 8:20, 10:50; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:55, 10:10; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 3:55) 7:00, 7:40, 10:25, 11:00 Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 3:55) 7:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:40) 7:05, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:55, 8:00, 10:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 7:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (9:30, 12:10, 2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:50; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 1:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40; **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:35, 9:30; **Free Family Film Festival** Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05, 1:10, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:45, 4:25) 7:35, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (9:15, 9:45, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat.,-Sun. (9:15, 9:45, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45, 11:30, 2:00, 3:00) 5:45, 6:30, 9:15, 10:20; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (9:25, 10:25, 12:00, 1:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Cars (G); **Click** (PG-13); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

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 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:30) 7:15, 10:45; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Cars (G); **Click** (PG-13); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13); **The Lake House** (PG); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Nacho Libre** (PG); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **Waist Deep** (R); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Free Family Film Festival Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 7:45; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 6:00; **Poseidon** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 9:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:35, 10:05; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:10, 7:30, 9:55; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15) 4:15, 9:35; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 12:55, 2:55, 3:35) 4:20, 6:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:45) 7:05; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:10, 10:20; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:40, 2:15, 3:10) 4:45, 5:40, 7:15, 8:10, 9:45, 10:40

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 2:15, 3:15) 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:30) 7:15, 10:45; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45

RAMONA

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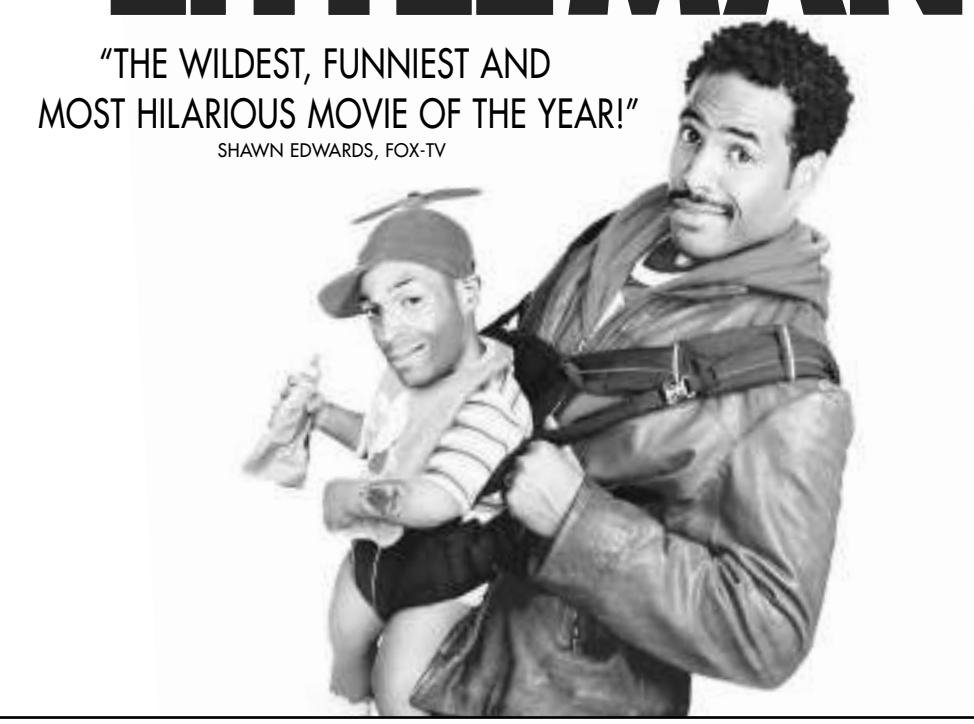
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La autoridad electoral ratificó el jueves pasado el primer lugar del candidato oficialista Felipe Calderón en los comicios presidenciales de México, mientras su rival izquierdista aseguró que impugnará los resultados por vía judicial.

"El candidato que obtuvo el mayor porcentaje de la votación presidencial es Felipe Calderón Hinojosa del Partido Acción Nacional", dijo el consejero presidente del Instituto Federal Electoral (IFE), Luis Carlos Ugalde.

Al culminar el conteo del 100 por ciento de las actas, el IFE registró 35.89 por ciento de los votos a favor de Calderón, mientras a Andrés Manuel López Obrador le correspondió el 35.31 por ciento. La diferencia de 0.58 puntos porcentuales de ventaja equivale a unos 236.006 sufragios.

Las elecciones del pasado 2 de julio fueron las más reñidas en la historia reciente de México.

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Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Aunque muchos piensan lo contrario, creo que Brasil dio una buena demostración en el Mundial de futbol que concluye el domingo.

No me refiero a una actuación contundente de cómo jugar al futbol sino a la humildad que hay que tener para enfrentar este tipo de eventos.

En su eliminación dentro de los cuartos de final ante Francia, el conjunto amazónico demostró que el sólo hecho de contar con un equipo plagado de estrellas no es suficiente para ganar.

En ningún pasaje mundialista Brasil enseñó el futbol espectacular que todos esperábamos ver.

Con un dejo de prepotencia y exceso de confianza, los cariocas creyeron que con pisar la cancha de juego tenían el pase a la final en sus manos.

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Ola criminal

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

En los últimos 17 meses han asesinado a 504 personas en la ciudad de Tijuana y se han cometido 40 secuestros en lo que va del año.

Los presidentes de la Cámara Nacional de Comercio (Canaco) y la Cámara de la Industria de Restaurantes (Canirac) estiman que debido al clima de inseguridad 400 empresarios y comerciantes se han mudado a California.

Más de 500 homicidios y al menos 40 secuestros en un año y cinco meses, estadísticas de crímenes en Tijuana que jamás se habían tenido en la historia de esta ciudad, hacen de esta urbe una de las regiones más violentas de América, incluso está en la lista de las 15 ciudades de Latinoamérica con más asesinatos.

El 15 de junio pasado fue encontrado en la zona Este de la ciudad un joven asesinado cuyo cuerpo, con múltiples laceraciones, estaba envuelto en una cobija verde.









¡Campeones!

Italia se coronó campeón del mundo por cuarta ocasión al vencer el domingo pasado 5-3 a Francia en definición de penales.

Los galos no contaron en el paredón de fusilamiento con su experto francotirador y capitán Zinedine Zidane, expulsado a los 110 minutos por pegarle un cabezazo en el pecho a Marco Materazzi.

Andrea Pirlo, Materazzi, Daniele de Rossi, Alessandro del Piero y Fabio Grosso, encajaron los penales italianos. Por Francia metieron Sylvain Wiltord, Eric Abidal y Willy Sagnol, mientras que el franco-argentino David Trezeguet lo estrelló en el travesaño.

Por séptima vez en 18 ediciones del Mundial, en la gran final de 2006 no hubo ningún conjunto sudamericano. Este dato interrumpe una secuencia de cinco ocasiones consecutivas en las que Brasil o Argentina jugaron por el título. La última final con sabor exclusivamente europeo se remonta a 1982, cuando Italia venció a Alemania. Las ediciones de 1934, 1938, 1954, 1966 y 1974 son las otras en las que el protagonismo correspondió a dos conjuntos del Viejo Continente.

Italia fue campeón aunque quedó a deber espectáculo a los aficionados.



Locura azul

América Barceló-Feldman

Diario San Diego

El área denominada "La Pequeña Italia" se cimbró de emoción y el delirio de los aficionados "azurri" se posesionó de las calles de San Diego.

El pasado domingo las calles del centro de esta ciudad se transformaron en una locura masiva después de que Italia se coronó en la Copa Mundial de Alemania.

Gran emoción se vivió en medio de un sol brillante con una masa humana de más de 10 mil personas que vibró de emoción, sufriendo, gozando, aplaudiendo y animando en todo momento a su equipo.

El ambiente se complementó con un estremecedor coro los miles de fanáticos vestidos con playeras azules, portando sus banderas tricolor para corear a todo pulmón "Italia, Italia, Italia" de principio a fin del partido.

Las calles del centro de San Diego se inundaron de una ola azul, donde las banderas verde, blanca y roja de Italia ondearon por todo lo alto.

"Somos los número uno, Viva Italia, Muera la Francia", gritaron en su idioma natal miles de italianos sandieguinos mientras golpeaban un muñeco francés, se bañaban de champaña.

Durante toda la jornada no se hicieron esperar las pizzas, pastas, espaguetis, ensaladas que no podían faltar en esta singular fiesta callejera que celebró la victoria de los italianos sobre el equipo francés.



Gran catedral

Omar Millán

Diario San Diego

La obra más ambiciosa del Obispado en Tijuana está en marcha.

Se trata del proyecto de la construcción de la nueva catedral de Tijuana, una monumental pieza de 40 mil metros cuadrados de construcción en un terreno de 1.7 hectáreas en el corazón de la ciudad, en la Zona Río, donde hace un mes comenzaron las excavaciones para los cimientos con una inversión de 30 millones de dólares.

Según el arquitecto Eugenio Velásquez, quien diseñó la obra, la catedral alcanzará una altura de 31 pisos con el campanario y la cruz; tendrá en los sótanos 32 mil criptas y en la parte superior una plaza para 14 mil 500 feligreses.

Tal como en las antiguas catedrales de Europa y América, la de Tijuana está proyectada para tener un promedio de vida al menos de 500 años.

El arquitecto reveló que en el interior de la catedral, que albergará a 4 mil 500 feligreses, tendrá tragaluces para no encarecer el costo de luz eléctrica. Dos capillas, la del diario que se llamará Capilla de Todos los Santos; y la capilla del Santísimo, en el interior.

En la parte posterior estarán las oficinas parroquiales, donde se ubicará también la casa de los sacerdotes y la sacristía del Obispo.







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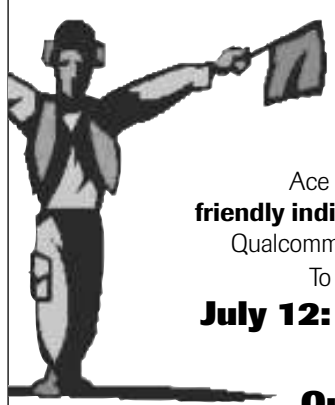
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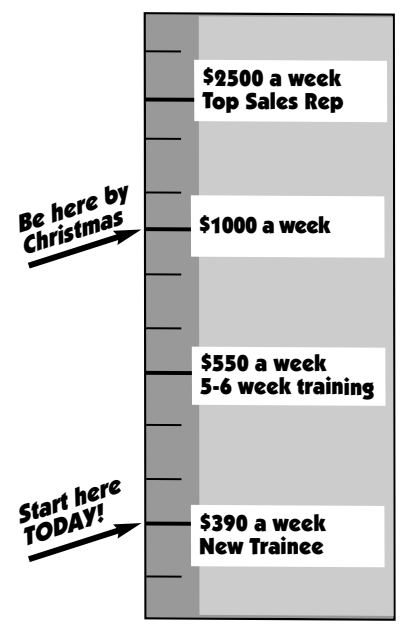
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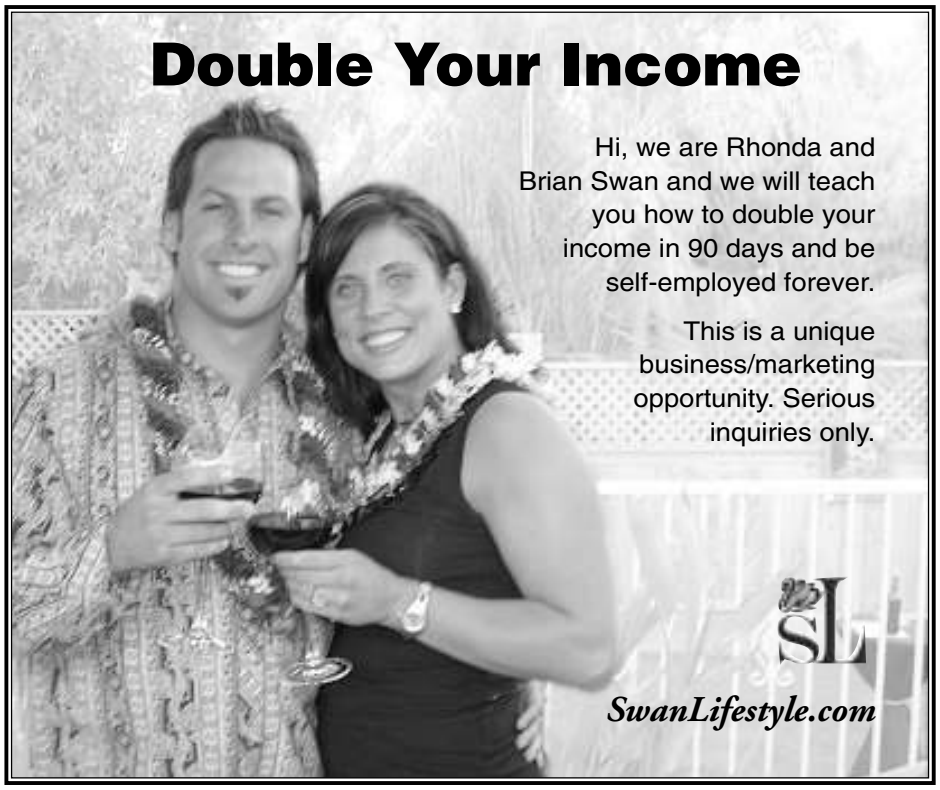
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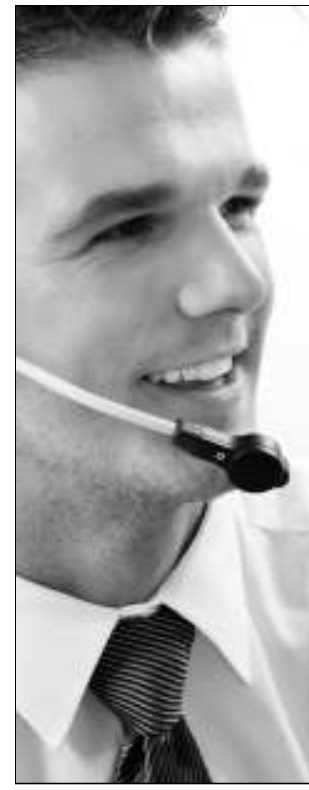


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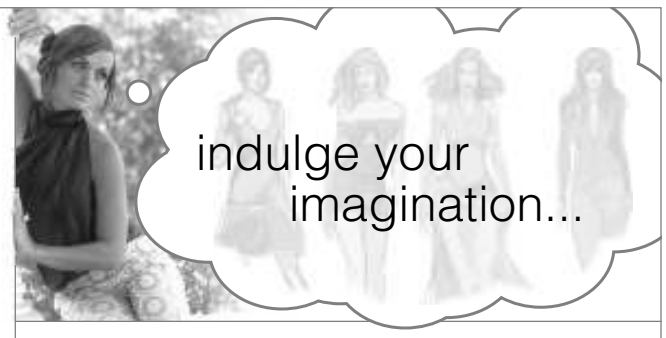
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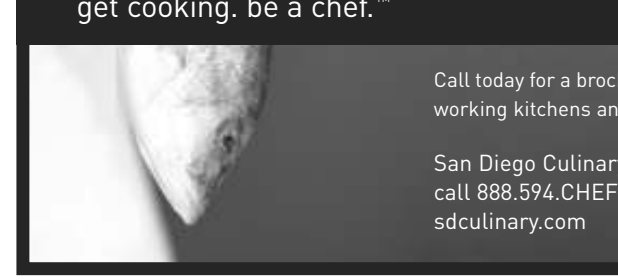
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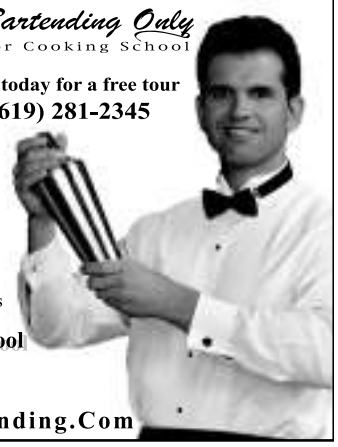
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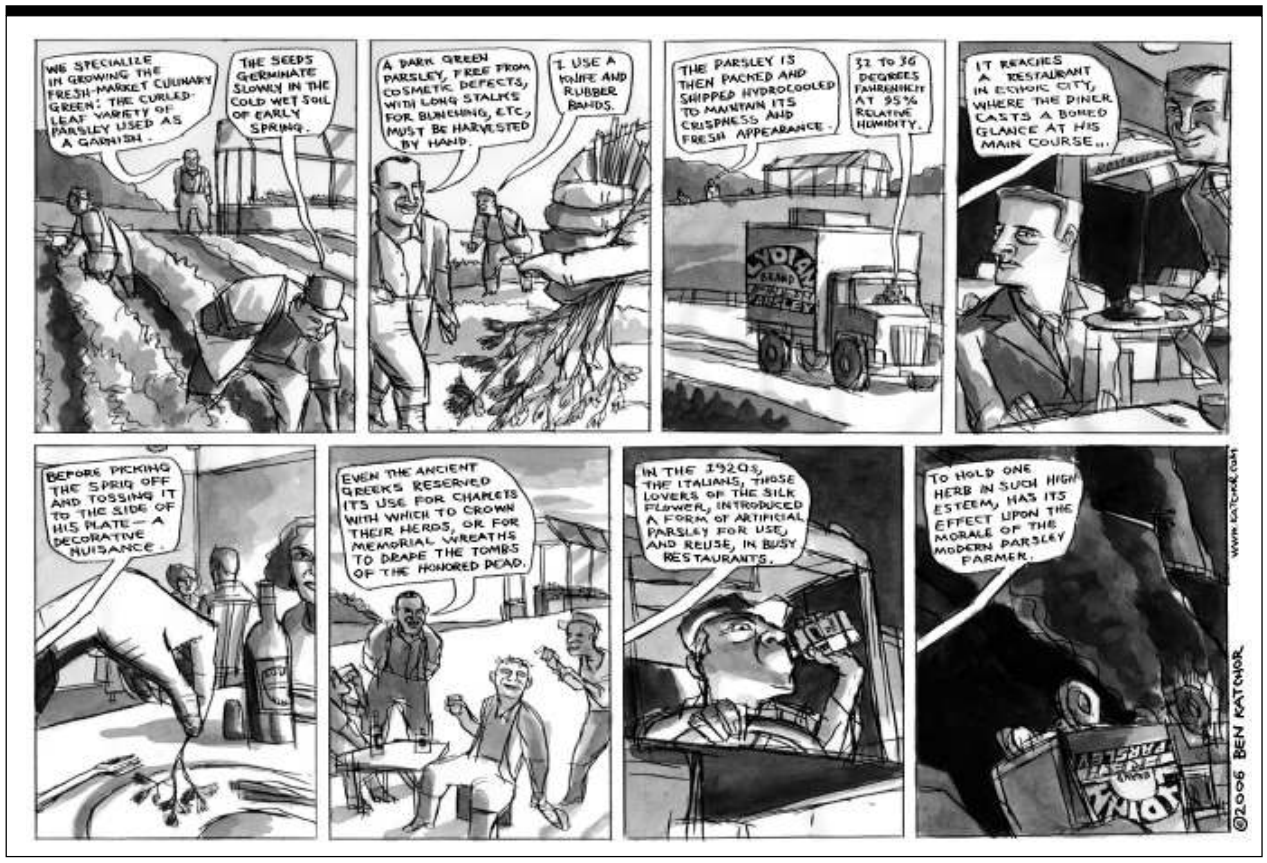
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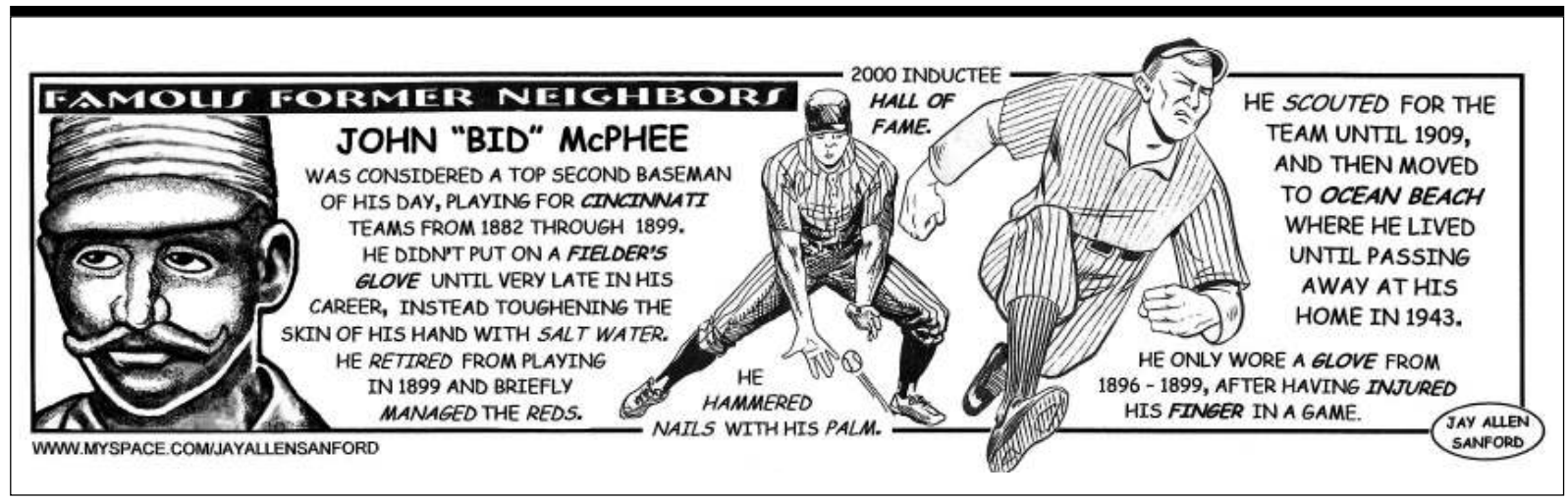
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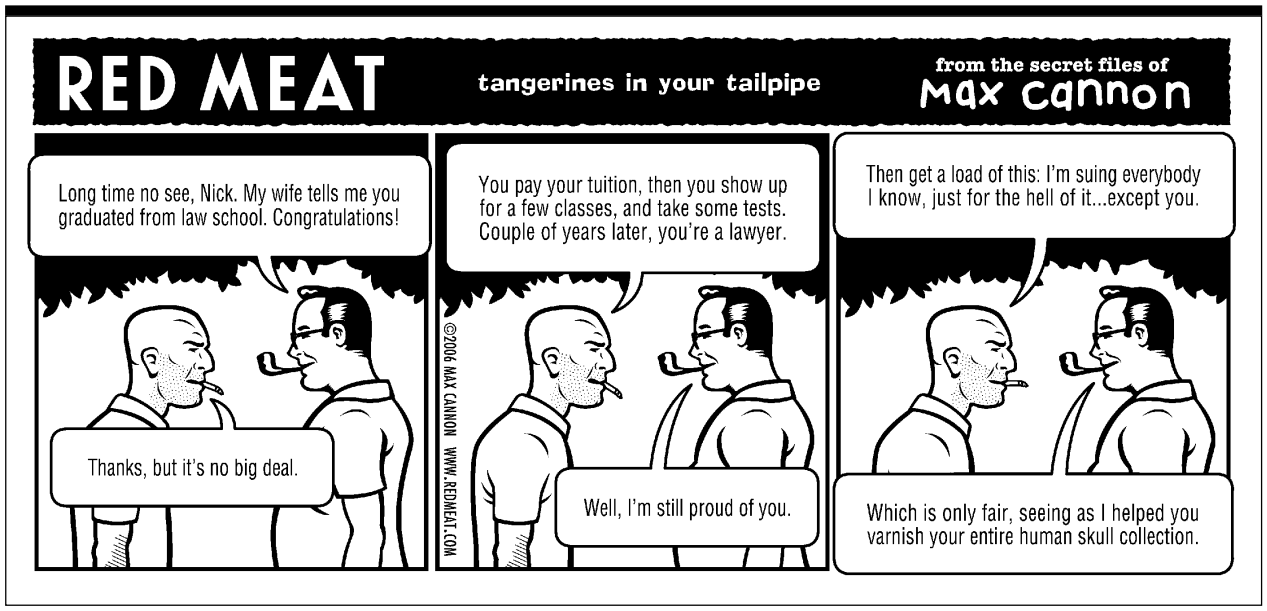
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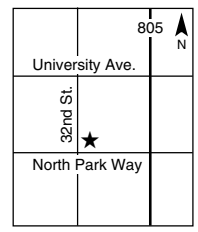
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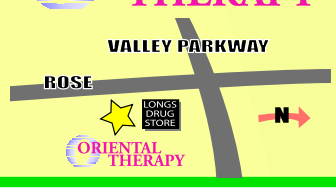
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HORMONE BALANCING, for Women by Jeanne Stryker, MD. Free. Thursday, July 20, 7pm-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

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PAID VOLUNTEERS 25+ years old needed for research study. Are you 25 years or older and available to take part in a clinical study? To participate, you cannot have any personal or family history of neuropsychiatric illness and you must currently be a cigarette smoker. Participation in this study involves no medication or treatment and requires only one 2 hour and one 1/2 hour visit to our offices in North County. As compensation for participating, volunteers may receive up to $100 cash. For further information and to check if you qualify, please call Matt Harper at 1-800-519-8810 or email tracysavra@precisionmed.com.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Creative Emptiness" July 31, 7-9pm, 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

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MATCHES

Women Seeking Men

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Youthful, 60s, slender, 5'6", European, educated, loving, kind, artist. Into new age, outdoors. Seeks soft spoken educated gentleman, best friend, soulmate sweetheart forever. (7/26) ☎69387

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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. (7/19) ☎69361

FUN, GOD-LOVING, 43 year old Southern lady. Seeks mature, honest, god-loving white man, 45-55, for an honest, loving relationship. No games. (7/19) ☎69347

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, Real Estate agent, 59, loves arts (was a docent) travel. Seeks a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (7/26) ☎69389

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. (7/19) ☎69349

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (7/19) ☎69370

SMART PROFESSIONAL, Fit, fun, petite 50's love to travel. Seeking nice educated guy, honest and fun, I'm English/Spanish speaking. (7/26) ☎69382

38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman, 36-48, for relationship. Must be established and presentable. (7/19) ☎69372

BLONDE, CLASSY, Slender, fun, professional woman. Seeking tall gentleman, educated, outgoing, nonsmoking, financially secure, 53-65, for dating. (7/26) ☎69388

ATTRACTIVE VENEZUELAN, Sexy, 47. Love to please, cook for you. Seeking honest white male to love me forever. You 48-60, work, car, time, single. (7/19) ☎69362

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, 38, seeks occasional dates, friendship, companionship, with handsome, mature, fun, smart, honest, caring, dependable gentleman who enjoys movies, dining, etc. 36-45. (7/19) ☎69203

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 53-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (7/19) ☎69367

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (18), O.B., natural, hiker, camper, blues-opera. Thou: politically progressive, 50ish, comely, easygoing, intellectual, canine friendly. Bonus: handyman, cook, sailor. (7/19) ☎69363

BEAUTIFUL 47, Year old, striking blueish green eyed lady, enjoys sports, beach, taking walks, animals. Seeking easygoing man nonsmoker between ages 43-52 with similar interests. (7/19) ☎69374

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, SENSITIVE, Spiritual, down to earth, curvy, 56, lady. Seeking nonsmoker male who enjoys movies, dancing, travel, cuddling, dining, 45-60, tall, handsome, secure lover. (7/19) ☎69369

ASIAN, SEXY, UNIQUE, EXOTIC, Professional, 5'3", 115lbs, great legs, curvaceous figure, childless, homeowner. Desires nonsmoker fun, fit, upscale, generous, compatible 35+ stable Caucasian/Asian gentleman. (7/26) ☎69383

LOVES TO KISS, Have fun, conversation, foreign films, picnics, cuddling, listening, hanging out, theater. Fit, attractive, in search of same. You 58 to 70. (7/19) ☎69348

VERY PRETTY GAL, With nice figure. Seeking 58+ gentleman to share good times and a monogamous loving relationship, with plenty of time to play. (7/26) ☎69390

EAST COUNTY, Single white female, 50s. In search of same male. Likes camping, travel, cruises, nonsmoking, drinking, firstly friend, honest, divorced 2 years. Call me. (7/19) ☎69346

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, Single white female 43, 5'8", slim, long blond/brown locks, see profile. Seeking tall single white male, attractive, proportionate, successful, honest 40-50, 5'9"+. (7/26) ☎69380

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HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT, I'm looking for! U2? Witty, selective, very attractive, childless, black beauty with diverse interests. Seeks uncumbered white male with above average mentality. (7/19) ☎69365

PRETTY BRUNETTE, Sexy sixties 5'1", fit, bubbly. Seeks attractive funloving romantic 5'8"+ beach lover. Alaska cruise, Catalina, hugs, humor, wine, sunset picnics, dancing, concerts, love! (7/19) ☎69373

LATIN, 50, attractive 5'2", 120, English major, democrat, union, peace, Sierra, hike, swim, boat, ski, jazz, classical fests, Clairemont. (7/19) ☎69344

EARTHY NORTH COUNTY, Metaphysical spiritual, youthful 62, loves ocean, cooking, healthy foods, intelligent talks, laughter. Seeks financially stable partner for serious relationship with great lady. (7/19) ☎69375

BRIGHT SIZZLING, Cinnamon colored educator, artistic, left wing, pretty, full figured. Seeks professional, honest, loyal, respectful older gentleman for passionate, committed, monogamous relationship, race open! (7/26) ☎69391

INTELLIGENT, HANDSOME, Night owl sought for friendship/more. Be generous, compassionate sweetheart 45+. I'm cute, kind, personable, bright, appreciative of you. I don't do mornings! (7/26) ☎69381

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 49. Looking for funny and good man. North County area preferred. (7/19) ☎69376

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PRETTY SMILE, 5'3" slim, enjoys movie, music, theater, home, young 62, homeowner, retired. Seeking long term 57-67 nonsmoker, available, caring, homebody gentleman, no pets. (7/26) ☎69384

SINCERELY SEEKING, A quality man between 30-36. Enjoy concerts, movies, dinners, etc. Friends first. (7/19) ☎69379

SWEETNESS AND HONEY, Nonsmoker likes traveling, Atlanta, Canada. Seeking one intelligent, nonsmoker, camping, ocean, summer solstice, breezes, cruises, beer or gin and tonic. Slim+ call. (7/19) ☎69371

39 FEMALE, North County. Seeks male 38-45 for committed relationship. I'm successful homeowner, big heart, romantic, adventurous. You know how to treat a woman TLC. (7/26) ☎69392

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Men Seeking Women

HANDSOME, TALL, TRIM Educated, well traveled, passionate, romantic man. Looking for a woman in her 60s who has same character traits as me. (7/19) ☎69611

HISPANIC MALE, 52, 5'7", 168lbs., nice guy, kind and sweet. Looking for Japanese girl to teach me Japanese. Friendship, movies, concert, nice, fun times. (7/19) ☎69622

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. (7/26) ☎69632

Hillcrest Special

Attractive international artist 63, 5'11". Seeks 60+ woman for friendship, laughter, love who enjoys films, arts, humor, conversation and my passionate heart and compassionate spirit. (7/26) ☎69645

KLSD, WAYNE DYER FAN. Former midwesterner, youthful 68, single, Caucasian, spiritual, volunteer, analyst, writer. Pet-free homeowner. Nonsmoker. Not tall. Not heavy. Meals, movies, concerts, companionship. (7/26) ☎69629

MAN WANTED! Good looking, cute, tall, warm, affectionate, boyish looks. Searching for fun-loving, friendly, out-going, good kissing women to explore sights in sunny San Diego. (7/26) ☎69646

POPULAR GENTLEMAN, 80. Likes music, dancing, walks, theatre, bridge. Seeks mature lady, who is sincere, cheerful, plus size. Similar interests helpful. (7/19) ☎69618

DREAMING OF YOU, divorced white male to meet divorced white female, 50-70. I'm attractive, homeowner, who wants to share nice lifestyle with a wonderful lady. (7/19) ☎69628

MALE, 50s, DIVORCED, romantic man likes cuddling, walks on beach. Spontaneous, easygoing, honest, dining, movies, very nice, affectionate, laughter. (7/19) ☎69627

WHITE MALE, 5'8", 185lbs, brown/hazel, employed, wants chance it with stable happy woman that considers herself pretty. Let's check each other out over dinner. (7/26) ☎69636

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. (7/19) ☎69613

TALL, LOVING, CARING, Attractive, white male, 54, spontaneous, passionate, affectionate, sensitive, easily pleased, sincere, honest, open. Seeks conscientious, loving woman for friendship, closeness, affection, intimacy. (7/26) ☎69647

BLUE-EYED MINNESOTAN, Romantic, athletic, good looking, passionate, compassionate, loves hand-holding, massages, kisses, cuddling. Seeks friendly outgoing, sensuous, shapely woman, affectionate, attractive, sparking eyes, great smile. (7/26) ☎69640

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, KIND, Blue eyes, slender, 52, single, smart, financially ok, sense of humor. Seeks an attractive woman for a possible relationship. (7/19) ☎69615

CHULA VISTA Business man, 52, fit, enjoys hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports. Clean, neat homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with lab. (7/26) ☎69635

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN, Including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well traveled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic 6'1". Young 59. (7/26) ☎69642

YOU CAN'T ROLLERSKATE, In a buffalo herd. Take this exit for the quintessential relationship you have always imagined. Hard work but we're both worth it. (7/19) ☎69614

SEEKING SLIM WOMAN, 45-55, nonsmoker by 62, semi-retired, financially secure homeowner. Enjoy books, vines, long walks, home life, winter in Florida. Let me spoil you. (7/19) ☎69624

HANDSOME INTELLIGENT, Warm, spontaneous, adventuresome, native San Diegan. Looking for partner to explore outdoors, go dancing, dining and beach, with happy woman who's caring! Peace! (7/26) ☎69634

TALL AFRICAN AMERICAN, Handsome, educated, intelligent with sense of humor. Seeking athletic runner, Caucasian, educated, attractive, sense of humor, fun and happiness for two. (7/26) ☎69644

SLIM, 6'1", Healthy, mannered, fun, divorced, two teen boys. Likes Sunday drives, music, gardening. Seeks 43-53, fit, fun, taller, North County lady, nonsmoker; commitment-minded. (7/19) ☎69605

LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED, Thing. Yes, I'll try again, divorced white male 60+, healthy, caring, sincere. Seeking attractive, fit, female 53-68 for possible relationship. (7/26) ☎69637

AFRICAN AMERICAN, Attractive male. Seeking same in female. Must be childless, attractive, nonsmoking, thin, adven-

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GENTLEMAN, 69, COLLEGE, active, easygoing. Desire platonic relationship with classy, intelligent lady, 65-73. Has best bay view in San Diego from La Jolla to Mexico. (7/19) ☎69623

PRETTY ASIAN WANTED, 35-50 nonsmoker, nondrinker. I am 53, 5'11", 225lbs, muscular body, mixed race black and Indian, never married, no kids, honest, caring, sexy. (7/26) ☎69649

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Seeking nice sweet woman in North County nonsmoker with a good sense of humor who likes her life and herself. (7/26) ☎69631

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. (7/26) ☎69641

ATTENTION FEMALES, ATTENTION, Single white male, mid 40s. Seeking female, 35-48, for indoor sports, romantic dinners, sunsets, moonlight sunrises, let's talk, have a drink ok. (7/19) ☎69612

WHITE KNIGHT, Yes he's here! He sings to you, lavishes you in gifts, cooks the finest meals, picks you flowers. NOT...What about reality check. (7/19) ☎69606

SEEKING WOMAN, For companionship, possible long term relationship. I'm 57, I'm easy going, I enjoy working out, movies, sports, quiet times with nonsmoking lady. (7/26) ☎69638

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SAGITTARIUS STRONG, Single sincere, stable African American teddy bear. Seeking serious full-figured female Hispanic or white for dating and more. Only serious ladies need apply. (7/26) ☎69633

WHITE MALE, 25. Seeking female 18-41 single, financially secure a plus for friendship, romance, possible long term relationship. Please no baggage, must love fun adventures. (7/19) ☎69616

SINCERE LIFETIME CARING offered by active, secure homeowner, 78 years, widowed outdoorsman. Like quiet homelife, barbecues, RV travel. Seeking lady liking same. Previous notice repeated. (7/19) ☎69625

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LATINO MALE, Good natured, outgoing, 5'8", 135lbs, 50, college educated. Seeking friendship, conversation with kind, caring, heavenly woman. (7/26) ☎69643

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Roommates

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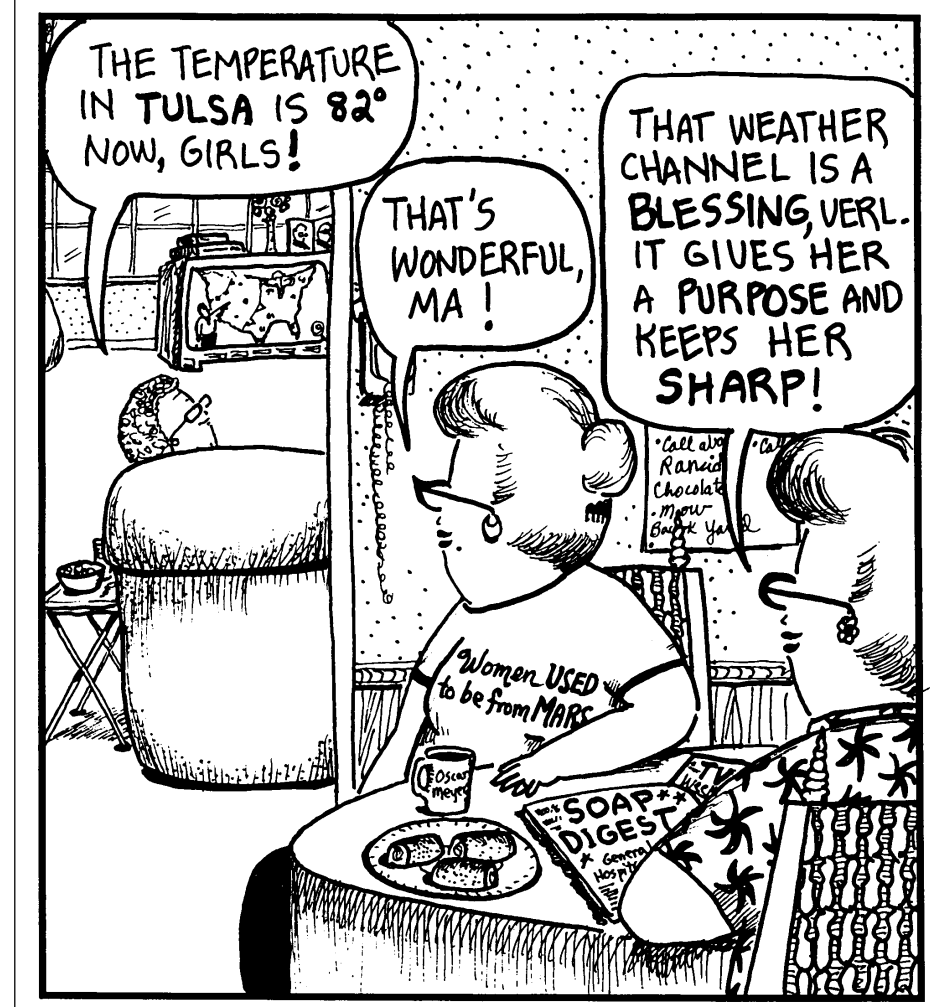
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CLAIREMONT. 2 bedroom, 1 shared bath with male in condo. Female only. $450 plus $350 deposit. Includes utilities. Nice, clean, quiet. Pool/Jacuzzi. Mac, 858-405-2565.

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ENCINITAS, Female wanted, share 3 bedroom townhouse, with owner. Private bathroom, jacuzzi, upgraded, $900/month. West of I-5, near beach. No smoking/pets. Contact Alexandra, 760-908-3528.

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LA MESA. $470. Large room with large closet in quiet older home with laundry. Easy parking. Pets possible. 619-235-2415, x21222.

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MIRA MESA. $750. Female. Master bedroom with bathroom. Large house. Includes all utilities. Washer/dryer. No pets or smoking. 714-569-1924; 619-235-2415, x21716.

MIRA MESA. $500. Female. Single room. Large house. Includes all utilities. Washer/dryer, community pool. No pets or smoking. 714-569-1924; 619-235-2415, x12688.

MIRA MESA. $550-$650. 3 rooms available in 5 bedroom house with pool. Quiet neighborhood. No smoking/pets. Available 8/1. 619-517-1410.

MIRA MESA. $650, $650 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom, private bath. Garage, pool/spa/fitness, central air/heat, upstairs, view, furnished. Female preferred, nonsmoker. 858-566-9675.

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NORTH PARK. 2 rooms available in large house. $500/$600, includes utilities, $400 deposit. Seeking female sharing bathroom with female. No pets/smoking. Includes cable, laundry. Eric, 619-284-9399.

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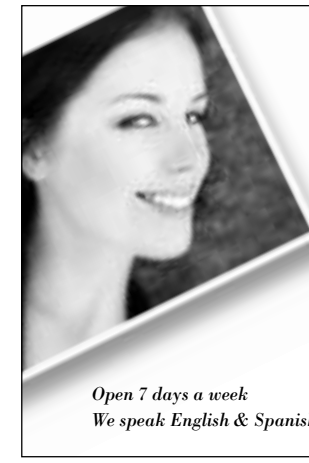
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What's the last CD you bought?



Nate Cabuto
Student
Pacific Beach

I really haven't bought any in a while. I download on the Internet where it's free. I haven't bought a CD for years. I just do it on my neighbor's computer; it's called LimeWire and it's on his computer. On *limewire.com,* you just type in the artist's name and it's basically like Napster. I don't do it on my computer, and my neighbor has tons of songs on his computer. Most recently, I downloaded Too Short; it was an old album. I really, honestly can't remember the last CD that I bought. From the site, it goes right to the iPod when you download it. It's good for when the money's a little low.



Allison Pascal
Law Student
Downtown

The last CD I bought would have to be Kelly Clarkson. I watched her on *American Idol,* and I feel responsible for her fame. I didn't buy Clay Aiken; he wasn't the winner. I actually downloaded the Kelly Clarkson CD; I didn't actually buy the CD. I still paid for, it though. The last real CD that I bought was probably Britney Spears when I was back in high school. I don't think she was ever a role model. I saw her in Vegas when she got married [the first time]; I saw them at [the club] Rain. It was like the day before they got married. Everybody was, like, "Who's that guy that she's with?" They had, like, bodyguards around, but it was just the two of them. Through my law school, we actually get a certain amount of free iTunes. I definitely don't believe in stealing music, but I also don't believe in buying a CD for $20 just for one song.



Kimberly Patterson
Client Service Specialist
Mira Mesa

Mary J. Blige. It's good. The CD feels a little different; it feels more mature. I think she collaborates with P. Diddy on this one. Everybody in the industry wants to work with her. Before that, I bought Steve Wonder. He's still as good as he's ever been. I think there are artists I like to stick with. I download, too, but I like to buy them. Prince also has a good CD out. I also like contemporary gospel; it's got a beat. I think people should buy CDs. The prices have come down, and you can get a good CD for $15.



Maileen Zuazo
Client Service Specialist
Mira Mesa

Lil Rob. He's rap and hip-hop. His popular song is "N-A-S-T-Y." It's definitely bumping. If you hear it on the radio, everybody identifies with it. He was pretty much a one-hit wonder with that song; nothing else off of that CD hit. I left it on replay listening to the "N-A-S-T-Y" song. My first love really is salsa. The songs are a melting pot. I'm from Puerto Rico; I love my food, and I love my music. The music I like is definitely upbeat and pumping through my veins. Every day, all day long I listen to music; I can't live without it. I miss Celia Cruz; she is the queen of salsa. I have her CDs and her DVDs. She left Cuba and she never made it back, not even to mourn her mother's death because of Fidel Castro's dictatorship. Puerto Rico and Cuba show solidarity between each other even though Puerto Rico is associated with the United States. It's illegal to fly to Cuba from the United States; people do go to Cuba through Mexico, but if you're American and you get a Cuban stamp on your American passport, that's a $25,000 fine.



Michelle Jackson
Graduate Student
Bonita

Heather Headley; she does neo soul like Jill Scott. Neo soul is like Raheem Devaughn and Zwele. Neo soul is like rhythm and blues R&B, but a little bit more of a funk and a little bit more independent, less commercial and less pop. There's a little bit more substance; people would say pop is substanceless. Heather Headley had a song on the radio called "In My Mind" that was her first single. I heard it, and I bought it. I don't normally buy a lot of CDs or download; I do listen to the radio. Heather Headley didn't get a lot of radio play because she's not a fly-by-night pop star; hers will probably be a CD I listen to for a while. I don't have Britney Spears and Jessica Simpson; they can be good, but their CDs don't last very long. You can always rotate their songs for a new one. I think there's a lot more independent bands gaining popularity, like Gnarls Barkley; they're old, but more independent acts are being previewed in the mainstream media.



Courtney Wadman
Student
City of Orange

I bought Jack Johnson's most recent CD. It's mellow, and I love it when I'm at the beach. I use iTunes a lot, though, too. I definitely got a good value when I got the Jack Johnson CD, though. Unless there's a really good CD like Jack Johnson, I just buy one song at a time. It's not good for the artist, wanting to sell CDs if people just buy one song off iTunes or whatever. I might end up buying the whole CD if I really like a song. I don't usually buy a lot of CDs, but I think it's bad when people pirate music. I felt bad when I saw people using Napster; I was, like, "Don't do it; it's bad." I think it's mainly the principle; we enjoy music because of the artist, and it ends up hurting everyone in the end.

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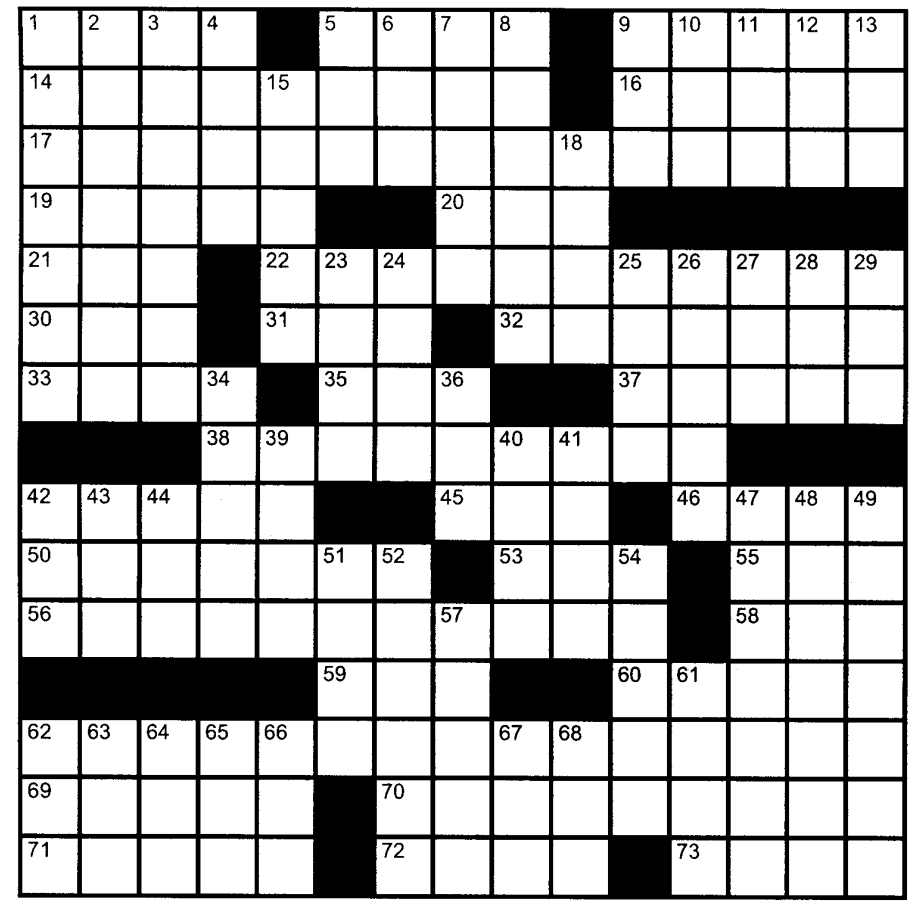
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Across

1. Full house holding
5. Luke Skywalker's sister
9. "The Taming of the Shrew" city
14. "Maybe yes, maybe no"
16. Straighten, as wheels
17. Classic TV show that literally translates to "pretium iustum est" in Latin
19. Santa ____, CA
20. Physician's org.
21. Garment border
22. Classic TV show that literally translates to "navis amoris" in Latin
30. Traveler's request: Abbr.
31. Poseidon's realm
32. In a corrupt manner
33. TV rooms
35. Opposite of dep.
37. Praises manually
38. Classic TV show that literally translates to "dies felices" in Latin
42. Twist into knots
45. Mr. Potato Head stick-on
46. Suffix with billion
50. Small stuff
53. LAPD ranking
55. Faultfinder
56. Classic TV show that literally translates to "spectaculum tintinnabuli" in Latin
58. Mediterranean fruit
59. "Bride & Prejudice" actress Aishwarya
60. Clear the tape
62. Classic TV show that literally translates to "id castori concedite" in Latin
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71. Mr. or Mrs.
72. Work without ____ (be daring)
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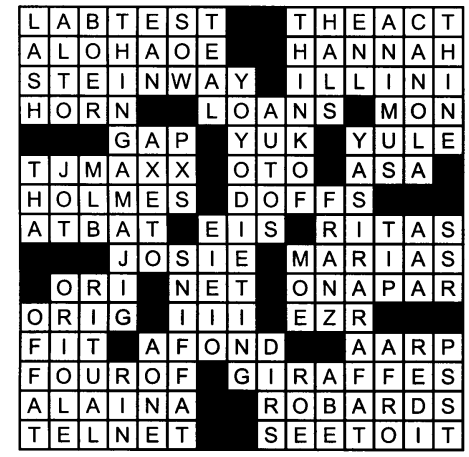
1. Emulated Roger Clemens
2. Wheaties box figure
3. Think tank member
4. Copy of an orig.
5. Aloha shirt accompaniment
6. Env. stuffer
7. Without a flaw
8. Author Isaac
9. What a golfer might shoot
10. He KO'd Foreman in '74
11. "Catch my drift?"
12. "Yuck!"
13. Picnic intruder
15. Rear ends
18. Put away for a rainy day
23. Great deal
24. Wyatt of the wild, wild West
25. Britannica, for one: Abbr.
26. Wood that's Spanish for "raft"
27. Schnozz ending
28. Swiss peak
29. Cobb and others
34. "You got me," nonverbally
36. Alternative to whole wheat
39. Choir voice
40. 100-meter race, e.g.
41. Golden Fleece ship
42. All clocks are set by it: Abbr.
43. Fed. biomedical research agcy.
44. Suffix with meth- or eth-
47. Voting aye
48. Lift
49. "Baywatch" actress Nicole and others
51. Crucifix inscription
52. First name in mysteries
54. 10-to-12-year-old
57. Peaceful protest
61. Sitar melody
62. Set on fire
63. UK record label
64. Sales rep: Abbr.
65. Actor Kilmer
66. Watch
67. Inspired poem
68. Comic shtick



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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 7/6/06.

There were 111 entrants.
The winners are:

1. Jura R. Baca, *San Diego*
2. James H. Bemis, Jr., *Temecula*
3. Julianne Johnson, *San Diego*
4. Chris Fisher, *San Diego*
5. George Newkirks, *San Diego*

RENTALS

Apartments / Condos

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ALLIED GARDENS. $1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, air conditioner, 2 parking spaces. 7671 Mission Gorge Road, The Trails. 1 year lease. Nonsmoking, no pets. Michael, 858-597-6100 x321.

ALLIED GARDENS. $1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Brand new custom paint and carpet. Bottom floor unit. Pool, laundry, parking on site. Don't miss out! No pet/smoking. 4550 Vandever. Manager, 619-282-8000.

ALPINE. $900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! Air conditioning, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. Laundry. Pool. Assigned parking. No pets. 1319 Marshall Road. Agent, 619-298-7724.

BALBOA PARK. Clean, quiet, furnished studios from $59/day or $210/week. Private bath, shower, microwave, refrigerator, phone, cable TV. Air conditioning, laundry, barbecue. Weekly maid service. Downtown/Banker's Hill location near trolley/bus/freeway. Ideal, affordable, short-term stays. 1840 4th Avenue. www.westparkinn.com. 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

BALBOA PARK. $895. Downstairs studio across from Balboa Park! Gated entry! Great location! No pets. 2808 6th Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

BALBOA, EAST, Lovely, quiet 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in Spanish fourplex. Oak floor, coved ceiling, private garage, private entry, $925, 619-287-3644.

BANKER'S HILL. Furnished 1 bedrooms start at $775 and up. Close to park and downtown. Some utilities paid. Laundry facilities. 619-234-7572.

BANKER'S HILL. $825. Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, wood floors, security, laundry. Parking. No dogs. Nonsmoking. References. 1822 3rd Avenue. Near Balboa Park. 619-660-0523.

BANKER'S HILL. $900/month. 1 bedroom unit in 4-plex. 715-square feet, parking, laundry. 1 pet possible. Front Street near Hawthorn. Call Ms. Butler, 619-339-4311.

BANKER'S HILL. $995. Great 1 bedroom, 1 bath in unique building, upstairs. Terre cotta tiled kitchen/bath, area for dining/office. Courtyard, laundry, parking, jacuzzi. No smoking/pets. 2055 Albatross Street. 858-442-1234.

BANKER'S HILL/DOWNTOWN. Studio apartments at $750; 1 bedrooms at $875. On-site laundry. Close to I-5, 236 Kalmia. No pets. Call 619-234-0236.

BANKER'S HILL. $640, 6-month lease. Large, clean studio. Great location! No pets. 619-702-9049.

BANKER'S HILL. $725. Studio. Move-in special! Gated community, beautiful location close to all! On-site laundry, fresh paint, stove, refrigerator. 2408 2nd Avenue. Call 619-544-9699.

BANKER'S HILL/DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled with granite countertops, slate tiles in bathroom, wood floors. Some views. Pets OK. $1295. 614 West Laurel. 619-993-3971.

BANKER'S HILL. Studios. Private bath, kitchen. $700 month/$500 deposit. Utilities included. Laundry on site. Cats OK. Minutes from downtown. First Avenue. 619-325-7332.

BANKER'S HILL. $965. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in classic 1920s building. 2230 Albatross Street. Laundry on-site, street parking. Cat OK. Available now. 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182, www.cal-prop.com.

BANKER'S HILL. $785. Studio in classic 1920s building at 2230 Albatross Street. Laundry on-site, street parking. Cat OK. 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182, www.cal-prop.com.

BANKER'S HILL. $1095. Gorgeous 1 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors, custom curtains, rounded ceilings and original built-in cabinets. This darling community has been fully restored to reflect the early 1900s. Lush landscaping in enclosed courtyard. Dogs OK! Check with the leasing consultant for a list of approved breeds and other restrictions. 3558 Fifth Avenue. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio, $875/month. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, $2350/month. 4 bedroom, 4 baths, $3425/month. Close to Balboa Park, shopping and dining. All appliances including washer/dryer, except studio which has laundry facility. Air conditioning. Cats welcome. A must see! Landscaper, water and trash included in rent. 858-598-1111 x190, www.utopiamanagement.com.

BANKER'S HILL. $725-$925. Spacious studio and 1 bedroom apartment homes with full kitchen/bath and walk-in closet. In a restored 1920s building with several original details including built-in drawers and a large mirror. On-site laundry facility. 1964 5th Avenue. 858-270-5500 x45, www.msbrowar.com.

BANKER'S HILL. 2 studios, $950, upstairs, vaulted ceilings; and $900, downstairs, facing pool, gated. Newly remodeled, all brand new. Cats/small dogs OK. Deposits $600, pet $300. 413 Olive Street. 619-291-5788.

Services





PICTURE STORY

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society



After *Spirit of St. Louis,* there was *Lone Eagle,* Lindbergh's second plane. This photo was taken in 1928, the year after Lindbergh's New York–to-Paris flight. The caption info on the back of the print called it an "air yacht" and noted that it had "eyes" (headlights in the wings for nighttime landings), enough fuel capacity for a flight of 1000 miles, and accommodations for four passengers.

— by Robert Mizrachi

BANKER'S HILL. $1050. Gorgeous 1 bedroom apartment home with magnificent hardwood floors throughout. Community is a restored 1920s Mediterranean-style building with controlled access and beautiful landscaping in the courtyard. Laundry on site. 2350 Thid Avenue. 858-270-5500 x53, www.msbrowar.com.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio, $725 or 1 bedroom, $925, utilities paid, park or downtown views, beautifully landscaped, laundry. 2142 Fifth Avenue. Agent, 619-230-1261 or 619-260-1368. View at sevillemgmt.com.

BANKER'S HILL. $895 rent. $600 deposit. Studio. Corner unit, new cabinets, hardwood floors, ceiling fan. Pets ok. On-site laundry, gated. Balboa Park and Starbucks one block away. 2311 Fourth Avenue #6. 619-804-3325.

BANKERS HILL. $1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious downstairs unit. Hardwood floors. Patio. Extra storage. Beautiful trim. 2066 4th Avenue. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

BAY PARK. $800. Darling 1 bedroom with yard. 1 parking. Quiet location. Stove, refrigerator, newer carpets/paint. Available 7/13. Small pet negotiable. 2053 Morena Boulevard, south of Clairemont Drive. 858-232-9932.

BONITA. $1650. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with attached garage. Fireplace, patio and balcony overlooks pool and jacuzzi. Near jogging/cycling trail! 619-200-2446.

BONITA. $1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice North Bonita area. $500 deposit. New ceramic tile and carpet floors. 6982 Parkside (I-54 to Woodman, left on Alta View). Agent, 858-866-5636.

BONITA. $795. Utilities included. 1 bedroom, across from golf course, everything remodeled. New kitchen/bathroom. parking. 619-894-0536.

BONITA. $975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, carport, balcony, air conditioning. Pool, laundry, rec room. Close to freeways. Available now. 858-864-2295.

COLLEGE AREA. $1250. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Mint condition. Close to shopping and transit. 4775 Seminole Drive. Available now. 1 year lease. 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

CARDIFF. $1000. Charming 1 bedroom, utilities paid, 2 blocks to beach/shopping/library/restaurants. On-site laundry, No pets. Available 7/28. Call 9am-8pm, 760-929-0411.

CARDIFF. $1600. $800 deposit. Credit report. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath, good ocean view! 2 parking spaces. Clean, quiet 200 block of Chesterfield. Craig, 760-942-2551.

CARDIFF. $1200. Quiet, spacious, 1 bedroom, complete guest house, separate from main house. Berber carpeting, ocean view, acreage/trees. Extra storage. No pets. Nonsmoking. 760-942-0826.

CARDIFF. Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Panoramic ocean views. Gardener/water included. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. 2-car garage. No pets. $2700. 760-533-2115.

CARLSBAD, Crest. $2500. 3 month minimum. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with ocean view. Fireplace, garage, common pool. Great location. 6871 Carnation. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. 1 bedroom apartment with carport, $895/month. Completely refurbished! Near beach, walk to Village. Quiet, small complex. Call 760-753-4101 or 760-729-0575.

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CARMEL VALLEY. Looking for affordable luxury living? 1 bedrooms from $1260! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from $1575! Near beaches, shopping, easy freeway access, great school district! Free tennis, swimming lessons! Washer/dryer. Parking. Fitness center. Pool. No pets. Club Torrey Pines, 12646 Torrey Bluff Drive. 1-866-354-2096. www.sdreader.com/rent/2106.

CARMEL VALLEY. Beautiful 2 bedroom condo, nice upgrades, ground floor. Private patio. Mile to beach. Laundry, pool, gym, tennis. No pets. $1600. Call Phil, 310-406-7108.

CARMEL VALLEY. $1695. Large 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, garage. Washer/dryer, private patio. Community pool, Jacuzzi, fitness room, barbecue area. Available 8/1. 760-855-9215.

CARMEL VALLEY. $1795. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 3825 Elijah Court in Carmel Pointe. All new. Granite counters, stainless steel appliances, valley view, carport, washer/dryer. 1 year lease. No pets. Available now. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287, www.cal-prop.com.

CARMEL VALLEY, new spacious townhome. 2/2, air, washer/dryer, DSL service, attached garage, pool/spa. No pets. 1 year lease, $1975. 858-204-2788.

CASA DE ORO. Mount Helix. 1 bedroom from $795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from $995. Park/garden-like settings. Pool. Spa. Close to all shopping. Cats welcomed with deposit. Conrad Villas Apartments. 3917 Conrad Drive. Visit our website: www.progressmanagement.net or call 619-697-6323.

CASA DE ORO/MT. HELIX Area. $895, 2 bedroom. 1 bath. Small quiet building. Off-street parking, On-site laundry. 4032 North Bonita. Available 8/1. Chris, 619-504-4995.

CASA DE ORO. Move-in special! $1000, 2 bedroom. $1100 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious. Central location. Laundry, balconies, pool. Espanol. 619-464-8343.

CHULA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. $995. Spacious. Small, quiet complex. Near all. Great location! Parking. Laundry. No pets. Available now! 363 Moss Street. 619-638-2402.

CHULA VISTA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $950. Nice, quiet, gated complex. Laundry. Parking. Near trolley. No pets. Lease. Available now! 552 D Street. 619-869-7785.

CHULA VISTA. $1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath newly remodeled condo, small complex, upstairs corner unit. Near shopping, freeways. Laundry facilities. 2 Parking Pool/spa. 619-370-4282.

CHULA VISTA. $950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Patio. Gated garage. Swimming pool. Laundry. Freeway close. 1420 Second Avenue. 619-902-0000.

CHULA VISTA. $1350. Downtown urban lofts. Brand new! 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. 1230 square feet. 20 foot ceilings. Secured. Carports. Washer/dryer. Agent, 619-718-6565, 619-851-8079.

CHULA VISTA. $1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse in Eastlake. 2021 Barbados Cove. 1-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony, pool. Available now. No pets. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287, www.cal-prop.com.

CHULA VISTA. $1025. Move-in special: 1 month free rent! Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Optional garage. Pools, sauna. Laundry facilities. No pets. 225-245 East Orange Avenue. 619-425-0983.

CHULA VISTA. $750/month. $150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA. $995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great location across from City Hall. Well maintained building. Controlled access. No pets. 452 F Street. TPPM, 619-585-1959.

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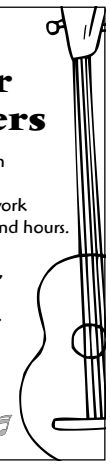
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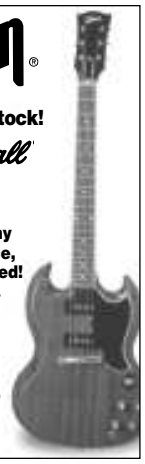
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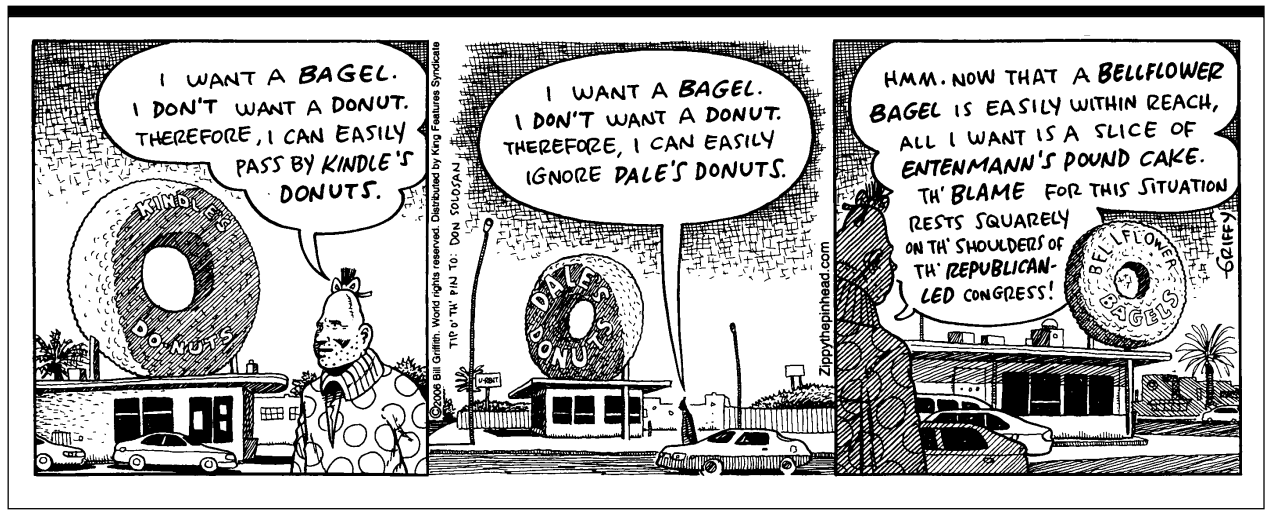
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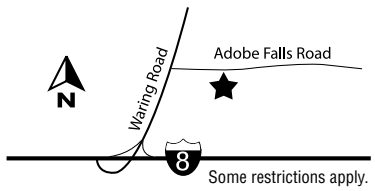
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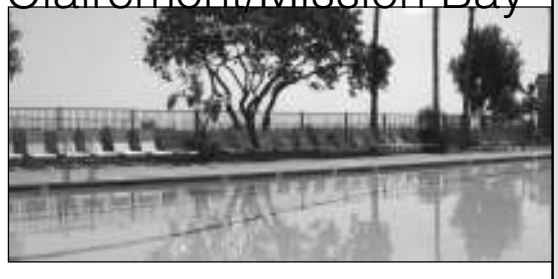
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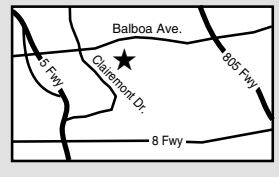
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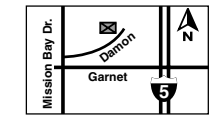
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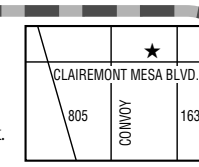
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D○wn and Up and D○wn Again

THE EATING HOURS | *By Frances Kuffel*



The smells of garlic, peanut oil, charcoal, and meat hang in the heavy air of July.

"Hang on, Skippy," Lou recounted his latest visit to the doctor. "You're telling me I have high blood pressure, a goiter, *and* I'm morbidly obese. Let me absorb all this."

He reached into his pocket and gave the plush toy squeaker a couple of yeeks and complimented Boomer on his heel. Daisy was in lockstep, exhausted from fetch in the 90-degree humidity. Both dogs are making progress under Lou's tutelage. Boomer is more obedient; Daisy barks less.

"Morbidly obese." Lou tested the flavor of the words. "I gotta lose a hundred pounds."

We've had this conversation before. He even tried the Rooms but was turned off by thin women talking about the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous. "Not all of them started thin," I said, but I wasn't surprised he didn't go back. Men and food is another country from women and food, two different anatomies, two different languages, two different cuisines.

"I can tell you about my food plan if you want," I suggested hesitantly.

"No. I'm doing Pritikin."

I nodded my satisfaction that he was on a plan. "During the day."

I had to laugh. "I know that one. From four to nine is the worst. I call them 'the Eating Hours.'"

"It goes away for you at nine?"

"That's when I can go to bed."

He looked at me for the first time since he brought the subject up and gave one of those light bulb ohhhh's. "Is that why you go to bed so early?"

"Whatever it takes, my friend. Whatever it takes."

The Eating Hours shred the psyches of us who are eating-obsessed into such ribbons of need and pointlessness that it takes all night to knit ourselves together again. My last dog walks run from 4:00 to 6:30. You'd think being busy for half the Eating Hours would help, but these are cruel hours.

I and the dogs face fierce traffic. When I take Daisy and Boomer to the dog run at 4:00, nannies are taking kids to the adjacent playground — and teaching them to be scared of dogs while they're at it. An hour later, when I get to Montague Street for Hero, the court buildings are gushing harried unhappy worker-bees, most of whom are also afraid of this shyest of Labs. By 6:30 I'm hot (or frozen or soaking wet), weary and irritated and, thanks to the generosity of my food plan, not yet hungry. I've seen humanity at its most human: kids swinging and bawling, lawyers with their ties loosened congregated over Scotch and eyeing their waitress's ass, secretaries eating cookies on their way down the subway steps. Families emerge together as units, girlfriends meet for drinks, lovers reunite on the benches of the Promenade, the kitchens of brownstones at dusk wink, copper-panned, into business. The women coming from Manhattan are thin and carrying Saks bags; the kids living at the St. George retain their adolescent coltishness or chubby audacity. The smells of garlic, peanut oil, charcoal, and meat hang in the heavy air of July or lilt across the scolding winds of February.

In short, I'm primed with a chip on my shoulder, no appetite but infinite desire to be One of Them (engaged, thin, done with their days), sapped of the particular energy of my Salad Ballet or chopping eggplant and in want of...something.

A little something — a little "smackerel," Pooh, the greatest compulsive overeater in literature since Falstaff, calls it. Food as reward for the dogs I've hauled out of fights and passive-verb tenses I've fixed and boggling anger I've witnessed in cyberspace obesity. Why is it that the thought of cauliflower and potatoes is too filling, but half a box of Grapenuts or a quart of Edy's (the bastards) sugar-free, fat-free butter pecan ice cream isn't? Why would I rather let my dog suffer a full bladder to avoid the rain but don't hesitate over whether to find something amusing to eat?

Because that properly weighed and measured dinner that will be absolutely delicious fuel won't silence the clamor of desire for sweetness in my life. Getting overfull is something to do, something to be, when the life's-a-stage motions of the street are tableaus of the way people come home to love and hate and know each other. Overfull, unfinished editing and half-hearted research are undoable for the day, a bad equivalent to finishing them. The coziness of carbohydrate/calcium fills the well of loneliness, insufficiency, listlessness.

Short of sitting in the naked bundle of want and wont that I am, or a perfect phrase, it's as close to coming home as I get.

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— The "indecent" CBS drama *Without a Trace* (for which the Federal Communications Commission is proposing a $3.3 million fine) was complained about by 2 of the estimated 8.2 million viewers who watched it that December 2004 night, according to FCC records. Those 2 (and 4209 complaints from people who only heard about the show) did not start arriving at the FCC until 12 days afterward, which was the day that a family watchdog organization began alerting its members about the show. The same CBS program had aired in 2003 with no complaints.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Indispensable Devices: (1) Audio software programs whose sole purpose is to re-create the hubbub and screaming of orders on an active stock-exchange floor are coveted by some traders who formerly worked such floors but now buy and sell in quiet offices. Those traders, according to a June *Wall Street Journal* story, say they miss the energy and wisdom they get from trading-floor chaos. (2) In May, Lester Clancy was awarded a U.S. patent for a ropeless jump rope (a handle that electronically duplicates the feel of a jump-rope handle), which he said would be practical for mental institutions and prisons, where rope is banned.

— The San Diego firm Allerca Inc. announced in June that it is accepting advance orders (at $5000 each) for hypoallergenic cats it intends to create by cross-breeding species that lack the noxious bacteria that most cats produce. A competitor, New York's Transgenic Pets, is after the same result by modifying the gene that produces the cat-saliva bacteria. (Transgenic is expecting to beat Allerca to market, at a price of around $1000.)

The March of Science

— Progress With Flavors: (1) Researchers at England's University of Birmingham announced in May that they had powered a fuel cell by giving chocolate waste to *Escherichia coli* bacteria, which converted the sugar into hydrogen. (The bacteria are also expected to produce precious metals from the discarded catalytic converters of automobiles.) (2) Researcher Mayu Yamamoto of Japan's International Medical Center said her team had succeeded in extracting vanilla from cow dung, although she conceded the flavoring could only be used in non-food products like shampoos.

Leading Economic Indicators

— Zimbabwe's inflation rate (the world's worst) reached 1042 percent in April, with prices doubling every three or four months and unemployment rising to 70 percent. Only the unsophisticated don't spend any money they have promptly, even though, for example, toilet paper sells for $145,000 a roll (about 69 U.S. cents). According to an April *New York Times* dispatch, President Robert Mugabe's remedy is to print trillions of dollars in new money (which he needs to keep his government workers loyal, to prop up his dictatorship).

Chutzpah!

— As Congress debates whether to retain the federal estate tax, two advocacy groups released evidence in April that 18 super-rich families (including the owners of Wal-Mart, Gallo wine, Campbell's soup, and the Mars candy company) spent as much as $500 million in the past ten years through industry and trade associations to urge abolition of the tax, and if their campaign is successful, the families will have saved themselves an estimated $71 billion in taxes, a return of 142 times the investment. (Polls show that around 70 percent of Americans favor abolition, even though only 1 taxpayer in 400 owes any tax.)

Still More Challenges to Christianity

— In May, *The Times* of London reported on Japan's Shingo Village, which is well known to locals, and practically no one else, as the burial place of Jesus Christ. According to documents written in ancient Japanese, Jesus moved to Shingo from Jerusalem as a young man, married Miyuko, became a farmer, and died at age 106. However, that cannot be true, according to Katherine Jhawarelall, 35, a Hindu woman with a criminology degree living in Durban, South Africa, because she is certain that she herself is Jesus Christ (after awakening one day in 2004 with a swollen arm containing a miracle-producing stigmata), according to a report in Durban's *Post.*

Feuds

— Cities feel fortunate to have even one dependable group of dedicated volunteer caretakers for a public park, but Boston's Ringer Park has two. However, they hate each other. According to an April *Boston Globe* story, Ringer Park Partnership Group and Friends of Ringer Park spread nasty rumors about each other, compete ruthlessly for new members, resist mediation more fiercely than some street gangs do, and, allegedly, commit park vandalism in order to embarrass the other group. The origin of the feud appears to be differences in aggressiveness and in attitudes toward dogs, and, according to the *Globe,* peace is not in sight.

Weirdo-American Community

— In June, another client who did her own lawyering, eccentric Susan Polk, was convicted of murdering her husband. After a long trial in Martinez, Calif., Polk spent two weeks on the witness stand as both questioner and witness (and in a judge-allowed departure, as her deep-voiced husband, as she re-created their conversations). Polk told the jury that she is psychic, that she predicted the Sept. 11 attacks, that her husband was an Israeli intelligence agent, that she once foiled an assassination attempt on the pope, and that Colin Powell is the antichrist.

Least Competent Criminals

— James Otis Denham, 49, was arrested in May after attempting to sell a 375-year-old etching by Rembrandt *(The Raising of Lazarus)* that police later learned had been stolen. Denham said he'd take $1500 for the artwork, and his sales venue was the trunk of his ca. He'd met the potential customer in Torchy's Legends bar in Broken Arrow, Okla.

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) Paul Wendell Gunn was arrested in May, sitting on a sofa in the reception area at the First State Bank in Round Rock, Texas, minutes after he had allegedly robbed it. According to Austin's *American-Statesman,* Gunn, for reasons he has not yet disclosed, chose to remain in the bank and read magazines until police arrived. (2) In Kumagaya, Japan, in May, a 58-year-old unemployed man commenced a robbery of the Saitama Resona Bank, but then asked a teller for suggestions on bank-robbing. When the teller ordered the man out, he left, but in his haste, cut himself on the leg with his knife.

Updates

— The 13-year-old blond, blue-eyed, twin white-supremacist singers, Lynx and Lamb Gaede ("Prussian Blue," mentioned here in December), might lower their profile temporarily while their divorced parents fight over custody in Fresno, Calif. Though mom April Gaede is still a white supremacist ("I'm a racist.… Everybody's a racist"), dad Kris Lingelser said he has renounced his separatist ways and would like to soften the girls' views, too, but so far, he has only limited visitation rights to April's home in Montana.

The Only Way Out

— It Worked Out, After All: In May, a 30-year-old man from Waterfoot, England, attempted suicide by tying a rope around his neck and the other end to a telephone pole, and then drove off in his car. However, the rope quickly broke, dooming the suicide. The impact, however, jarred the driver, causing him to lose control and crash into a tree, fatally. And in June, a man attempted suicide in Huntington Beach, Calif., by hanging himself off the side of the Adams Avenue Bridge, but he accidentally came loose, fell to the dry riverbed below, and was killed.

CORRECTION: Two weeks ago, "News of the Weird" mistakenly identified the executed victim of Texas fire marshals' faulty murder testimony as the late Tyrone Willingham. His name was Cameron Todd Willingham.

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The bare bottom of San Diego sport is epitomized by the face of Canadian entrepreneur and Sports Arena operator Peter Graham. This contemptuous double-dealer is the best case yet for confiscatory inheritance taxes. He controls San Diego's indoor sports' destiny, only because his ancestors placed their millions in family trusts. Graham has stripped San Diego of its professional indoor sports credibility with his self-aggrandizing and efforts to keep major sports teams out of his arena unless he can own them himself.

—**"THE HIGH AND THE LOW OF SAN DIEGO SPORTS,"** *Alan Pesin, July 15, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

[During WWII] planes were needed and that meant workers and that meant housing was needed. Kearny Mesa and Linda Vista were built by fiat. Housing for 15,000 was constructed from scratch in less than 200 working days. Eleanor Roosevelt took special interest in the project and dedicated it herself. "Money was no object," recalls Morrie Slayen, president of Morrie Slayen and Associates in San Diego. "And when money is no object, anything and everything is paid in wages, in overtime, day and night, seven days a week, nonstop. At peak capacity Convair was building about one hundred Liberator bombers a week!"

—**"WAR!"** *Andrew Piotrowski, July 16, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

A hot, crummy morn…oh stop complaining. This is SEA DAY, the day I at last go to sea. Having endured training camp, even if just as a tourist, I am ready to drown — well, anything *short* of it — if that's what it takes to get through. I don't mean to sound melodramatic, but as I wheel across the Coronado Bay Bridge I can't help but feel the horror ante increase. On land they were *playing* war, or playing something; at sea they'll be *making* it.

—**"RICHARD MELTZER'S NAVY, PART II"**

Richard Meltzer, July 17, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

The forsaken farm looked as if it had been deposited in Dulzura for lack of a better place and then forgotten by time. The ranch covered some 400 acres of barren earth a mile and a half from the nearest paved road. Its back side was graced with miles of rugged canyons stretching to the Mexican border. There were dozens of decaying pens and barns that seemed to be sinking right into the ground. The farmhouse was a drafty, dusty, two-story, turn-of-the-century model. But it was habitable and free. And there was a hauntingly beautiful aspect to it all that appealed to my secret desire to live in the "Old West."

—**"KIBBLES AND BITS OF HUMAN FLESH,"**

Bill Delany, July 18, 1991

Ten Years Ago

The rest of *Web of Hate*'s websites are insipid in comparison. Oh, sure, San Diego's feisty Tom Metzger shows up in the report, but his White Aryan Resistance Web site boasts nothing more outlandish than an uninspired caricature of a grinning black man. And the rest of the sites, like Skin Net, the "White Power Skinheads International Listing," are handsome in a prissy kind of way. The real caketaker, however, is USA Watch: "Police Looking for Link in Jewish-Type Ritual Murders of Tattooed, Mutilated Goyim Women."

—AS SEEN ON TV: **"OLD-FASHIONED HATRED TV,"**

Abe Opincar, July 11, 1996

Five Years Ago

When Ben stopped nursing, my breasts deflated like balloons. A couple of nights ago, I stood in front of the bathroom mirror getting ready for bed. The house was silent and cool. I pulled my T-shirt off and unbuckled my bra. Before I lifted my nightgown over my head, I paused and looked in the mirror. My breasts lay against my chest like an afterthought — two stretched-out nylon socks suspended from a wall of flesh.

Later, with the lights off, I lay in bed and wept.

—KID STUFF: **"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS,"** *Anne Albright, July 12, 2001*


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San Diego *Reader,* July 16, 1981

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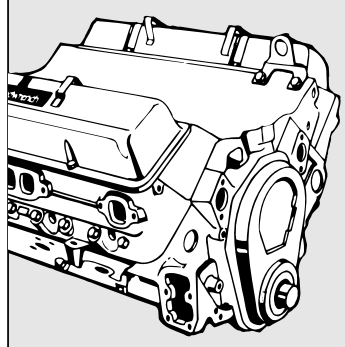
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Dear Saffron,

My husband and I recently returned from a family vacation with our 13-year-old daughter. She is really into photography and took a ton of pictures during our trip. She was excited to download her photos onto a computer and look at them the minute we got back, so she and my husband sat down together and connected her camera to his computer to have fun viewing the photos, editing and organizing them, etc. They used his computer because it has a bigger, nicer screen than her laptop. He is a graphic designer and uses the computer in his work. There was a glitch in downloading the photos, however, and the computer froze up. Somehow, between the two of them punching keys trying to get his computer to unfreeze, the machine started randomly flashing photos that were already in his files. He has a huge collection of all kinds of pictures from work. Most of them are nice, artistic images. One of my husband's clients, though, is a soft-core porn magazine, and there were images on the computer from that. We have kept all information about this client away from our daughter. In this berserk flashing of images, our daughter glimpsed a few of them. They weren't on screen long, and my husband tried to get the computer to shut down when he realized what was happening. This went on for several moments before he just pulled the plug in a panic. He was embarrassed and didn't know what to say to "Luna," so he just rushed outside and started watering the back yard. He stayed outside for about an hour. Luna came to me with questions about what had happened, and we had a good talk. She was curious but not freaked out and was actually more interested in why her father had gotten so embarrassed than she seemed to be in the images. She has since asked me a few more questions when we've been alone together, which I've answered frankly. Now a week has gone by. My husband feels that since I talked to her about this incident that he doesn't have to. He wants to pretend it never occurred. He feels terrible about it. Luna has not mentioned it to him. I feel that he should break the ice and talk to her about it. He feels we should just forget it and move on.

SPEAKING FREELY POINT LOMA MOM

Dear Speaking Freely,

I think that no matter how red his face is, Dad should for sure talk to Luna about what happened. He doesn't need to force the issue, but he ought to ask if she has any questions or concerns she wants to discuss with him about this unanticipated X-rated slide show. It's okay and maybe even desirable for him to tell her he feels bad about what happened and that it's hard for him to talk about it. If he's too chagrined to talk to her alone, the three of you can sit down for a chat. It's important to keep lines of communication open with your teenager and show her by example that she can talk to you about anything. Pretending this never happened sends the wrong message about how to handle upsetting or perplexing events.

Dear Saffron,

You were really out of your league in your response to the letter from the small-business owner who had a late-night noise problem in his rented offices. Really, if you are not a real estate attorney or someone that specializes in landlord/leaser disputes, you did a disservice in your response, and I am hoping that at minimum you will contact this person and give them this advice. I would have recommended that they submit their question to the column in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* that deals with landlord/lease disputes. They are probably more qualified to provide advice and to explain the laws regarding quiet enjoyment and other issues involved. Or I would recommend that the person who wrote in get an evaluation from an attorney. Without seeing their lease, I do not understand how you feel that you are qualified to respond by saying, "Pack up and move." The writer has rights and should be able to take whatever actions necessary to get the landlord to comply with the lease and the law.

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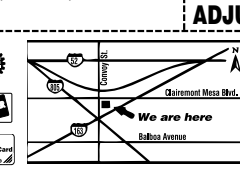
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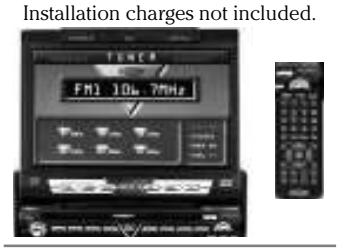


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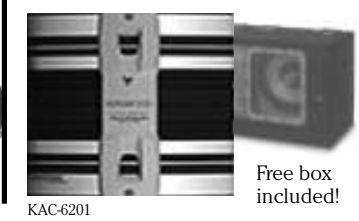
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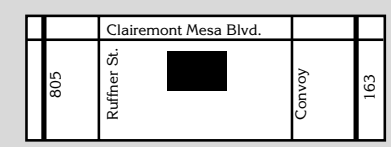
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MEG B.
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DOWN THE STREET FROM THE DEATH HOUSE

The last time I had to look for a place to live, I looked outside of Marin County, where I've lived for 30 years. I moved to Marin from Chicago in 1973, when everyone was moving here, when it was a different place than it is now.

There were no yuppies then, no BMWs, no Starbucks or upscale malls, and no "bliss ninnies" flipping you off from their SUVs on their way to Spirit Rock to hear a talk about inner peace and enlightenment. Some of them will risk death on the freeway by cutting you off in the hopes of shaving ten seconds off their arrival time to hear Swami somebody talk about detaching from material things.

I wanted out of here, but it was during the dot-com boom, and every place for rent in San Francisco or the East Bay had a line of Eddie Bauer'ed nouveau riche young people on cell phones or Blackberries (that used to be a fruit, right?) with thousands more cash in their pockets to put down on a place than I had. I then saw an ad for a two-bedroom apartment in San Quentin Village, a town I'd always wanted to live in but never saw anything available for rent or sale, and I went for it. I'd driven by here a million times over my time in Marin, on 580 east going to Berkeley or Oakland over the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge.

From the onramp after Sir Francis Drake Boulevard past the Larkspur Ferry, you can see the monolithic prison and the short street of old houses, mostly built before the 1906 earthquake. I'd always wanted to live someplace that seemed in a time warp of aged beauty. The presence of the prison never bothered me. Much.

At least, not until I moved here.

I moved to San Quentin Village six months before I experienced what it's like to live down the street from the only Death Row in the state of California, where they were to execute Donald Beardslee, a brain-damaged man who committed a murder 25 years ago. Justice is not swift here. My neighbor, Michelle, the chair of the San Quentin Village Association, told me what to expect. "You'll hear singing, mostly from the nuns who are here to protest every execution. They're from Dominican University, the convent there. Then, after it's over, you'll hear more singing as people march slowly back to their cars. They'll be holding candles. If you sleep in the back of the house, you won't hear anything."

I discover that some of my neighbors rent their parking spaces to major media outlets for thousands of dollars. At first, this offended me — how could anyone want to make money from this heinous event? Especially the people who live here who have plenty of money.

I've since changed my mind. The residents of San Quentin Village didn't turn these events into a media circus; the press did.

The day of each execution brings swarms of cops to the neighborhood: CHP, local sheriff, San Rafael PD, and the department of corrections. They bustle about, telling you to move your car even if it's parked in your own space or in your driveway. The first time a CHP officer told me to move my vehicle, he said, "There's going to be a big crowd here tonight, and you don't want your car to be vandalized!" I told him thanks for his concern, but all the streets are blocked off for miles around, there's no other place to park even if I were concerned about vandalism, which I'm not, having survived the violence of nuns in parochial school many years before this, thank you very much. I do remember how easily provoked nuns can be, and I reconsider for a second or two.

I called KPFA Radio and told them they can park in my space, since they are "listener sponsored" and don't



have the big bucks the other media outlets do and can't pay a king's ransom for a parking space for their van. I let them have the space gratis. Besides, I didn't pay my last pledge to them, and maybe this will make up for it. KPFA will interview and air anti-death-penalty views, unlike the spectacle-monger stringers who interview the two guys among hundreds who hold up signs that say "Remember the Victims."

The State does not make it easy to protest this state-sponsored murder. They do it late on weeknights, usually in the middle of winter, when it's cold, the bitter winds blowing off the bay. They eliminate parking for miles around. They close the public bathrooms outside the gates, but in a concession to the permits obtained by the groups, they install Port-a-Pottys. That's so anyone with enough machismo or desperation can pull down their pants and hope the stream hits the black hole — one must aim blindly in the pitch dark.

The most recent execution was that of Clarence Ray Allen, a man who ordered the shooting deaths of several people to prevent them from testifying in his robbery trial. He was Native-American.

Native-Americans came in throngs to protest his killing, and I suspect this execution means different things to different people here to protest. Native-Americans know better than anyone what kind of playing field America is — "level" is not a word that applies.

They beat their drums loudly, and I wonder what the neighbors think about the noise.

I hope it bothers them. I hope it chills everyone to the bone for miles.

I hope these drums can be heard all over the world.

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ROBBERY

Location: 3495 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park
Time/Date: 1:35 p.m. on 6/20/06

Officer's Investigation: Officer Williams #5862 and I received a radio call to investigate a robbery alarm at the Church's Chicken. When [we] arrived on scene, there were two vehicles in the drive-thru. The vehicles got their food and drove off. It looked like everything in the business was normal. I walked up to the drive-up window and asked the cashier if he was being robbed. The cashier told me the suspect took all the money in the cash registers and ran off.



[We] went inside of the Church's Chicken and began to get victim/witness statements. I took witness statements from Angela B. and Miguel G.

B. told me she just started working [here]. An unshaven dark skin black male 5'6" to 5'7", wearing big dark sunglasses, red and white Pendleton gloves, walked up to the counter.

B. said, "Can I help you, sir?"

Black male, "Yeah, you can help me by opening up the cash register."

B. said, "I don't know how to open the register."

Black male, "You better find somebody who can..."

The black male simulated grabbing a bulge in his jacket. B. told me she thought it was a gun. The black male jumped over the front counter. B. told the black male the manager was outside.

Miguel G. told me he was working the drive-thru. B. tapped G. on the shoulder and asked him to open the cash register. G. told me he just figured she was new and didn't know how to open the register. G. turned around and saw the black male standing there. The black male said, "Open the register." G. assumed the business was being robbed. G. told the black male he didn't know how to open the register [and] he would go find the manager. The black male saw the manager outside and simulated pointing a hand gun underneath the jacket.

The black male went outside the business and pulled the manager inside the Church's Chicken. The black male then pulled the manager over the counter and told him to open the cash register. G. saw a silver handgrip in the waistband of the black male. The black male grabbed the money out of the register and stuffed his pockets with the money, [then] walked out and went westbound.

SHOTS FIRED

Location: 6000 Banbury Street, Paradise Hills
Time/Date: 1:00 a.m. on 5/28/06



Investigation: Upon my arrival, I contacted Francisco M. and obtained a statement from him. M. essentially stated that the incident occurred at Brookhaven and Deep Dell. I had the dispatcher check to see if any shots fired radio calls had come in around that area. The dispatcher advised me that there were no shots fired in the area. Officer Teer advised me of a shots-fired call...from the area of Banbury and Reo Drive. I asked M. if he was sure of the location and then he told me that the incident actually occurred on Banbury, behind the church. I asked him why he did not tell me the correct location and he said that he is on parole, and it would be a parole violation if he was in the Paradise Hills location.

He showed me his vehicle. I saw a bullet hole in the driver side rear quarter panel.

M. is a documented Paradise Hills gang member, whose moniker is "Tiny." M. is known by Paradise Hills gang members because he is "OG." He sometime sees Paradise Hills gang members, but he does not hang out with them.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 700 Reed Avenue, Pacific Beach
Time/Date: 2:15 a.m. on 6/20/06



Officer's Investigation: Officer Manansala #6010 and I received a radio call of a fight. The reporting party stated that six or seven males were fighting and had left the area. One male was injured and still at the scene. The reporting party was Travis H.

Upon our arrival we found Robert O. laying in the ice plant at the foot of Reed Avenue. O. had a laceration to his forehead, a cut upper lip, and a complaint of pain in his left jaw. Witnesses stated the victim had been struck in his head with a glass bottle. They stated the suspects fled south. I aired the suspects' descriptions and direction of travel. Patrol units searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects.

O. said he was standing by while two other males were fighting with the three suspects. The three suspects thought that he was with the other two males and began fighting him. O. said he was hit a couple of times in the face and could not remember anything after that.

Travis H. works at the Banana Bungalows Hotel Hostel and was hosting a reception on the back patio. The three suspects jumped over the wall to join the reception. H. told them they had to leave. The suspects had told a female at the reception they were staying in Del Mar.

A short while later H. saw the three suspects fighting outside with three other males. He saw Suspect #1 throwing punches at O. O. was backing up in the ice plant and fell down.

Raymond H. saw O. backing into the ice plant away from Suspect #1. He heard O. saying, "I don't want this. I don't want this. Fuck this." The suspect was swinging at O. but not hitting him. H. turned to see what the other males were doing. He heard a loud "konk" in the direction of O. He saw that the suspect had a big glass wine bottle in his hand. The suspect dropped the bottle, got on top of O. and began hitting him in the face.

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A WOMAN BUSTLES A CHILD THROUGH A SHOPPING MALL as if he were one of the paper sacks she'd filled and purchased at a designer boutique. It seems harmless enough. You wouldn't expect something bad to happen.

He runs ahead with a sucker stuck in his mouth. She warns that he shouldn't run. She rustles her bags to corral him and keep him from running into an intersection. He slides his finger along the bottom edge of a metal yellow sign at the street corner. His mother tells him to be careful, the rough edge could cut his fingertip to the bone before he even felt it sting.

The boy handles and thumbs at splinters of wood protruding from a street post. He'd be better off playing with kitchen knives. A black widow spider lurks on the far side of the post, out of view. "Jordan," his mother calls. "Don't play with that. You'll get a sliver." She should've worried about his teeth instead.

Even though his adult teeth had only recently filled in the front of his smile, he'd inherited them from his father's side, and up until two weeks earlier, they'd been crooked, overlapping, and because of a medicine he required, his teeth were purple. To look at his face, though, you'd only see a gleaming row of porcelain veneers secured tightly to the gnarled violet clumps he'd grown himself. Those bright white, mathematically perfect, wear-resistant covers over his natural teeth cost 3000 dollars of his father's hard-earned money.

To protect the investment, at night, she played a video for little Jordan. He didn't much care for it, but his mother insisted. Each night, before bed, while struggling with his pajamas, he had to watch Timmy the Tooth Safety Turtle spiel on from a DVD and TV set in his room. Timmy the Tooth Safety Turtle droned at length about the evils of skateboards, bullies, and contact sports. And Jordan was about to meet Timmy in real life.

As his mother shepherded him across the parking lot of the mini-mall, Jordan pointed, ran, and shouted out, "Look, Mom! It's Timmy the Tooth Safety Turtle. Just like from my videos!" He spied a plastic carriage ride in front of a pharmacy, one of those jolting, bumping, kiddie cars that whirs and clicks when a quarter is dropped into the slot. "Can I ride it, Mom?" Jordan yelled as he climbed onto Timmy's fiberglass shell. "Can I?"

His mother settled her bags on the sidewalk to fish in her purse for a coin. When she loaded the machine up with her money, the big plastic turtle dipped down in front and made a terrible noise, *wog wog wog wog wog.* Then faster than a giant plastic turtle should be able to move it jumped backwards, crashing its shiny green head through Jordan's lips and, bucking him, forcing him to spit a bloody mouthful of porcelain and purple teeth.

"Look what you've done! Look what you've done!" she screamed.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 13

2006 HOT DOG EATING CONTEST

ESPN 10:00 A.M.

Coming up on this week's *To Hell with the Poor Marathon,* we bring you the 2006 Money Burning Contest, the Diamond-Tipped Cane Polishing Race for Servants, and The Third Annual Monocle, Spats, and Cigar Relay, which you won't want to miss. Keep it locked right here on ESPN.

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (1993)

TBS 10:00 P.M.

Drunk Enough to Appreciate Eskimo Porn and Crying in San Diego, my sequel to *Sleepless*, was roundly rejected by Nora Ephrom, the director. I'm still waiting to hear back from Tom and Meg.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS (1961)

ISAT 8:00 P.M.

This is my new favorite euphemism for revealing the location of dog landmines with one's shoe. Sure, it's easy and juvenile, but it's a hoot when you pick up a sneaker and go, "Oh ho ho ho! Damn. These are brand new. Oh, splendor in the grass. Thanks Rover."



2006 Hot Dog Eating Contest

SATURDAY, JULY 15

FOURTEEN CHILDREN AND PREGNANT AGAIN!

DHC 12:00 P.M.

Fifteen reasons a vasectomy should be free when you present your Wal-Mart receipt for an official NASCAR ball cap.

TRADING SPACES: GOING FOR BROKE

TLC 9:00 P.M.

If I were to redesign my neighbor's apartment, one room would be lined with child-sized snare traps baited with tacos and Chiclets, and along one wall would be rows of duct tape and socks made into gags. Then I'd sit back and hope they put *dos* and *dos* together.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

COOKING IN STYLE

HSN 8:00 P.M.

I've invented something. It's a hairnet for those of us who love to fry chicken in the nude — but, sister, it ain't for your head. Act now and you'll get this waist-to-nipples splatter guard and a complimentary bar of soap, you nasty thing, you.

MONDAY, JULY 17

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL (2006)

DISN 8:00 P.M.

How about you slather my naked body with Alpo, marijuana, and gunpowder and time me to see how fast I can run from Tijuana to the San Ysidro side. Border dogs are taught to avoid the crotch and face. Besides, pepper spray doesn't have lasting effects.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

SECRET WINDOW (2004)

FX 8:00 P.M.

If I'm on the boardwalk in Mission Beach, wearing nothing but a pair of board shorts, I can walk right past the front doors of several oceanfront homes. But up here in North Park, if you're caught on someone's lawn in a pair of Choo Choo Underoos, a tablecloth cape, and high heels... WHOA! It's like you shot the President or something. Tires squeal, car doors slam, there are disco lights, and somebody yells, "Get on the ground, Fruitcake!" Oh, it's a big deal.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

LOST

ABC 9:00 P.M.

If you take enough ecstasy, your motor functions go the way of the Bigfoot, and your spinal cord takes over a lot of processes. The mind can wander when the granular pharmaceuticals slip into the bloodstream. One time, I was pretty sure I was running with the Serengeti gazelles, until I remembered I was trying to take a leak in a fiberglass port-o-john at Burning Man.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

BABY FOR SALE (2004)

LIFE 7:00 P.M.

Got anything in an older model? Something that can cook and clean, but not so big that it can't fit in the box under my bed? Blind and mute would be best, but those factory options are pricey for something I could do myself.

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