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Dori Lowell, business manager for the National Pygmy Goat Association based in Snohomish, Washington, says, "People who love pygmy goats come from all walks of life, but they're usually animal lovers who've had some exposure to livestock in the past. We've had people who were into horses and went into pygmies later on. The draw to the goats is that they're much friendlier and smarter than people think they are. If you like a dog, you'd probably like a pygmy goat. That sort of thing."

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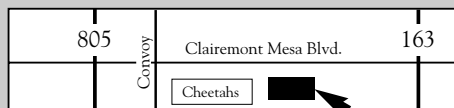
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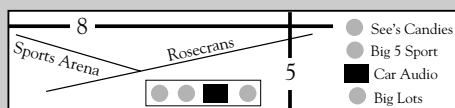
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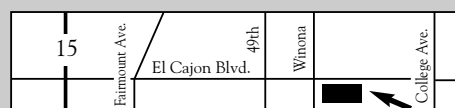
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Politics of inflation The fortunes of San Diego city taxpayers may be in free fall as city hall awaits long-delayed audits and possible indictments of city officials in the great retirement-fund scandal, but city-council staffers aren't feeling the pinch. Beset from all sides over the way they've mismanaged city finances, councilmembers have managed to take care of their own with generous salaries and benefits in most cases far higher than what they made only a half-decade ago, according to documents recently obtained from the city under the state public records act.

Highest-paid staffer at \$101,982 is **Ana Molina-Rodriguez**, who now works for Eighth District councilman **Ben Hueso**. She held the same spot in the office of Hueso's predecessor, **Ralph Inzunza** — convicted in the Cheetahs strip-club bribery scandal — and testified briefly at his trial last summer. Molina-Rodriguez is the only one of the eight chiefs of staff who is actually making a bit less than her predecessor. In April 2001, the *Union-Tribune* reported that Inzunza was paying then-chief of staff **Lawrence Cohen** \$105,379.



Ana Molina-Rodriguez

Next in line at the taxpayer-fed trough is **Aimee Faucett**, who receives \$99,008 working for the Seventh District's **Jim Madaffer**. That represents a comfortable increase from the \$74,212 she reportedly got in 2001. In addition to her city hall duties, Faucett also managed her boss's reelection campaign. Fifth District chief of staff **Lance Witmond**, who works for **Brian Maienschein** and ran his campaign back in 2000, makes \$91,208, way up from the \$66,527 he was paid back in 2001 when he was reportedly the lowest-compensated chief of staff.



Aimee Faucett

Next comes **Steve McNally**, employed by Second District councilman **Kevin Faulconer**. McNally, who once "owned and operated a manufacturing and distribution company that specialized in radio and wireless test equipment," according to the councilman's website, is paid \$89,502. Five years ago, then-incumbent **Byron Wear** paid \$69,330 to chief of staff **Kay Carter**.



Steve McNally

Then there is **Jimmy Slack**, who makes \$87,559 in the Fourth District offices of **Tony Young**. In 2001, **George Stevens** paid \$73,701 to his chief of staff, **Charles Lewis**, who later succeeded Stevens. (Lewis died in August 2004 and was indicted in the Cheetahs case in August 2003.) The First District's **Scott Peters** pays **Betsy Brennan Kinsley** \$84,510. She once worked as a "Legislative Clerk for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Commerce in Washington, D.C.," according to the councilman's website. Five years ago, Peters chief of staff **Chris Cameron** got \$75,692.

In the District Three office of councilwoman **Toni Atkins**, **Denise Price** is paid \$82,992. She boasts of having once handled "community and

media relations for elected officials, including Speaker Emeritus **Antonio Villaraigosa**, Assemblymember **Mike Gotch**, and San Diego city councilmember **Valerie Stallings**," according to the Atkins website. In 2001, Atkins paid then-chief of staff **Jeff Gattas** \$69,614.

Bringing up the rear in the salary derby is Sixth District chief of staff **Steven Hadley**, who makes \$82,397 as aide to onetime mayoral candidate **Donna Frye**. Five years ago, Frye's Sixth District seat stood vacant after the resignation of Valerie Stallings as part of a plea bargain she reached with the district attorney over her role in the **John Moores** influence-peddling scandal. But her chief of staff, **Jane Potter**, holding down the fort while awaiting a special election to fill the vacancy, still made \$73,680.

Airport in hiding While *Union-Tribune* editorial writers and the United States Marines gear up for a nasty electoral fight this fall over a Miramar airport, **Leon Campbell** has another idea. The La Jolla lawyer has long been peddling a "mystery site" for a new airport that would avoid all the negative traffic and noise impacts associated with the Miramar site. But Campbell and his "Airport Trust" want big money for their trouble. "The compensation sought by the trust is an annual royalty of \$10 million or 5 percent of annual airport revenues, whichever is greater," wrote Campbell in a letter to Port of San Diego president and CEO **Bruce Hollingsworth** on June 23. "The term of the royalty would be the same as the term of the copyright, 95 years." To put that in perspective, Campbell adds, "The annual royalty is about two-thirds the annual salary of one of the players for the San Diego Padres. The top four executives of Qualcomm earn an average annual salary of \$29 million. None of these persons generate over \$4 billion annually for the region which the new airport will add to the region's economy." Port commissioners were interested enough in the proposition that they invited Campbell to a June 20 retreat, according to a memo from Hollingsworth to the board, but wouldn't agree to keep the location confidential, as demanded by Campbell in return for letting them in on the secret. That rebuff, according to Campbell, was repeating a mistake of a past encounter Campbell had had with the Port. "When I met with **Dennis Bouey** and general counsel **David Chapman** seven years ago, Mr. Chapman recommended against a confidential disclosure agreement, which recommendation was followed," recalled Campbell. "This was a fateful decision. It is likely the Port District would still be operating the airport today and would be the operator of the new airport. I hope in this instance history will not repeat itself."



Leon Campbell



Bruce Hollingsworth

— **Matt Potter**

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Gary Aguirre's Sacking Should Spur Probe

By Don Bauder

The federal Securities and Exchange Commission was established in 1934 with the mission to protect the public from Wall Street.

Today, it's the other way around, say critics. Now there may be a national debate on his brother Mike Aguirre, made a bundle practicing law here before going into government.



Gary Aguirre speaking before Senate Judiciary Committee, June 28, 2006

the subject, thanks to the agency's ham-handed attempt to squelch Gary J. Aguirre, longtime San Diegan who, like

Late last month, Gary Aguirre told the Senate Judiciary Committee how, as an investigator for the Securities

and Exchange Commission, he had spent months probing a hedge fund. Among many questionable things, it had made money by investing in a company shortly before it was taken over at a fat premium. Aguirre came to suspect that the fund had been tipped off to the pending deal by John Mack, now head of one of Wall Street's biggest firms, Morgan Stanley. Mack, whose name has been bandied about as a possible political appointee, is a major fund-raiser for President George W. Bush.

Gary Aguirre's supervisor initially backed him enthusiastically; he had just gotten excellent performance reviews. But senior officials of the agency nixed the investigation "because the suspected tipper had powerful political connections," Aguirre says he was told.

Shortly, Gary Aguirre was fired. Strike one. Then when he wanted to tell his story to Congress, the agency warned him that he would risk breaking the law because details of the investigation could not be made public. Strike two. "There is a federal statute in effect for more than 90 years that authorizes federal employees to provide information to the Congress," says Aguirre in an interview. Some politi-

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Can't Blame Sin City

By Ernie Grimm

Paul Del Vacchio remembers the first time he gambled. "I was 12 years old," he says.

"It was a \$2 bet to show on a horse at Pocono Downs in Pennsylvania. I remember this weird feeling came over me when I was placing that bet at the window, and when I was watching the race, and when the horse actually crossed the finish line first and it won."

The feeling lay dormant inside Del Vacchio as he grew up in Carteret, New Jersey. It resurfaced when he was 16. "I was working in a grocery store," he recalls, "and the store manager, who was betting with a bookie, told me about a way to bet on NBA games. I bet \$25 each on five games and lost them all. I think that was a Thursday, and then on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday I won enough to actually be ahead for the week."

Those first four days of betting, losing, and chasing — a gambler's term for trying to recoup losses with more gambling — turned out to be the pattern for the next 24

years of Del Vacchio's life. Only instead of ending up ahead, he ended up nearly a half-million down and on his way to prison for embezzling money from his employer, Pechanga Indian casino in Temecula.

Back at the grocery store in New Jersey, Del Vacchio and a friend teamed up and laid bets with his manager-cum-bookie every day. "After a while my manager owed us \$500, but he wound up stiffing us. He owed a lot of people money, and he stiffed everybody. Eventually he got fired for absenteeism."

Instead of seeing his manager as an example of how gambling can destroy lives, Del Vacchio and his gambling partner found another bookie. "He was a bar bookie in the same town. He owned the bar, and he ran a decent-sized bookie operation out of it. Over the course of the next year

or so, we ratcheted the bets up to \$500 or \$1000 a game. Then, in the summer between high school and college, we lost \$13,400 in one week."

Unlike legal sports books, which require a deposit in advance to cover bets, the bar bookie was taking bets on credit. And neither Del Vacchio nor his partner had anything like the cash they needed to pay their losses. "So I went to my dad," Del Vacchio says, "and confessed the whole thing. My dad talked to the bookie and told him, 'You are not going to be paid by these two kids. You should not be taking this kind of action from these two kids.' The bookie made a couple of approaches to me, asked me for a payment plan. I said, 'No, I don't want to do that.' He said, 'Are you sure?' and I knew he was trying to intimidate me. In the end, I didn't have to pay, and no knees or legs were broken, which is fortunate, because those bookies back East are usually connected to organized crime. I think what saved me from any bodily harm was that shortly thereafter he got busted by the police."

Alarmed by the amount of money their son had lost, Del Vacchio's parents sent him to see a psychologist. "I went once, and we talked about



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everything but gambling," he recalls.

His father also arranged for someone from Gamblers Anonymous to call Del Vacchio. "He sounded like a Tony Soprano-type character," Del Vacchio remembers, "which I found pretty intimidating. He told me that I needed to

get to a meeting and I needed to practice the principles in the Gamblers Anonymous program. He told me that I could never gamble again and that my addiction, my compulsive gambling, would never get better unless I addressed it. 'It will only get worse. You will end up in prison, insane,

or dead if you don't address it.'"

When Del Vacchio thinks back on those words today, he labels them "prophecy." And they, combined with the scare of the \$13,400 loss, were enough to keep him away from gambling for his four years of college at the University of Southern California and the University of Maryland. "In college," he says, "there were odd bets here and there — no bookies, just guy-to-guy."

But after graduating from Maryland in 1987, "Some friends and I took a drive up to Atlantic City. I won \$2000 playing blackjack, and it sparked something in my head and in my stomach. It was that same euphoric rush. It is a physical thing that I can feel. I am a runner, and it is akin to the runner's high, when those endorphins kick in."

Del Vacchio parlayed his accounting degree into a job in New York City. "Shortly after moving to New York," he recalls, "I hooked up with my old gambling buddy from Carteret, and he was connected to a new bookie in South Jersey. We figured out we could control the gambling by using our credit cards to bet. That way, the bookie



Pechanga Casino

Aguirre's sacking

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cians and other bureaucrats are upset with the treatment Gary Aguirre is getting.

"These ninnyes at the SEC [Securities and Exchange Commission] — it's typical stupidity," says Gary Weiss, author of the hot-selling new book, *Wall Street Versus America*. "The SEC is set up to protect Wall Street. But you rarely see an instance when the SEC goes this far out of its way to stick its head in a guillotine to protect Wall Street. How blatant can you get?"

Others took up the cudgels for Gary Aguirre. The *New York Times* broke the story on its front page and has kept up the coverage. Gary Aguirre's ordeal could be "a scandal of gargantuan proportions," opined *CJR Daily*, a media watchdog connected with the *Columbia Journalism Review*.

Other media were not so kind. Gary Aguirre's allegations "seem flimsy, even if political factors did indeed spur his firing," commented *Barron's*, the investment weekly.

Its sister publication, the *Wall Street Journal*, in a piece signed by no fewer than six reporters, went out of its way to note that Gary Aguirre is the brother of San Diego City Attorney Mike Aguirre, who has had a long-running battle with Christopher Cox, former Orange County congress member who is now head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. "As city attor-

ney, Michael Aguirre has also been critical of the SEC in its continuing probe of accounting improprieties of the San Diego pension fund," said the *Journal*.

"Mike had nothing to do with this. I never discussed this with him," says Gary Aguirre, who intends to return to San Diego before long. "The *Wall Street Journal's* suggestion is ridiculous. Mike and I do not share an anti-SEC gene."

"I haven't even spoken to Gary about this," says Mike Aguirre. The *Journal's* story represented "guilt by association. They never contacted me to see if we had ever spoken. I didn't know about it until I read it in the newspaper. It is highly improper for them to do that without speaking to me; obviously it was some kind of a plant, some kind of spin to discredit what he was saying."

A spokesperson for the *Journal* says, "We weren't trying to draw any implications or inferences from the connection. It is simply a fact, and Michael Aguirre's spokeswoman confirmed it to our reporter."

Like his brother, Gary Aguirre has a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall. He came to San Diego in 1968 to work as a public defender. In 1971, while with a law firm, he handled a contentious trade-secret case. He opposed attorney Jim Eckmann. "He can be upsetting and aggressive, but he never lied to me, never lied

in court," says Eckmann. In 1984, the onetime opponents formed a law firm to tackle construction defect legislation.

Initially, the firm was located in a run-down building at Eighth and C, one story below the firm run by Mike Aguirre. "They moved out many years before I moved out," says Mike Aguirre. "For a while I was the only tenant there — me and the rats."

The firm founded by Gary Aguirre and Jim Eckmann closed in 1995. Eckmann has been teaching in several universities since then. Gary Aguirre says he "went to film school, spent some time in Europe, sort of took the weekends I had never taken in 28 years of practicing law and took the next 5 years to do the things I had always hoped to do. Around 2001, I decided that I would like to do something in public service." He went to Georgetown Law Center for his LL.M. (master of laws) degree, specializing in securities. Then he joined the Securities and Exchange Commission, although he was in his 60s.

He was investigating Pequot Capital Management, a hedge fund. When he sought permission to take the deposition of Mack, he was rebuffed and then fired. When he wanted to tell his story to Congress, he was warned that he could be in trouble. (Pequot and Morgan Stanley deny any wrongdoing.)

The Judiciary Committee is looking into hedge funds, which now have more than \$2

trillion in assets. These are sometimes called mutual funds for the superrich, although there are differences: a high percentage are based in offshore tax and secrecy havens, and they take huge risks with borrowed money, such as speculating in currencies, complex derivatives, and corporate takeovers. Initially, the idea was that they would hedge — that is, bet that some stocks will go up and others go down. Now, many don't hedge at all. They just gamble, and they charge their clients 20 percent or more of their profits, plus 2 percent of their assets under management.

Weiss devotes five chapters of his book to tearing up hedge funds, saying such things as "Hedge funds are glorified mutual funds with fees that are high enough to choke a Clydesdale, Belgian, Percheron or other draft horse." Also, he quotes figures from a prominent economist showing that hedge funds actually underperformed the overall market from 1995 to 2003. So why does so-called "smart money" invest in these things? I suspect there are hidden tax advantages from the offshore locations, and there's a whole lotta stashin' goin' on, but others say that's only a small factor.

In his testimony, Aguirre warned that hedge funds could become as dangerous as the unregulated pools of money (called syndicates, trusts, and pools) that manipulated stocks in the ultimately disastrous markets of the 1920s. He is

concerned that big concentrations of loot parked in hedge funds will lead to another takeover wave like the one of the 1980s when good companies were raided and seized by crooks with shady sources of money. He would like to see hedge funds regulated, even though an appellate court late last month knocked down the securities commission's attempt to make hedge funds register with the agency.

Harrumphs Weiss, "The regulation of hedge funds is ridiculous. The SEC is not going to do anything. Hedge-fund regulation has such gigantic loopholes you could drive the Northeast Corridor Amtrak trains through it."

As Gary Aguirre points out, influential forces make sure the agency has neither the funds nor the legal clout to do its job against the rich and powerful. There is another problem: for lawyers, a gig at the Securities and Exchange Commission is a stepping-stone to high-paying Wall Street jobs. The staff attitude, says Weiss, is "You can't do that to John Mack. We might want to work for Morgan Stanley one of these days."

It's time for a national discussion on these topics. ■

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would always be paid, and we wouldn't end up in the situation we were in as teenagers."

But access to credit only

allowed Del Vacchio to get into deeper financial trouble. He got married in 1992 — without disclosing his mounting gambling debts to his wife. In 1994, when the couple decided to move to Las Vegas and buy a house, Del Vacchio told his wife he owed \$80,000 in gambling debt to credit card companies. He declared bankruptcy.

Ironically, Del Vacchio's moving to Las Vegas to work in the auditing department of a casino was the beginning of a four-year lull in his gambling. "I thought that if I worked for the casinos I could get that rush without actually having to gamble."

But in 1998, the year the first of his two children was born, Del Vacchio took a job at a new casino in the soon-to-be-opened Summerlin resort, northwest of Las Vegas. "It was a great opportunity for me," he says. "The problem was, they didn't have much for me to do because the opening kept getting delayed, and all my work was predicated on the opening. So I needed to find something to do during the day, and I discovered that I could bet sports on the Internet. I found a place where I could put my credit card in. 'This is in total control,' I thought, because it wasn't like a bookie, where you would bet on credit. You would have to send the money there. If I send \$1000, I can't exceed the \$1000. I could only lose \$1000. Oh, how naïve I was. I found this one site, and I started

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playing, and I actually won \$3000. But they wouldn't pay me. Come to find out that it was actually some kind of scam site. They were just taking credit card numbers. So I took it as a personal mission to hunt these people down and get my money. I found the guy; he was in Fort Lauderdale. I basically harassed him, and he gave me 50 cents on the dollar — he gave me \$1500. So from that point forward, I thought, 'Okay, I have to do this right. I have to go to sites that are going to pay me. Because I know how to control my gambling now, and I know how to win. So I can augment my income by doing this.'"

Soon, Del Vacchio says, the gambling "became something I *had* to do. This is the hardest thing to explain to people, but if four o'clock went by without me having a bet — because most of the

games started at four o'clock — I would have this weird feeling in my stomach, my palms would sweat, and my heart would beat faster. It was like I needed to get my drug for that day."

In July 2001, Del Vacchio was about \$50,000 in the hole when he took a job at Pechanga Casino and moved his family to a house in Murrieta. "It was a great job," he says. "I was going in as assistant controller at one of the most profitable casinos in the world, let alone the United States. It was a big pay raise. I went up to, like, \$80,000. We loved the area, a great family area. We bought a house in Murrieta. Life was looking good, but I was still betting."

Del Vacchio covered his gambling losses with the equity in his house, which, at that time, was multiplying almost as fast as he could bet it away. Then in 2003, he discovered something in the Pechanga accounting system. "I wasn't looking for it," he insists, "but I found out that I could trans-

fer money from Pechanga's reserve account into my personal bank account, and no one would know because there were no controls in place and nobody else was capable of understanding how it worked. The first time, it happened by mistake, and it was for \$52.84. It was part of my job that I was supposed to clean up these accounts, and I inadvertently put in the wrong code, and that \$52.84 got deposited into my account. But instead of saying, 'We have a problem here,' I waited three weeks to see if anybody would notice."

Nobody did. So Del Vacchio thought, "Maybe I could take a little and maybe put some back after I win. I could pay them back, and no one is going to know about this stuff."

In a year, he'd taken \$100,000. "And I knew I could never pay that back. But I couldn't stop. So another year went by and I was still doing it, still getting that high, that euphoric feeling, and now my stakes went from \$1500 dou-

bled to, like, \$3000, and the \$100,000 in the first year went up to \$300,000-plus in the second year. I was just chasing and chasing and chasing, and I needed more of a rush, more of that feeling."

It wasn't that Del Vacchio never won. "Oh, God, no," he says. "There was one weekend where I won \$76,000. But that \$76,000 lasted me probably ten days. Then I made another deposit and another deposit."

In the end, it wasn't Pechanga that discovered what Del Vacchio was doing. "They were making so much money," he explains, "that they didn't even notice that it was gone. It is hard to fathom nobody noticed that almost a half a million dollars was missing. But when you have \$60 million a month going through the place, a half a million is kind of a blip on the screen to them, especially when it goes out in \$1000 increments."

"Fast-forward to February 27, 2005. My wife called me and said, 'What is going on? The

bank put a freeze on our account.' I had contacts at Wells Fargo, and I called them, and I knew what they were going to tell me, that there was suspicious activity going on in my account and it was suspended pending further investigation. But I figured I could talk my way through this. I concocted a crazy story about how another person at Pechanga, who they knew was a kind of shady character, had made me do it so he could fund his gambling activities. I was talking to the senior vice president at Wells Fargo. He told me, 'Paul, we can't do anything, we can't do anything for you. I would get an attorney if I were you.' Right then and there, I knew it was over. My last bet was February 28, 2005. I had run out of money in my offshore sports book."

On March 2, 2005, Del Vacchio was led out of the casino in handcuffs but was later released pending further investigation. That afternoon, he told his wife, who thought he'd quit gambling 11 years ear-

lier, the whole story. She was crushed. "But she found some strength inside her, and she's standing by me, which is an enormous blessing."

Two weeks later, Del Vacchio was arrested at his home and charged with 26 counts, including embezzlement, grand theft, and illegal computer access. He spent five nights at the Southwest Detention Center, in Riverside County, before being bailed out by friends and family. He and his attorney have worked out a plea deal directly with the judge for a maximum four-year sentence. In the meantime, he's sold his house and driven his wife and kids back to New Jersey, where they will live with her mother. With time off for good behavior, he expects to spend two years in prison. "I am going to miss two years out of my kids' lives and my wife's life," Del Vacchio laments. "But that is not a life sentence. Whereas had I continued doing what I was doing, that was a life sentence. That would have ended up in death." ■

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Boo-Hoo

Oh, boo-hoo, landlords get the blues too ("Hung Up Thinking," Feature Story, July 13). It's so hard to turn away people who need a place to live. Very, very hard.

Helga

Anonymous Touched Me

Thank you for publishing "Suicide and Me" in the latest issue (Feature Story, July 13). There is nothing eloquent I have to say regarding the letter, but it did remind me of my blessings and remind me of our human condition. Anonymous really touched me with his story. Please thank him for sharing his life with us. Thanks for the positive motivation.

Keith Bunker
via e-mail

Fort-Like Drive-In

This is in regards to the July 6 cover story, "Field of Screens," about drive-in movie theaters. The Escondido drive-in that's located now at Mission and Quince, that was not opened in the '50s. The, I'll call it the "original" Escondido drive-in was at the southwest corner of Escondido Boulevard and Mission. And that was there up through the mid-'60s, perhaps almost into the '70s. I believe that the property was owned by Einer. Einer Brothers Construction was on the northwest corner. And it was a fortlike structure. It had telephone poles and fence all the way around it, so it looked just like a fort.

Jim Quisquis
Valley Center

Get Used To It, Robb

I was amused by letter-writer Robb Ashton's observation (Letters, July 13) that due to the type of advertisements you run, regular readers of your publication must be fat and ugly. Robb signs the e-mail "Loyal Reader Reader."

Guess he doesn't get the irony. Robb also appears to be concerned with what he calls "shrivs." Well, Robb, there's a great big world out there once you graduate from middle school, so you better start getting used to it now.

By the way, I happened to enjoy the article about the drive-ins ("Field of Screens," Cover Story, July 6).

Ron Clayton
via e-mail

Vent Elsewhere, Mr. Ashton

Regarding the letter from Robb Ashton (July 13) commenting on Jay Allen Sanford's excellent cover story "Field of Screens" (July 6).

Mr. Ashton's comments reflect a rather typical, uninformed, self-centered attitude prevalent among some young people. If he actually got his a— out to the drive-in, he'd see it packed full of families and young couples who find the South Bay affordable and convenient. Drive-ins offer people of all ages and modest means the opportunity to see a double feature of current, commercial movies for a bargain price of \$6 per adult. Mr. Ashton should perhaps vent his ageist rants at some other venues, such as health spas, tattoo artists, or car shows to see what sort of feedback he gets back.

Frank Huttinger
via e-mail

Define Old

While everyone is entitled to their opinion, I simply cannot let the cruel blast by Robb Ashton (Letters, July 13) regarding Jay Allen Sanford's article on drive-in theaters ("Field of Screens," Cover Story, July 6) go without a response.

I am 41 years old (if that qualifies me as old, then so be it), live in Orange County, and frequent drive-in theaters whenever I can. When I go to drive-ins, the lots are frequently full and the majority of people are families with young children. This is because the few drive-ins remaining admit children under 12 for free. For a family with children of that age, it just makes good economic sense to pay \$6 per adult, bring your own food, and get two movies for less than the price of one at the multiplex. I'm sure any of my fellow drive-in theater fans out there would agree

with me on this point. This hardly supports Mr. Ashton's claim that the majority of drive-in theater patrons are "old" (define "old," by the way).

For me, going to a drive-in brings back memories of childhood and teenage years. It's more than just a movie to me. Although I did not grow up in San Diego (St. Louis, Missouri, to be exact), the wonderful memories Mr. Sanford brought out in his article reminded me of similar experiences and stories from drive-ins in St. Louis. Although I am a realist and know drive-ins will never be nearly as numerous as they once were, I'm glad a few have stayed around and am not in any way ashamed of being a "drive-in fan" and going to them whenever I can.

Final word to Mr. Ashton: As I said earlier, you are entitled to your opinion. I'm not trying to convert you into a drive-in fan. If you never want to go to a drive-in, that is your choice, and you have every right to make it. But there is no need to make unfounded personal insults about people you know nothing about. Calling people "shrivs" and "horribly fat and ugly" was completely out of line and terribly rude and disrespectful. Your remarks say far more about your character — or lack thereof — than that of Mr. Sanford or the content of his article. I would hope you are not this disrespectful in person.

Kyle Muldrow
via e-mail

See You At The Drive-In

I want to thank you for your recent article on drive-in theaters ("Field of Screens," July 6). I am a founding member of the Southern California Drive-In Movie Society, which is based in the Los Angeles County area, and we have one existing drive-in left, Pacific's Vineland Drive-In, which continues to sell out every weekend. According to manager Juan Gonzales, Pacific Theaters has made the commitment to make significant improvements to their drive-in theater. They started by upgrading their projectors with Technalight lamphouses that have improved the picture quality that nearly resembles the brightness of most walk-in theaters. They will now focus on the snack bar and restrooms, and they're even



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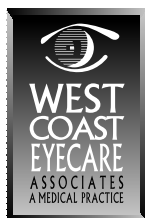
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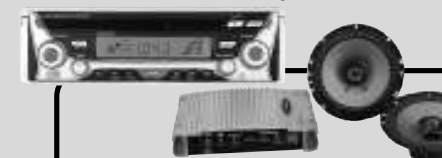
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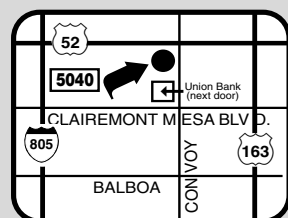
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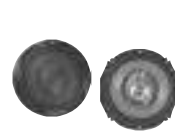
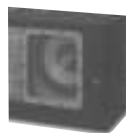
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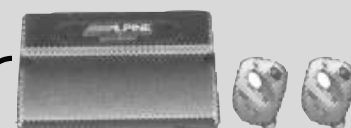
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All four of these drive-ins are thriving and attracting more and more people who are finding these theaters to be a fun and family-friendly atmosphere that they cannot find within the walls of a walk-in theater. When you compare the cost involved with taking a family of four to a walk-in theater versus a drive-in, you can understand the attraction. Consider that a drive-in theater offers a general admission price of about \$7 for adults, with children 12 and under free, for a double feature, and it becomes clear why families are opting to spend their money at a drive-in. And technology like Technalight coupled with FM Dolby Stereo makes the drive-in movie experience a very fun night under the stars.

Once again, thank you for the article, and we hope to see you all at the drive-in.

Sal Gomez
via e-mail

Learned A Lot About Girls

I really enjoyed your cover

story in the July 6 *Reader*, "Field of Screens." It brought back many, many fond memories. My parents used to take us to the drive-in before World War II. I can remember seeing a lot of classic movies, *How Green Was My Valley* and *Oklahoma!* among many others. Much later on, when I was a teenager in high school and in college, it was a very pleasant date to go on, to go to the drive-in theater. Actually, I learned a lot about girls going to drive-in movies.

Bob
San Diego

We Do/Don't Exist

So I'm reading "Blurt" — no, I can't honestly say *why* I'd read it, but I was — and see, in the story about Live Nation purchasing House of Blues Entertainment (July 13), the following: "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." It's nice to know that, according to the *Reader*, my concert series (AcousticMusicSanDiego) still doesn't exist.

It's a damn good thing we haven't done 170 shows and that we're not only two weeks away from our third anniversary. It's a good thing we haven't presented such name acts as Al Kooper, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Dave Alvin, John McEuen, the Strawbs, Fairport Convention — as well as great artists who don't date back to the '60s. It's a *really* good

thing we didn't sell so many tickets, so quickly, for our August 25 Richie Havens concert that we added a second show.

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Carey Driscoll
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Deal With It

Fireworks at an amusement park are like girlfriends with cats. Oftentimes, you can't have one without the other.

All snarks aside, I have to be to work at 5 a.m. Living in Ocean Beach, I not only deal with bombs bursting in air every night at 9:30, I also deal with jumbo jets 500 feet overhead every few minutes, up until 11 p.m. — and sometimes even later than that. Under attorney Rava's justification ("Nuisance Laws Trump Rules," Letters, July 13), airplanes flying overhead with 90+ decibels every 15 minutes (loud enough to be a conversation halter even with the person in the next beach chair over) is a public nuisance and I should be able to sue because my ears are offended every time a jet takes off. Hell, the jets flying overhead even drown out my ghetto blaster, and thus I am being deprived of my free use of personal property. And since the statutes provide for attorney fees and costs to be paid, maybe Mr. Rava would like to represent me on a contingency basis in a lawsuit against the public nuisance airport. Or maybe he should just learn to deal with it as everybody else has and accept it as a part of living in this paradise we call home.

Ryan Realivasquez
via e-mail

Fireworks Eliminate Clock Need

In response to your column "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks" in "City Lights," July 6.

I have lived in San Diego since 1989, mostly in Pacific Beach, Point Loma, Mission

Beach, and now, finally, in Hillcrest. One of the best things during the summer in San Diego is the SeaWorld fireworks. They are one of many unique things that make San Diego great. I know when they are going off at night that it is 9:50, and I don't even need to look at the clock. At least once a week I like to run outside and watch them. And when people visit from out of town it is great when they go off, and we always need to pull over in the car and watch.

Don't let those whiners complaining about the noise — that lasts ten minutes at the most — get away with stopping them. I'm sure many more people love them as much as I do. They are a San Diego tradition.

Rob Vahoviak
San Diego

Shamu Dazzled And Inspired

I was very surprised, amazed, and disappointed at how, in my opinion, San Diego residents can be unreasonable, intolerant, and selfish after reading last week's article entitled, "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks" ("City Lights," July 6). This article describes various complaints residents have with SeaWorld concerning the noise the fireworks make nightly during the tourist season. One resident describes how the noise upsets her greyhound dogs so badly that she has to close all the windows and doors every night to cut down the noise because the dogs be-

come "nervous, anxious, and apprehensive." Another states that in 1988 in Pacific Beach nearby residents complained about the church bells ringing resulting in the church bells restricted from chiming.

I am not from San Diego, but I have lived here for the last three years and visited previous to this every year on family vacations for the last eight years. One of the main reasons for visiting was the major San Diego attraction SeaWorld. Not only did Shamu dazzle and inspire my children to learn more about the ocean and its animals, they also enjoyed the festive atmosphere, which definitely included enjoying the fireworks display after a great day at the amusement park. I feel that people have a choice about where they live and have a choice to have animals or not. Don't get me wrong, I am an animal lover and have two dogs of my own. I choose to live by Ocean Beach to accommodate them so they could enjoy the dog beach. While I do not live right next to SeaWorld, I do hear mild "booms" from the fireworks. Many times I have stopped walking and watched them light up the sky. I understand the terms of "quiet enjoyment" as defined by the tenant laws of California, but I also feel that residents need to realize that if they move near a resort, there are chances you may experience noise as long as the amusement park

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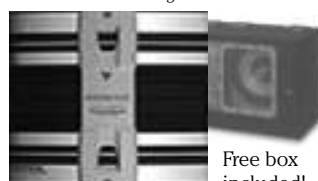


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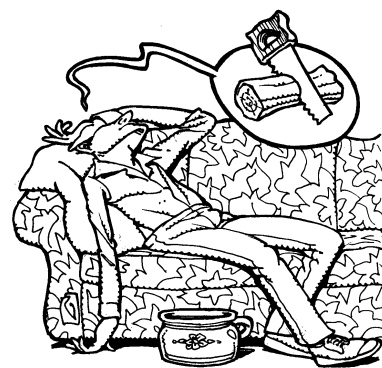


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Matt:

Sometimes in the afternoon I take a nap to feel fresh for evening classes. However, when I wake up, I'm often very nauseated and wish I'd just stayed awake. Other people have told me they feel the same. How can sleep make you nauseated?

— JM, San Diego

Sleeping hardly ever makes yours truly sick. On the other hand, getting out of the sack has ruined an otherwise promising day. So, just snooze through that class, J, and your problems are solved and I can get back to nurturing my close personal relationship with Morpheus, uninterrupted by the whines and badgering of perplexed San Diegans.

Okay, as long as I'm up, here's your answer, or at least the best medical guess. Normally our bodies work in a cyclical pattern of waking and sleeping, a so-called circadian rhythm. When we feel drowsy at night, various body functions slow down. This includes digestion and the related saliva production. During the hours when our bodies expect us to be charging around getting things done, these functions are usually working at peak efficiency. So when you throw a wrench in the works by dozing off after lunch, your stomach is still churning away. And it's also trying to digest lying on its side, perhaps forcing stomach acid and contents back into your esophagus. Nature's way of telling you to cancel that evening class. Our circadian rhythm also explains why we drool all over the pillow in the afternoon but usually not when we sleep at night.

Dearest Matthew:

I remember seeing a sign somewhere that said it was National Letter Writing Week. How would I go about designating a week of my own? Could I just as easily make National PMS Week?

— Kay, San Diego

I can't imagine why you would want to, but then that's not my job. Before you proceed with your plans, please consider the celebratory possibilities in, say, National Matthew Alice Appreciation Week. Now, there's a festival that's long overdue, sure to set off partying on a grand scale. Mardi Gras for the uninformed.

There are actually two ways to get this particular ball rolling. First the boring, official way. Write your U.S. congressman a letter explaining why the third week in August should be Matthew Alice Veneration Week. He or she, of course, will think it's a nifty idea, draft a formal resolution for National Matthew Alice Adoration Week, and get 220 fellow representatives to sign it. Piece of cake. Your representative then presents the resolution for National Elevate Matthew Alice to Sainthood Week to the House for a voice vote (undoubtedly unchallenged), then it goes to the Senate for the same. Before you know it, the third week of August becomes National Send Matthew Alice a Large Check or Money Order This Week Week.

The second method is simpler, if a bit more competitive. Every laff jock and gab-show host has a copy of a book called *Chase's Calendar of Events*. It lists every likely and unlikely reason to celebrate every day of the year, from the sublime to the ridiculous. How about Be Late for Something Today Day? Aside from being sure-fire laff-getters, the events are good publicity for the underappreciated. Anyway, log on to www.chases.com (which shifts you over to the publisher's website), click on the "submit" box, and send in your description for a day, week, month you'd like to see in the book. The publisher selects the best for inclusion in the next year's edition.

Most of these events are solicited by organizations hoping to raise public awareness of some issue or cause, and by extension, they become public relations and marketing tools. And by the way, if you need any help with that letter to your representative, don't hesitate to ask. That's what I'm here for.

Heymatt:

Why do dogs wag their tails when they're happy?

— Dave, La Jolla

Uh, Dave, dogs also wag their tails when they're pissed, so we'd better clear up this mystery before some dobie takes a chunk out of your butt. All in all, there may be no animal that does more communicating than a dog. Virtually every bit of its body is involved at some point in a message-sending task. Pack animals need those skills. Smell is the main communication tool. Since most smell-producing glands in a dog are in its back end, you can understand why they're so interested in that area, even though our hindquarters aren't as information packed as the dog might expect.

Scientific observers of dog behavior contend that a dog's wagging tail signals an emotional conflict of some kind, or a degree of excitement. Puppies generally don't wag their tails until they're about a month old, when they start asserting their individual personalities and play-fight with their littermates. In human-dog interactions, we see tail wags when the dog is happy to see its owner but apprehensive at his lower status in the dog-owner pairing. In dog-dog interactions, you will often see a tail raised high and wagging slowly as a threat before a fight. The act of tail-wagging squeezes the anal scent glands and sends a smellogram to the other dog to let him know what's what.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Internet Gambling

Gambling is one of those activities that's okay when you do it but should otherwise be discouraged. Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed, 317 to 93, a gambling protection bill that will keep U.S. land-based casinos free from competition.

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 bans (by prohibiting bets from leaving the borders of individual states via the Internet) online sports betting, poker, and casino gambling. The act commands banks to block online payments to Internet gambling sites, gives the feds authority to "work with" Internet providers to block access to specific websites, increases jail time and fines for miscreants, and assigns, over three years, \$30 million for the prevention of illegal online gambling.

Never mind that we are awash in gambling. There are 13 Indian casinos in San Diego County. Your corner liquor store or neighborhood family grocery store will be happy to sell you lottery tickets. Too tired to leave the house? No problem, buy Super Lotto legally on Internet. Hie thee to www.elotoplay.com and sign up today.

I don't mean to overlook that, for a lousy \$100 tank of gas, you and your loved ones may motor to Las Vegas. On the other hand, you might prefer to do your gambling before arriving in Las Vegas. Why not try one of many family-oriented casinos spotted along all the public roadways leading to the Vegas Strip? How about a few hands of blackjack in Searchlight, Boulder City, Pahrump, Henderson, Jean, Laughlin, or Primm? Perhaps Arizona is more to your liking? Why not begin your gambling fun at one of the fine Arizona casinos nestled close to the world-famous Colorado River?

And then, there is the long established, but almost forgotten, gambling on horses. The Del Mar season is on, but if slogging out to the track is too difficult, why not stop by a neighborhood simulcast outlet conveniently located in Barona Casino, Sycuan Gaming Center, and Viejas Casino. Still too far? Well, you can legally bet on horses on the Internet. Go to www.youbet.com ("U.S. Based, NASDAQ Listed") and get on board. The family-loving folks at Youbet will allow you — indeed, help you — bet on races in 100 parks around the world. I'm talking about longtime, high-quality gambling centers known as Aqueduct, Churchill Downs, Del Mar, Hollywood Park, Pimlico, Santa Anita Park, Saratoga, Arc De Triomphe (France), Dubai World Cup (United Arab Emirates), plus tracks in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa, and Hong Kong.

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Indian and Nevada casinos, using the Internet for sales of lottery tickets and wagering on horse races, remain legal under the Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006. Here's a spot quiz: Which organization is most supportive of the new Internet Gambling Act? (A) Mothers, Dads, Schoolteachers, Children, War Heroes, Astronauts, and Nurses Against Internet Gambling. (B) Family Council of Families. (C) Nevada and Indian Casinos, California Lotto, California Horse Racing.

The utility of propaganda is making something appear to be what it's not. Buying a lottery ticket isn't gambling; it's better schools. Betting on a horse via the Internet isn't Internet gambling; it's keeping alive an American tradition. Can't you see the old guy in a tweed sports coat, stopwatch in hand, a foggy 5:00 a.m., a county racetrack, and the tiny one-legged gimp riding War Chest around the oval? War Chest will win the Kentucky Derby at 200 to 1 and the old guy will adopt the tiny gimp and they will raise thoroughbreds on their Kentucky farm. Do-dah. Do-dah.

Of course, propaganda works in both directions. Most supporters of the bill don't know that MasterCard and Visa have been refusing Internet gambling transactions since 2001. That hurt Internet gambling for a year and then the industry figured another way to transfer money. One suspects that with 12 billion dollars a year as incentive, Internet gambling thugs will continue to find ways to efficiently accept other people's money.

This bill or versions like it have been around since the mid '90s. The Senate is unlikely to vote on this version this year. But, it will resurface next session.

If passed, HR 4411 would stop a certain amount of Internet gambling. Prohibition stopped a certain amount of alcohol consumption. The question is, is it worth the money it will take to enforce the new law? Is it worth the hassle? More cops, more laws, more lawyers, and more jails will hand the feds another reason to regulate the Internet and give them another avenue into your computer. Is it worth it?

You could, at least partially, regulate Internet gambling. Most Internet gambling outfits would be happy to accept some oversight and pay what amounts to protection money to the United States government in return for being left alone. This is what we do every April 15th. Seems to work most of the time.

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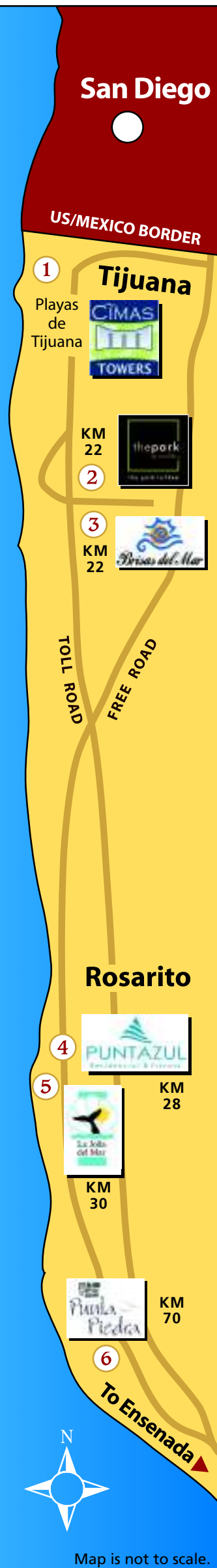
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Founded locally: December 2005

Senior pastor: Reverend Keith Acker

Congregation size: 30

Staff size: 1

Sunday school enrollment: as needed

Annual budget: \$40,000

Weekly giving: \$725

Singles program: no

Dress: fairly casual, some button-down shirts, some shorts and T-shirts

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Website: www.alpineanglican.com

Father Acker first addressed the congregation clad in a white cassock with an embroidered green stole knotted into his rope belt. His chasuble hung over a nearby chair. In contrast to these formal trappings, his bare toes peeked out from his sandals, and a guitar hung around his neck as he readied to join beginning guitar student Jack in playing "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The effect caught the feel of the space—a school auditorium, three rows of folding chairs, and a couple of electric candles vs. the brass cross emblazoned with the traditional IHS, the heavy cloth over the chalice, and the lace cover atop the table holding the water and wine. The service, in fact, was a mix of structured liturgy and personal interaction: Acker, now genuflecting repeatedly at the altar with his back to the congregation, now listing a host of first names during the intercessory prayers. (Besides the more formal intercessions for those in adversity and those who have "departed this life in thy faith and fear," Acker named "those in need of thy healing touch...those in need of strength and guidance...those who are homebound...those serving in our armed forces...those who are traveling...")

Apart from these personal asides, the liturgy stuck close to the Book of Common Prayer. (As he administered Communion, Acker repeated, "The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.") Because of the language, additions and departures were notable. When Acker reached the prayer for the Bishops, he mentioned "Rowan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates of the Anglican Communion" and "all the clergy of the Anglican Communion Network chapter here in the diocese of San Diego, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word."

Acker's sermon asked the questions, "How

do we come to know Jesus?" and "How do I know that I know Jesus?" and answered, "Knowing Jesus starts with seeing who He is and accepting what He gives." The Gospel recounted Christ's telling Simon Peter to cast his nets one last time, Peter's amazed cry of "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man!" and Christ's assurance that, in the future, Peter would be "catching men." Acker provided both chronological and geographical context and then observed, "Jesus was not merely going along picking up disciples here and there. Jesus knew Simon Peter for over a year, and he knew Andrew, James, and John. Jesus was not some Svengali who said, 'Follow me, follow me.' They knew who he was. They weren't being asked to walk off a cliff."

Acker continued, "How do you get to know someone? You spend time with them." And as you do, you share in Peter's recognition that "the reality of our life is here, and what God wants that reality to be is over here."

But after that, "we find we become friends of God. What's important to God becomes important to us. We see how we participate in His plan, not only for our own lives, but touching the lives of those around us." And we gather as a church, "that we might support one another in our life in Christ."

After Communion, Acker anointed Walt, a congregant scheduled for surgery, "beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with His presence...and that Thou would bless the surgeons, the nurses, and all those who look to his needs." He prayed over a couple celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary, "that they might so love, cherish, and honor each other, that they come to all the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom." And he accepted 64 cents — "heavy coin" — from Jim, who was celebrating his 64th birthday.

"Watch over thy servant Jim, O Lord. As his days increase, strengthen him when he stands, comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful, raise him up when he falls, and in his heart, may he find peace which passes understanding..." All prayed together: "Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May seasons of joy be given. May God in his mercy prepare you on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven."

What happens when we die?

"We receive God's promise of life with Him through the baptismal covenant," says Acker. "Baptism isn't static, but a dynamic incorporation into the risen life of Jesus by the forgiveness of our sin. Without His promise, we are left to the mercy of God. God chose to love us and create a way to live with Him forever. In His love, He wouldn't force it upon us. But God bids us to choose life, life with Him."

— Matthew Lickona

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KEITH ACKER

Alpine Anglican Church of the Blessed Trinity Alpine ★★½

Sermon

content.....★★★★
delivery.....★★½

Liturgy

.....★★★★

Music

congregational.....★★½
band.....★★½

Snacks

.....★★½

Architecture

.....★

Friendliness

.....★★½

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

BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Last time, I burned out two blenders,” sighed Bernice as she began plans for another summer margarita bash. “I guess I’ll have to serve them on the rocks this year.”

“But the slushiness is 90 percent of the fun!” I protested. “You can’t get to Margaritaville on the rocks!”

I promised I would look for help, but this time, help found me. The next morning, a truck parked alongside my neighbor’s house as they set up for the husband’s 50th birthday party. The truck pulled a trailer bearing the logo of The Margarita Man (619-575-2565; www.margarita-mansd.com). The Man was delivering an industrial-sized frozen-drink machine; Bernice’s party would be slushy after all.

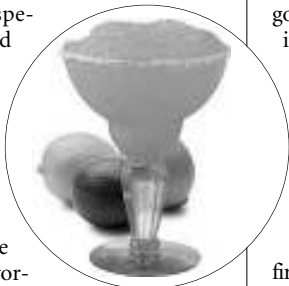
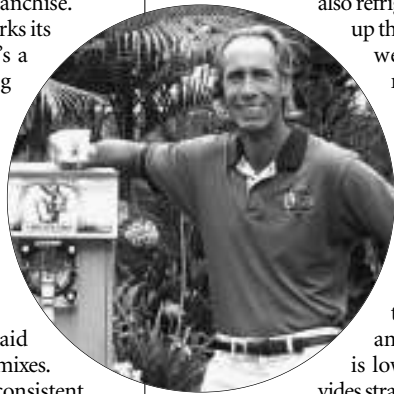
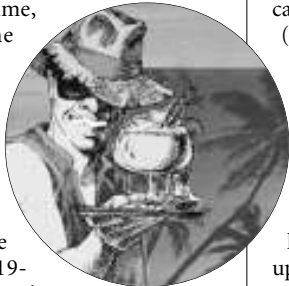
“The Margarita Man Company first started in San Antonio in the ’80s,” said San Diego owner Bill Thompson. “I thought the concept was cool, so I bought into the franchise.”

The margarita machine works its slushy magic this way: “There’s a refrigerated barrel with rotating blades on the inside. As ice builds on the walls of the barrel, the blades shave it off. Eventually, you have more ice crystals than liquid, so you get a frozen drink. There’s a lot of science behind making a frozen margarita” — for one thing, the precise ratio of water to sugar to alcohol.

What makes the drinks, said Thompson, are the high-quality mixes. “In trade shows, they have been consistent gold and silver winners. They’re made with fresh fruit and fresh fruit juices. The most popular one is the traditional margarita, which is a lime drink. The mango mix is our second most popular — either for margaritas [tequila] or daiquiris [rum].” Other flavors include strawberry, passion fruit, pina colada, mai tai, lemon — the list goes on. “If you factor in making the drinks with tequila, rum, vodka, or virgin, we have the capability of making about 60 different drinks.”

Working with the Man begins with making a reservation. “People can call or visit the website. I recommend as much lead time as possible — a couple of weeks is not unheard of,” especially around July 4 and Cinco de Mayo. On delivery day, “You know we’re coming, because we call about 15 minutes before we get there. Party prep tends to be stressful, and we don’t want people worrying. ‘Where’s the Margarita Man?’”

Upon arrival, the Man unloads the machine, “which comes on a wheeled table, and we put it wherever the customer wants it. We can provide a 25, 50, or 100-foot 12-gauge extension cord. The machine needs only a standard household current — 115 volts — but because it’s a heavy appliance, it needs more amperage. We need to isolate the machine electrically. I’ve had calls where people are panicking — the machine is making noises and the drinks aren’t quite frozen. It’s usually something simple, like Aunt Betty plugged in a power strip and three



“It’s a crime against humanity to throw that stuff down the sink.”

Crock-Pots right where the machine is. It’s just a matter of moving the plug.”

After the machine is set up, “it’s time to go to margarita school. We grab our bucket, our giant spoon, and whichever mix you’ve chosen” — there are 25 available — “and head for the kitchen sink. We make the first batch for you, but we also talk you through it so you can do the next one.” Water, mix, and alcohol (provided by the customer) get measured into the bucket. “Our goal is, number one, a good tasting drink; number two, a drink that will let people relax and get a little happy without taking them from zero to stupid in a big hurry. We try to create a medium-strength drink: about three liters of tequila for a batch of margaritas, and about two liters of rum for rum-based drinks. You end up with about four gallons of room temperature raw material that we take and pour into the machine. We show the customer how to turn it on, and the first drinks should be ready in 30 to 40 minutes.”

Even so, Thompson recommends starting the machine a couple of hours early. That way, “the liquid in the machine is also refrigerated, and it speeds up the process as the party wears on. Also, the machine has a low-level sensor that lets you know when you have about 25 drinks left, but if it’s a 90-degree day or if there are 90 people there, I recommend just lifting the lid off the machine and seeing if the level is low.” Thompson provides straws and 9-ounce cups,

which works out to about 70 drinks per batch. “But if a guy shows up with a 7-11 Big Gulp cup, we can’t control that.”

He warned that “people gravitate to the machine. I consistently hear customers say, ‘I’ve got so much beer left. I shouldn’t have bought two cases, or two kegs. I try to educate consumers about not overbuying other alcohol, but it’s hard to enlighten the first-timers. Repeat customers know the drill.’”

Thompson’s phone number is on the machine in case any concerns arise midparty, and he keeps his phone on until 7:30 p.m. seven days a week. At party’s end, “all the customer needs to do is turn off the machine and go to bed. They don’t need to clean it or drain it — maybe just wheel it into a spot where it won’t get rained on. When we come pick it up, we save the leftovers, because they’re awesome on the rocks — it’s a crime against humanity to throw that stuff down the sink, so we save it for them. If they don’t have Tupperware, we’ll put it in a Ziploc bag.”

Cost for the Margarita Man: **\$170** for the first machine, **\$150** for each additional machine. Price includes one mix, cups, straws, umbrella, table skirt, and salt rimmer. Extra mixes cost **\$20**, and the Man leaves more mix than you think you’ll need. Unopened mixes may be returned. There is a temporary delivery charge of **\$10-\$30** (depending on location) until gas prices go below **\$3** a gallon.

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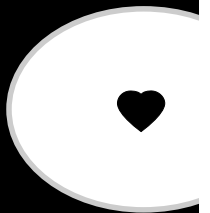
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TWO MONDAYS

by Josh Board

When Melissa invited me to a Fourth of July party, she said we'd be able to see fireworks shot from four different locations. She failed to mention, however, that her fiancé would be shooting some off right over our heads, scaring everyone at the party, and pissing off the guy who owned the house. More on that later.

CalTrans posted messages along the highway stating that the parking lots at the beaches and bays were full. The messages were on the same signs they use to alert the public about child abductions. More messages like this should be thrown in. And maybe they can post Padres game scores.

I showed up as the band was setting up. They told me that they call themselves "427" when they are playing covers. When they play original material, they are "Brother Jon." They mentioned that they were going to Germany to play some shows. I wondered if local bands go to other countries so they can tell people, "Oh, yeah, we're big in Germany."

The La Jolla home had a spacious back yard over three levels. The band had to bring their equipment over several stairs and hills. I asked the



singer if he needed help, assuming he'd say no. He said, "Yeah, thanks," but the guitarist told me they had everything covered.

I asked the band what songs they were sick of covering. One musician said, "Rock and Roll" by Led Zeppelin. Another said, "Anything by Bon Jovi. I also hate 'Pour Some Sugar on Me.'" One guy said, "We don't care for 'Mustang Sally.'" I told him that I

"I'm not playing unless there's some serious money involved."

had loved that song ever since I saw the movie *The Commitments*. "Yeah, well, we have a name for certain cover bands. We call them 'Mustang Sally Bands.' In that movie, though, they were one of the better



Top: The biggest grill I've ever seen; Bottom left: Melissa and her fiancé shot off fireworks from the balcony; they also lost their black lab for a brief time; Bottom right: A tattooed guy, with his newborn baby (who is currently tattoo-free)

ones."

The singer was related to the guy throwing the party, and I was told by someone at the party that the band wasn't very good. I thought their Zep-

pelin, AC/DC, Doors, and Stones covers were great.

The band played on the the lowest level, which was all grass. There was a canopy for them to set up beneath and another canopy over tables and

chairs. The biggest grill I'd ever seen was cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, and chicken. A table nearby held several condiments, chips, and side dishes.

On the second level of the back yard, there was a volleyball net. People played badminton, too.

On the top level of the back yard were a pool, Jacuzzi, and a ping pong table with a tournament going. One guy said, "I'm not playing unless there's some serious money involved."

There was a thatch hut

with a bartender serving up drinks and kegs and coolers around the yard.

I brought a case of beer and store-bought red, white, and blue cupcakes. As I drove the windy roads through La Jolla Mesa, the frosting slid off half of the cupcakes. Nobody noticed, though, as I set them by the flag cake.

There was a higher level with a patio where they had a poker table, and there was a group playing cards. The older smokers hung over the patio railing, which was covered in flags and banners, and enjoyed their smokes while watching the 20-year-olds in bikinis frolicking by the pool.

It was interesting to watch the various age groups — kids tossing balls, teens discussing what parties they'd be going to that evening. A guy who appeared to be in his 20s was explaining to his friend how he'd go home at six and take a nap so he could party the rest of the night, "...even though I have to work in the morning. It's lame. This week has two Mondays."

I overheard parents complaining about their kids and the trouble they'd get into at the parties that evening.

There was a blind guy with

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a cane walking around the pool. When I saw the cane touch the water, I got nervous. When kids ran by him and brushed against his legs, he'd stop walking.

There were four dogs at the party, a St. Bernard, a black Lab, and two pit bulls. (After the story about the guy who almost lost a testicle to the pit bull last week, I stayed clear of them.) The pit bulls occasionally attacked the St. Bernard, and I asked the owner if they were dangerous. "Pit bulls are good dogs. They are people dogs. They just don't get along with other animals." I wanted to say, "They must mistake babies

and little kids for animals.... I read about them so often attacking children." But, best not to start trouble with a person who has a pit bull.

When the Labrador hit the blind guy's legs, I asked him how difficult it was to negotiate the turns of the pool with dogs running around him. "The pool wouldn't be a problem if it wasn't such a narrow area. There are a lot of chairs set up and other things that make it difficult."

I had horrible luck with the ladies that day. There was a teacher who was a lifeguard during the summer, and each time I tried to talk to her, she

walked away.

There was a woman named Dorothy who was a hoot. She talked nonstop, but she told interesting stories. A few people in the family said she was

different, but that's what they loved about her. When she showed me her red, white, and blue nail polish, I told her that I had thought her nails were dirty (since the paint only

covered the top part of the nail). She pointed to the blind guy and said, "I told him I had a nice figure. He laughed. So, I don't know. Either he's not blind, or he just could tell that I didn't.

It was strange."

I met an interesting woman who told me her name was Martha. I told her "Martha My Dear" was one of my favorite Beatles songs. Her son-in-law said

his name was "Jack. Jack in the Box." I told him I loved his restaurants. He and his wife had a disagreement about her new tattoo. He claimed it was done wrong and left scarring. She said that was normal for a new tattoo.

I found out later that "Martha" and "Jack" were worried what I would write about them, so they made up names. The woman's real name was Valerie. I told her that "Valerie" was my favorite Peter Gabriel song.

Watching fireworks from various locations at the same time turned out to be not that exciting; they were too far away.

There was excitement, however, when a guy shot loud fireworks off of the balcony. He had us all jumping, and one of the sticks landed on my head.

He got in trouble with the homeowner, whose neighbors said it was fine to throw a party, but they didn't want fireworks that could burn their house down.

I left before any fires started. ■

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Home Sweet Home

What is more agreeable than one’s home?
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I opened my eyes and turned my head to face David, my hair trailing across the white pillow beneath me. This time it took only two seconds, rather than the disorienting five or six more common on recent days, for me to realize where I was: *guest bedroom in Ellen and Kirby’s house, Boston*. In a voice soft

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enough to coax a wildcat into submission, David said, “Two left,” then yawned and smiled, extended his arm around my waist, and pulled me closer to him.
“Mm, yeah, two,” I mumbled into his neck. Eight flights down, two to go. Three gallery openings attended, four cities briefly inhabited, one new passport broken in, three suitcases overpacked, and two people exhausted from 28 days on the road.
The sweet silence of slumber had almost

reclaimed me when I noticed how light the room was. “What time is it?” I shrieked, and then thought, *Time, ha! I don’t even know what day it is*.
I jerked upright and looked at the floor, where clothing, shoes, and toiletries seemed to have been spewed forth from my luggage as though the large plastic case had found my wardrobe unappetizing.
“I’m not sure, check your phone,” answered David.
“Doesn’t matter,” I said, “Whatever time it is, it’s time to get going.”
Yanked from his mel-low morning mood by my nervous energy, David shed the warm fluffy blanket and flung his legs off the side of the bed. “I guess we should pack,” he

said in a reluctant tone. “It will be nice to sleep in my own bed again. We had a great time, though, didn’t we?”
“Yeah, beh beh, we sure did,” I said, pausing from folding a pair of pants to return his calming smile with a pathetic smirk. “So much so that I am as disappointed as I am relieved to be going home.” I longed for the feel of my bed and craved the permanent organization of the drawers and shelves in my closet and bathroom; but I couldn’t stop thinking of the other things awaiting my return, things that are not so comforting yet all too familiar — like the mountain of bills and notices requiring my “prompt attention” that was waiting for me at the post office. Like the manila envelope leaning against my door, the one that contains the agenda for a homeowners’ association meeting that I, the association’s current president, must be prepared to facilitate in two days.
The thought of one task would remind me of another until my mind was racing uncontrollably and, overwhelmed by their simultaneous weight, I had the urge to say, “Fuck it,” and crawl back under that fluffy blanket. Twenty-eight days is the amount of time it takes someone to make or break a habit, which is why most rehab programs operate in that time frame. In 28 days, I had become addicted to my peripatetic escapism, which is similar to heroin in that it offers

immediate pleasure and eventual pain.
Traveling offered me an escape from routine responsibilities. “I’m out of town” was the *coup de grace* that won me temporary triumphs over external stresses. Once those words were uttered (or e-mailed), nobody pushed or questioned — they understood the futility of doing so and respected the almighty absence in a way they never would if I had simply said, “I don’t want to deal with this for a few weeks. Why? Because I have *other things* going on.”
But even the best procrastination device can backfire. Before embarking upon this latest adventure, I had become overly dependent on one dangerous sentence — one that I have continued, like an idiot, to employ while away: “Yeah, sure, I can do that...when I get back.” Now, sitting here on the last ten flights, I try to keep track of all the things I must do upon my return. I realize I have 28 days worth of shit to get done within the next *three*, and I am beginning to freak out.
David, unaware of the paralyzing thunderstorm raging inside my head, turns to offer me an almond from the small crinkly bag in his hand. I stare at him, wide-eyed and unmoving. “What’s up?” he asks, his hand withdrawing at my silent declination of his offer. Unable to answer, I furrow my brows.
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will feel to sleep in our bed tonight,” David says, intent in bringing me back to the moment. He kisses my forehead and briefly rests his cheek on the same spot. When he leans back and searches my face with those penetrating, impossible-to-deceive blue eyes, I say, “I want to traipse around Soho without a worry in the world. I want to relax with a drink outside that cute Italian café near our hotel in Zurich. I want to listen to the rain as it lands on the green leafy canopy outside our room at Ellen’s.” I know I’m whining, but I’m unwilling to stop until the truth of it is on my lips: “I don’t want to deal — I want to stay away from everything.”

“Ah, but that’s not possible,” states Mr. Obvious, before giving my hand a conciliatory squeeze.

“Don’t patronize me,” I snap. My lower lip juts forward in frustration and my brows droop dramatically.

“Are you pouting?” David sounds amused.

“No,” I mumble, mentally kicking myself for allowing the weariness of travel to turn me into a grumpy five-year-old.

“Look,” David says, poking me with the word as though it were a sword prodding me to walk the plank. “There’s a ton of stuff for you to look forward to at home.” Slapping an eager expression on my face, I implore him to convince me.

“We’ll get to see our friends,” he tries.

“Man, I’ve got so many calls to return,” I

complain.

“There’s probably some bad movie from Netflix involving a unicorn waiting with our mail,” he says.

I perk up a little, but decide this is no good. “Yeah, but you won’t want to watch it, so it won’t be as fun,” I mutter.

David thinks hard as he pushes the snack wrapper through the mouth of his empty soda can. “You have that new V.I.P. membership to Rama! We’ll hang out downtown and eat great Thai food. And don’t forget, Ellen and Kirby will be here in less than a week, so we’ll get to show them around red-carpet style.” I raise a brow. Yes, this sounds good, this is what I need, something to look forward to, a procrastinatory light in the middle of the responsibility tunnel.

“We can go to the zoo,” I offer, forgetting David has zero interest in watching me watch animals.

“I can think of something even better,” he says, a devilish smile appearing between dimples. “Once we’re home, we can run around the house naked.” He lifts my hand to his face and kisses the tip of my index finger. “We can...” now the tip of my middle finger, “escape to our bedroom...” ring finger, “and we can be...” thumb, “*terribly* naughty...” pinky, “and —”

“Shhh,” I say, cutting him off and stealing a kiss from his teasing lips.

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The Kids Are



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Lowell, who owns a herd of 60 pygmy goats, explains that it was in the early 1970s when zoos on the East and West Coasts began importing the animals from north Africa.

“The National Pygmy Goat Association was founded in 1976 and promotes pygmy goats by setting breed standards, registering the animals, maintaining a database of pedigrees, certifying judges, and sanctioning pygmy goat shows around the country. A lot of those shows are in conjunction with fairs. Washington and Oregon have a lot of pygmy-goat activity. There’s a lot of activity in California, Arizona, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. We’ve got pygmies in Alaska and in southernmost Florida. Pygmy goats are everywhere.”

Thirty-eight of the National Pygmy Goat Association’s 2000 members live in San Diego County. But that figure, cautions Lowell, doesn’t give an accurate impression of the total number of San Diego’s pygmy-goat owners.

“I’m sure there are many people in San Diego who have a couple of pygmies as pets and who don’t really want or need to belong to a national organization. To get an idea of how many San Diegans actually own pygmies, you’d need to talk with someone who’s really involved in the local pygmy-goat community.”

On an early winter morning I drove out to Sue McCullough’s Riverside home, where for the past 30 years, McCullough, using the herd name Pygmy Palace, has bred and sold pygmy goats. When I began



All Right

“This goat has really become a member of the family.

We love him. We don’t care if there are any zoning problems.

We’d rather move than give him up.”

calling around to get a feel for San Diego’s pygmy-goat community, several owners said that San Diego enjoyed a national reputation for high-quality pygmy goats. When these owners suggested the SDPGA, or San Diego Pygmy Goat Association, as a good source for information, they as often suggested that I speak with a woman named Donna Elkins, who had something to do with the SDPGA. I knew so little that for a long while Donna Elkins was a mystery to me. These same pygmy-goat owners also mentioned Sue McCullough, saying that she was one of only two or three people in Southern California licensed by the National Pygmy Goat Association to judge pygmy goats at shows and fairs. They

said McCullough’s many years of pygmy-goat experience, and her familiarity with pygmies in San Diego, would serve as a good introduction to the pygmy scene.

Over the phone, McCullough was passionate about pygmy goats.

“I remember the first time I saw one 30 years ago. It was only three days old, and it was the cutest thing I’d ever seen in my life. I just love ’em, and it makes me feel good when I sell a pygmy to someone who loves ’em, too.

“A few years ago I sold one to a young man in Newport Beach. At the time, he wasn’t sure if the zoning in his neighborhood would allow his family to have a pygmy. But he was so enthusiastic, I sold him a pygmy anyway. Not long ago I called him up to see how things were going. He said, ‘This goat has really become a member of the family. We love him. We don’t care if there are any zoning problems. We’d rather move than give him up.’

“He said that the pygmy was a ‘chick magnet.’ He loves to take the goat for walks on the beach because girls just flock to him and the goat because it’s so cute.”

McCullough has a youthful voice, and although I knew that her pygmy-goat experience spanned several decades, I was surprised when she told me she was a 52-year-old mother of two grown children.

“My kids grew up around pygmy goats. We always had ‘em around.”

McCullough’s ranch-style home is shaded by an enormous chinaberry tree and sits in a semi-rural area that looks like parts of Lake-side or eastern El Cajon. Dun-colored scrub makes a life for itself on dusty, rock-covered hills. It’s a place where zoning laws allow folks to surround their property with high fences and keep some livestock. In McCullough’s case this

has meant a couple of horses, a couple of dogs, and as many as 49 pygmy goats.

“I smell goat,” I said as soon as McCullough slid open the big glass door in her living room that opens to 1.3 acres of land behind the house.

“You smell Mike and Poly Royal,” McCullough said, waving to a chain-link pen a dozen yards north of her patio. “My two bucks. You don’t want to pet them. Bucks pee on their beards — it’s a mating thing. And in general bucks have a strong smell. If you pet ‘em, you’ll have that goat smell on your hands all day.”

“A castrated male is called a wether. If you castrate a male, his hair won’t grow long and shaggy and he won’t have a strong smell. The females, or does, and the wethers don’t have a strong smell at all. They smell mostly like hay.”

The bucks’ strong



Donna Elkins

smell, which isn’t entirely unpleasant, comes from the same

fatty acids that give goat milk and goat cheese their characteristic

“goatiness.” If you’ve ever eaten goat cheese, you’ve had a hint of how Mike and Poly smelled. According to *The Fabrication of Farmstead Goat Cheese* by Jean-Claude Le Jaouen, as goat cheese ripens, bacterial action releases capric, caprylic, and caproic acids, making the goatish flavor more pronounced. A mature goat cheese tastes more strongly of goat than does fresh goat cheese. And fresh goat milk has less goat flavor, I was told by several pygmy owners, than does goat milk that’s hours or days old.

I said to McCullough that I’d read that pygmy milk was of a very high quality, that its butter fat content was greater than that of milk produced by dairy goats.

“But milking a pygmy requires a lot more patience than most people have,” McCullough said. She pinched together her thumbs and

index fingers and made a delicate, precise milking motion. “Their teats are very small.

“A pygmy female produces about two pints a day, which is enough if you want to feed kids, but not enough for commercial purposes.”

As I walked up to their pens, Mike and Poly Royal eyed me and bleated.

“They want attention,” McCullough said.

Mike and Poly had dense long hair that fell below their knees. The hair on their ankles was so long that it partially obscured their tiny cloven hooves.

“When you want to show a pygmy,” McCullough later explained, “you’ll often want to trim their beards and the hair around their ankles. You of course will brush them and clean them. If you’re very particular, you’ll use a little black shoe polish on their

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hooves.”)

Mike was black with white frosting here and there on his coat, and Poly was, according to McCullough, a “red caramel,” which to me seemed a bright coppery color. The bucks’ hair reminded me of a German shepherd’s coat, only coarser and with more body and curl. It looked as if it would be pleasant to touch.

But upon closer inspection, Mike’s and Poly Royal’s beards did appear damp, and the smell radiating from the bucks was higher than when I stood farther away. The smell wasn’t sulfurous, like the smell of decaying protein, or the smell of waste from meat-eating animals, nor was it sour the way that fermenting fruit, like grapes, or fermenting milk can be. The bucks’ smell was pungent in the way that fresh-ground coffee is pungent. It also had a musky, mineral-like quality that came, I guessed, from the ammonia in their urine.

“For humans, it’s not a very attractive smell,” said McCullough. “But the does like it.”

As if to prove McCullough’s point, two eight-month-old does, whom McCullough released from a nearby pen, scampered over to Mike and Poly. The effect was immediate. The bucks stuck out their dark pink tongues, lowered their heads, raked the dirt with their little front hooves, and started sneezing and sputtering. While the does capered in front of Mike’s and Poly’s pens, the sneezing and sputtering intensified.

“It sounds like they’ve got bad sinus problems,” I said.

“It’s called ‘blubbering,’ ” McCullough said. “It’s a mating thing.”

She explained that pygmies were “preco-cious breeders,” meaning that does, if not carefully

kept apart from bucks, could get pregnant when just two months old. She said that does came into season every two months, had a five-month gestation, and gave birth to between one and four kids.

Seeing the bucks and does close together, it was easier for me to gauge their size. According to McCullough, Mike and Poly were excellent examples of the standards set by the National Pygmy Goat

Association for adult pygmies.

“They cannot be over 24 inches at the shoulders. The females are a little smaller. The males tend to be a little larger, a little bulkier. I would guess that Mike

and Poly each weigh about 75 pounds. Their coats give the bucks a bulkier look.”

Pygmy fanciers like McCullough often describe the typical pygmy-goat body as a “barrel with legs.”

McCullough contrasts this body type with that of Nubian goats, which are “basically a smaller, slimmer version of a dairy breed.” But to my eye, the barrel description isn’t quite accurate. Pygmy bodies don’t have

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a tubular shape: they don't look as if they've swallowed a barrel. The pygmy ribcage bows abruptly outward: it looks as though the goat has swallowed a small flying saucer or a large, round cushion.

This unusual appearance often causes confusion among laypeople.

"Ninety percent of pygmies look pregnant even when they're not," said McCullough. "Even the neutered males look pregnant. When you go to fairs, people are always asking if the neutered males are pregnant."

I asked McCullough what she, as a licensed judge of pygmy goats, looked for in the animals.

"Okay, you want nice, wide shoulders. You want a short muzzle in the face. You want their nose to be short and wide. You want a good spring of rib. When looking over the top, you want the body to be wide. You want them to be cobby."

Cobby?

"Short. Short in length and height. You would like ideally for the body to be, say, as if it was in a square box. You would want the body to

be two-thirds of the box and the legs to be one-third. So you want the body to be deeper than the length of the legs. You watch for the width

"I went with 16 pygmies and came home with 3. I made \$2200 in the first four days I was there."

between the chest, the width between the back legs, and you want the legs to be straight."

I asked McCullough about pygmy tails. Did they count for much?

The tails of McCullough's goats stood upright, with the hair splayed outward in a fanlike fashion.

"The tail doesn't

really matter that much. I mean, you don't want a broken tail, of course. But what you want is the slope to the rump, and if it's too steep of a slope they're not gonna win.

You want just a medium slope to the rump.

"In half of pygmy goats, the tails don't fan out. But when we show them, we foo-foo them up. I've even curled their tails with curling irons, you know."

While McCullough busied herself, releasing a half-dozen or so eight-month-old does from their pen ("Come on out, girls! Run around! Have some fun!"), I sat on a stanchion, a platform used for grooming the goats and trimming their hooves. Several of the does started racing around, pumping their short legs as they ran,

leaving cartoonish puffs of dust where their hooves dug into the soil. All of a sudden two does leapt into the air and came down fast, their heads lowered, as if they were going to butt each other. But at the very last second, they slightly altered their angle of attack so that their foreheads didn't quite meet. It was mock-butting. They were playing.

While the others raced, several came over to inspect me and nibble on my fingers and on the sleeves of my jacket. Unlike dogs, these pygmies didn't mind meeting a human's gaze. They




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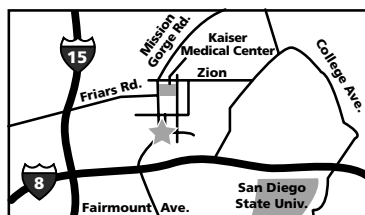
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looked into my eyes and cocked their heads to one side, as if expecting the answer to a mildly interesting question. One of the does started to rub her forehead against my knee. One of them, pure black, jumped into my lap and rubbed her soft, fuzzy muzzle against my face. My reflex was to embrace the goat and make cooing noises. The goat's reflex was to cuddle more closely against me. This was the famous pygmy-goat affection I'd heard about. It's not only that pygmies don't mind being approached and touched by humans, it's that they seek out and seem to enjoy human contact and attention in a doglike way.

When I spoke about this endearing behavior with Niki Boyd, animal care supervisor of the Children's Zoo at the San Diego Zoo, she explained that "domestication of animals takes thousands of years and a genetic change. People have been breeding goats for thousands of years. And goats are a herd animal, so they're naturally social. Humans have bred goats for many purposes, for meat and for milk, and it makes sense that if you're going to have an animal around, you'd prefer that it be sociable rather than aggressive."

The little black pygmy rubbing its muzzle against my face, and my reaction to this contact, was the product of a relationship that went far back in time. But, said Boyd, there was more to it than that.

"It's also a matter of human contact when the animal is young. It takes a lot of time and dedication to gain an animal's trust. Not all domesticated animals are tame. Not all domesticated animals seek out human contact."

What Boyd said explained why McCullough's pygmies

were so cuddly. McCullough told me that when her pygmies were babies, she tried to bottle-feed as many as possible, and throughout their lives, she tried to spend as much time with them as she could.

McCullough, standing in the barn she used for her pygmies, pointed out the stereo system she'd installed to play soothing music for does in labor, and the closed-circuit cameras she'd installed to keep an eye

on them, too.

"You should see a kid when it's three days old. That's the cutest time. They suddenly discover that they've got feet, but they're not quite sure how they work. They try to jump

on things. They stumble. They're trying to learn."

While McCullough and I walked around her property, she pointed out the new chain-link pens she'd had constructed for her pygmies. She told me that she

hadn't grown up with livestock — "We had a dog every now and then" — but had always loved animals.

"I've always had a love for horses. About the age of 18 I got my first job. And when I

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earned my first \$100, I went out and bought a horse. It was a really mean animal. You buy a horse for \$100, what do you expect to get? But I just petted him and said, 'Oh, it's got pretty eyes,' and I bought him. I've had animals ever since."

As we walked around the brand-new pens, McCullough grew reflective. "After I found out I was sick, I thought, 'Why not? Why not just go ahead and enjoy life?' And so I had the new pens put in. I only hope that I'm around for a long time to enjoy my goats."

I asked McCullough what was the matter. She told me that some months earlier she'd been diagnosed with a serious illness. She'd already had surgery, she said. She pulled up the left sleeve of her blouse to show me a shunt, wrapped in surgical gauze, implanted in the flesh above her elbow.

"That's where they inject my medicine. I told my doctor that I wanted the shunt up here on my arm, out of the way, because a couple of friends of mine have pygmies that are about to have kids and I wanted to be able to help midwife them. I really enjoy that. And I didn't want the shunt lower on my arm, where it might get in the way or get contaminated."

When we went back inside McCullough's



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home, she went to the kitchen and scrubbed her hands and forearms with bactericidal soap. "I have to be careful about germs now. But, you know, I love to pet my goats."

McCullough told me that she bought her first two pygmies for about \$200 but that now, in the big world of "show pygmies," an animal with an award-winning pedigree could fetch as much as \$1300. She said the highest price that she'd ever gotten for one of her own was \$800.

"I do very well at the Del Mar fair. This past

year [2005] I went with 16 pygmies and came home with 3. I made \$2200 in the first four days I was there."

Aside from the business angle, I wondered what McCullough's involvement with pygmy goats had offered her.

"To me, it's the kids," she said, referring to her own two children. "It's the best thing, raising kids around animals. Keeps them off the streets, away from drugs. They're busy with their animals, they do the fairs, the FFA — the Future Farmers of America — which is in high school. When they're younger, they can do the 4-H. And it's really good. They spend a lot of time grooming their animals, getting them ready for fairs. They make money that they can put aside for college."

But what had she personally gotten from her pygmies?

"It's the affection. The enjoyment."

Until I started learning about pygmy goats, I never thought about the bond people might form with animals other than



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the usual house pets. But McCullough's devotion reminded me of Phyllis McQien, an 81-year-old Ramona resident who's a kind of legend among San Diego's pygmy-goat owners. McQien doesn't belong to the National Pygmy Goat Association or to the San Diego Pygmy Goat Association. She was never much interested in showing her pygmies or winning awards.

"At one time I had as many as 15 pygmies as 'house goats,'" McQien told me on the afternoon I called her. "One morning I woke up with a pygmy standing on my bed, staring at me and nuzzling my face. After that, I started keeping them penned in the kitchen.

"I of course had them trained to pee in a Kitty Litter box. They're very smart, and they're easy to train that way. I once had a four-day-old kid who learned to use the litter box by watching the cat. The kid was so tiny that he could barely get his legs over the side of the box, but he just climbed right in and used it."

McQien declined to meet me in person because her health, she said, wasn't what it used to be. Some days, she said, she has a difficult time getting around. Although she didn't feel well, she didn't mind talking about pygmy goats.

"I just fell in love with them the first time I saw them. I think it was at an animal auction in Escondido. I'd moved up to Ramona from El Cajon. After my son died in an automobile accident, I wanted to get away from El Cajon. It was already starting to get industrialized at the time I left. Down there along Pioneer Way. In fact, I named Pioneer Way. When we first got there, we didn't have running water. Just wells. We were like pio-

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neers. So, after my son was killed, I just wanted to get out of El Cajon and have some land where I could have my animals.

"I was born in Washington, D.C., and lived there until I was

eight years old, when we came out to San Diego. When I was a little girl in D.C., I was always the kind of child who'd befriend the neighborhood dog, no matter how ugly, who had a thorn stuck in his paw.

I'd pull it out and make him feel better. And I had an aunt who had a farm outside the city, and she had a horse. I remember going there to visit, and she let me ride. I always loved animals.

"Out here in

Ramona I've had as many as 27 pygmy kids at one time. I'd go sit out in the yard, and they'd get up in my lap. I'd clap my hands and they'd come. I'd put two in my lap and bottle-feed 'em at the same time. It was

just such a great pleasure."

McQien said that over the 30 years she raised pygmy goats, she gave away at least 100 to individuals and families who showed a sincere interest in the animals.

"I had rules. I *never* gave a pygmy to anyone who wanted the animal for meat. I didn't want people to eat them. Because they're small animals, a lot of Asians like them for barbecue. Once I started raising them, Asians would come around. They'd rub their bellies and look at one of my goats and say, 'I've got a good home for you!' And I'd say, 'Oh, no you don't!' And I had another stipulation. Whenever I gave a pygmy away, I always told the people, 'If for any reason you can't feed or take good care of this animal, please bring it back to me.' In all the years I raised pygmy goats, I had no more than a half-dozen returned to me.

"I was very serious about their care. I kept a few dairy goats for milk so that the people could bottle-feed their pygmies. I'd milk the dairy goats and put the milk in a refrigerator I kept outside. It was the honor system. People could come by and take what they needed and leave a donation, a dollar for a gallon, whatever they could afford. To me, it's important that you bottle-feed 'em, because when you bottle-feed 'em, you're their mama.

"They're really not much trouble to look after. I learned to do it all by myself. My pygmies were always pretty healthy. I learned to burn off their horns, which you do when they're one week old. I'd give 'em a tetanus shot. I guess their care just came as second nature to me. And it's easy to learn to do something when you love it.

"People would ask me, 'How do you do it? How do you manage all those goats?' And I'd say it was easy because the goats are so intelligent and so kind. They'd be out in the field, and in the early evening I'd go out and clap my hands



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McQien told me that now she had only five pygmy goats. Her inability to tend to more was a greater source of disappointment to her, it seemed, than her health.

"But I make do with my five. When I can, I like to go out and sit by my back door and call to them. They'll come running over, and I get to pet 'em and talk to 'em and enjoy their company. They're a great source of joy to me. Peo-

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ple say that pygmies live only 12 years. I know I've had some pygmies for 15 years. People say that they don't live that long, but I know that they do."

Joy and affection are only two of the benefits

that accrue to pygmy ownership. As Sue McCullough said, learning to care for animals, to take responsibility for their welfare, can play a significant role in a child's maturation. To learn more about this, I

visited Sycuan Casino to speak with 22-year-old Nicole Fletcher, who, I'd been told, started raising pygmies when she was a little girl.

Fletcher works in the casino's human resources department.

Winsome, blonde, she shook my hand with self-assured firmness. Although she was born and raised in Jamul, only 30 minutes from downtown San Diego, Fletcher has what I think of as a country girl's gutsiness.

She told me, for example, that of pygmy bucks, wethers, and does, the bucks were her favorite.

"They smell really bad and their hair grows long and needs a lot of maintenance and they spit when there's a doe

in heat but, I don't know, I just really like them. Does are really friendly and wethers, well, wethers want to be everybody's friend. But bucks are a little standoffish."

Fletcher said that she got her first pygmies as Christmas presents when she was five years old.

"My dad had visited a farm back east that his grandparents had owned, and he said that we'd *never* own a farm animal. I started with guinea pigs. When I was five I had some friends in school that were in the 4-H program in Jamul. My one friend had a pygmy that followed him around and knew where the cereal cabinet was. This pygmy knew how to let himself into the house. I ended up with one just like that. For Christmas I got a doe named Sunflower. We got her from a breeder in Lakeside. My parents paid \$250 for her, and she came with a friend that was a wether that cost \$50, and his name was Butterscotch. Actually, his name was Huey, but I didn't like the name Huey. Pygmies go better in pairs. They're social animals, herd animals, and they do better if they've got another pygmy to bond with."

Fletcher said that as soon as she got Sunflower and Butterscotch, her parents made sure that she took care of them. I wondered how much these lessons in responsibility cost.

"Pygmy goats are expensive because they don't produce anything. It's not like a dairy goat, which you can milk and sell the milk, or you can raise them for meat and then sell the meat at auction at 4-H. So, hay is \$12.50 a bale, then the grains are \$10 for a 50-pound bag. And then you had the vet bills. For the care and feeding of my pygmies, I'd estimate

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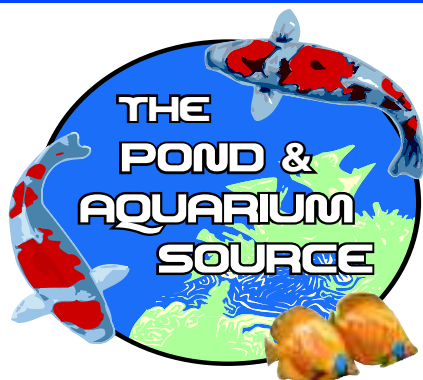
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that my parents were spending about \$450 per month."

Fletcher's pygmy-care schedule started, she said, every morning, seven days a week, at 5:00 a.m.

"My parents always said, 'They don't have hands. They can't feed or look after themselves. You've got to do it.' So my days started at 5:00 a.m., and we had to be at school by 8:30 a.m. School was just down the road, a 20-minute walk. I took care of my pygmies until I had to leave for school, and a couple of times I cut it really close. There were

the daily things you had to do, like feed and water them, and there were monthly things you had to do, like deworm them and trim their hooves. In the afternoons I spent about twice as much time with them as I did in the morning, which included running around and playing with them. On weekends sometimes I'd spend all day with them."

So much quality time with the pygmies paid surprising dividends. Fletcher's goats learned to do tricks.

"My goats could walk on their back legs. They could open gates.

They could open sliding glass doors and screen doors. They knew where the cereal cabinet was. I had one who could pick oranges off the tree. Oh,

"My goats could walk on their back legs. They could open gates. They knew where the cereal cabinet was."

yeah, he *loved* oranges. The acidity was really bad for him, but we couldn't keep him away from the oranges. And I had one pygmy that

even learned to roll over."

Fletcher said that at the height of her involvement, she had 15 pygmies.

"And there were chickens — we didn't really keep track of those. I had ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits. I had about 30 rabbits at

one time. I had rats. I had turtles. I had a horse, but it didn't last very long. And, for other 4-H projects, over the years I had a pig and I also raised seven cows for market."

Sunflower and Butterscotch launched Fletcher into a full-blown lifestyle, much of which centered around 4-H meetings and activities. I asked Fletcher to describe 4-H in a way that most people could understand.

"4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. It's for helping the community, reaching out to others. It's an

after-school activity, and it does not just include animals, although that's how it started out. Now there are a lot of 4-H groups in cities that do the arts and crafts part of it. It teaches you what school doesn't teach you. With the animals, you know, there are life lessons to learn through the showing of the animals, the politics of it, and through the care for an animal.

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tan and Escondido are the only high schools that have FFA. La Jolla used to have it, but they don't anymore."

I told Fletcher that I had no choice but to ask her about the politics of pygmy-goat showing in San Diego. She laughed and rolled her eyes.

"It's like anything else. Often the judges are breeders as well. If they recognize their animal, or they recognize another judge's animal, or one of their friends is showing an animal, for some reason, no matter what my goat might be like, the animal the judge knows ends up at the top of the line, and it ends up with the grand prize. So you learn to go along. And it's just play. You learn, for example, to palm your animal off on the right person, if that's what you're trying to go for. If winning is what's important to you.

"They'll often have shows just so that 4-H kids are able to show only against other 4-H kids. However, the judges do still manage to find someone that they've run into at previous shows and bonded with. And their animals seem to end up at the top of the line. So, you learn to make friends."

I asked if Fletcher had noticed any trends in pygmy-goat breeding.

"Yeah, there were times, you know, when I first started, and you'd sit there at a show and all you would see was caramels. You'd have a whole class of caramel, and you'd have only one agouti. An agouti is salt and pepper, gray and white, speckled. And the agouti would be at the back of the line.

"And for a long time they were breeding for pygmy goats that weren't technically in the best of health because they deviated so far from the breed standard. They were a lot shorter and a lot heavier than what they should have been,

and they looked like they were all pregnant all the time. They had short necks, short noses, and very short legs, and they didn't carry it very well. But that's what people bred for. This was around 1995 through

enough for them. They had problems kidding and you'd lose the mom. So, around 1998, the judges started liking East County animals. Animals that had been bred around here. They just had more pygmy charac-

area, right between their eyes. A lot of the goats from back east didn't have that. Their faces were flat, and their bodies were bulky, like a dairy goat's."

Fletcher's knowledge of pygmy-show politics and trends in pygmy breeding came from a childhood and adolescence that were, by any measure, very full. In addition to her daily chores and going to school, Fletcher attended, on average, ten 4-H meetings per month and "at least" 16 pygmy-goat shows per year. Since she left home, Fletcher said, her involvement with pygmies has decreased. She now has only four pygmies, two at her parents' home and two that stay at a girlfriend's house.

"The idea is to breed a healthy, productive animal that's going to lead a long, healthy, happy life."

1997. These goats were probably very cute, but they weren't, technically, pygmy goats.

"A lot of these animals had been bred back east, and people were buying and bringing them in. Some of us realized that the way these goats had been bred wasn't quite healthy

teristics, more than the ones from back east. The local pygmies had longer legs, a straighter top line, and more dish to the face. And by dish to the face I mean that they have a little indentation right in their forehead

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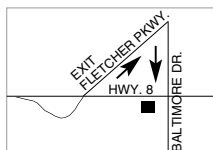
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She still teaches 4-H kids about pygmy care, but these days her main interest is breeding miniature dachshunds.

"I just like to stay busy and, you know, right now all I'm doing is work, and I'm doing

dog shows and I'm kinda lost. I'm used to having my life planned six months in advance."

I asked Fletcher what she imagined her life might have been like if she'd never gotten Sunflower and Butter-

scotch as Christmas presents.

"I'd probably have a kid by now. A real kid. I mean, a child," she said. She took a moment to think. "A lot of the people I grew up with have children now. Being

involved with pygmies and 4-H kept me from getting involved in a lot of things that teenagers now get into, taking drugs, having children. I was always so busy. And my parents were always after me to take care of the animals, even when I was little. And when I was little, I was so afraid of the dark. I *hated* going out in the dark to take care of the animals. But, you know, even though I was afraid of

the dark, I learned to say, 'Okay, I'll do it.' "

During my conver-

had been Donna Elkins, a name I often heard mentioned when I called

"I've judged shows in New England and in Alaska. I judge between 10 to 20 shows a year."

sation with Fletcher, she said that one of her 4-H pygmy-goat mentors

around San Diego's pygmy-goat community. Elkins was, like Sue McCullough, a National Pygmy Goat Association-licensed judge. Elkins was also the driving force behind the founding in 1991 of the San Diego Pygmy Goat Association. Elkins was, I was told, part of the reason why San Diego enjoyed a national reputation for the quality of its pygmies.

"I think we had only about eight or so families involved back when we started the association," Elkins said when I got her on the phone for a few minutes. "I saw people selling animals that were kind of inferior. The idea is to breed a healthy, productive animal that's going to lead a long, healthy, happy life. We started the San Diego Pygmy Goat Association to improve the line. To give the community some animals that were competitive. It's not that winning is everything. But losing all the time is kind of disheartening."

I didn't have an easy time connecting with Elkins. For five weeks we exchanged voice-mail messages and had brief conversations. Gradually, I learned that Elkins had three grown daughters. One of her daughters was getting married. There were all the difficulties and complications of planning for a daughter's wedding. And then there was the wedding. And in the wedding's aftermath, Elkins came down with pneumonia.

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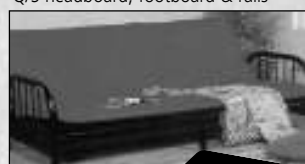


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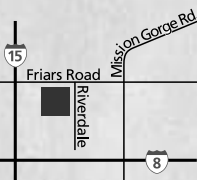
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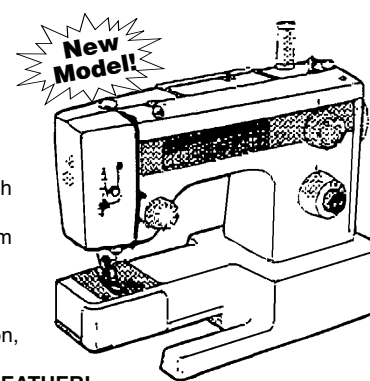
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What I didn't know about Elkins during the five weeks I kept calling and leaving messages to pester her to talk about pygmy goats and the San Diego Pygmy Goat Association was that Elkins was married to a San

Diego Police Department detective. I also didn't know that Elkins and her detective husband, after raising three daughters of their own, had decided to become foster parents to two young children whom

Donna had met while teaching Sunday school at her local church. Donna Elkins had a few things on her mind other than suspicious phone calls from a jumpy writer who for some reason had taken

an interest in pygmy goats and the San Diego Pygmy Goat Association. I now suspect that when Elkins, the wife of a detective, had a free minute or two, she consulted the pygmy-goat-community phone tree

and made a few calls of her own to find out just what it was that I was up to.

I suspect that Elkins put a few feelers out because when I finally visited Elkins and her two pygmies in their pen

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Insomnia

Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

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To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

- 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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ber morning, Elkins's blue eyes were bright and clear. Her face wasn't puffy or creased by a night of deep sleep. She seemed cheerful, if a little cautious. I wondered if she was the sort of person who never slept or if her eerie pre-dawn alertness was common among wives of detectives.

I was wearing three layers of clothes and my teeth were chattering. Elkins, trim, athletic-looking, wore jeans and a pink sweatshirt that zipped up the front. With a green garden hose, she casually filled the watering trough used by her two pygmy does, seven-year-old Mystique and five-year-old Buttons. Elkins chatted with me about her two llamas, Lucy and Socks, and about Cassie, her corgi, and Domino, her border collie, and about the crabby,

ungrateful Cochin rooster Elkins had adopted that liked to attack her ankles. She was offhand-seeming until she asked, "So what sort of article are you planning to write about pygmies?"

The day before Elkins asked that question, we'd talked for a while over the phone.

goat judge.

"I mean, who knew that I'd also become a pygmy-goat midwife and be pretty good at it? Who knew that I had a talent for it? Is it because I've got small hands and thin arms? I don't know. It's a valuable skill. Most people have hands that are too big. They'd cause

"I don't think I've been to a show where a San Diego pygmy didn't end up in the championship."

She told me that she was a "Chula Vista beach girl, and believe me, it was to everyone's astonishment, including that of my friends and family and even my own, that I became a pygmy-goat person. At my 20-year high school reunion, I won the award for the strangest job: pygmy-

trauma if they tried to help a doe in labor. Thirty to forty percent of pygmy births result in complications that require some sort of intervention. But I certainly didn't know I'd become so involved with pygmies when I first started out. Even my husband, who grew up

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Genital Herpes

A 1-year clinical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational medication for genital herpes. Approximately 22% of adults in the United States are positive for genital herpes. Genital herpes is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the world. If you are a male or female suffering at least 4 episodes a year, over the age of 18 and in good health, you may be eligible.

To qualify you must:

- Have had 4 or more episodes of genital herpes in the past year (or 4 or more in the year before you started suppressive therapy in the past)
- Be a healthy adult 18 years or older

Qualified participants will receive:

- Examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs and cultures
- Compensation for your time and travel

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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 —

If you experience difficulty staying asleep and difficulty during the day due to sleepiness

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Schizophrenia

Outpatient Research Study

Is it hard to focus and get motivated?

Many treatments for schizophrenia focus on the voices and fears, but what about how hard it is to do simple tasks? We are studying an investigational medication that focuses on the lack of motivation and energy associated with schizophrenia.

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 \$2150 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.

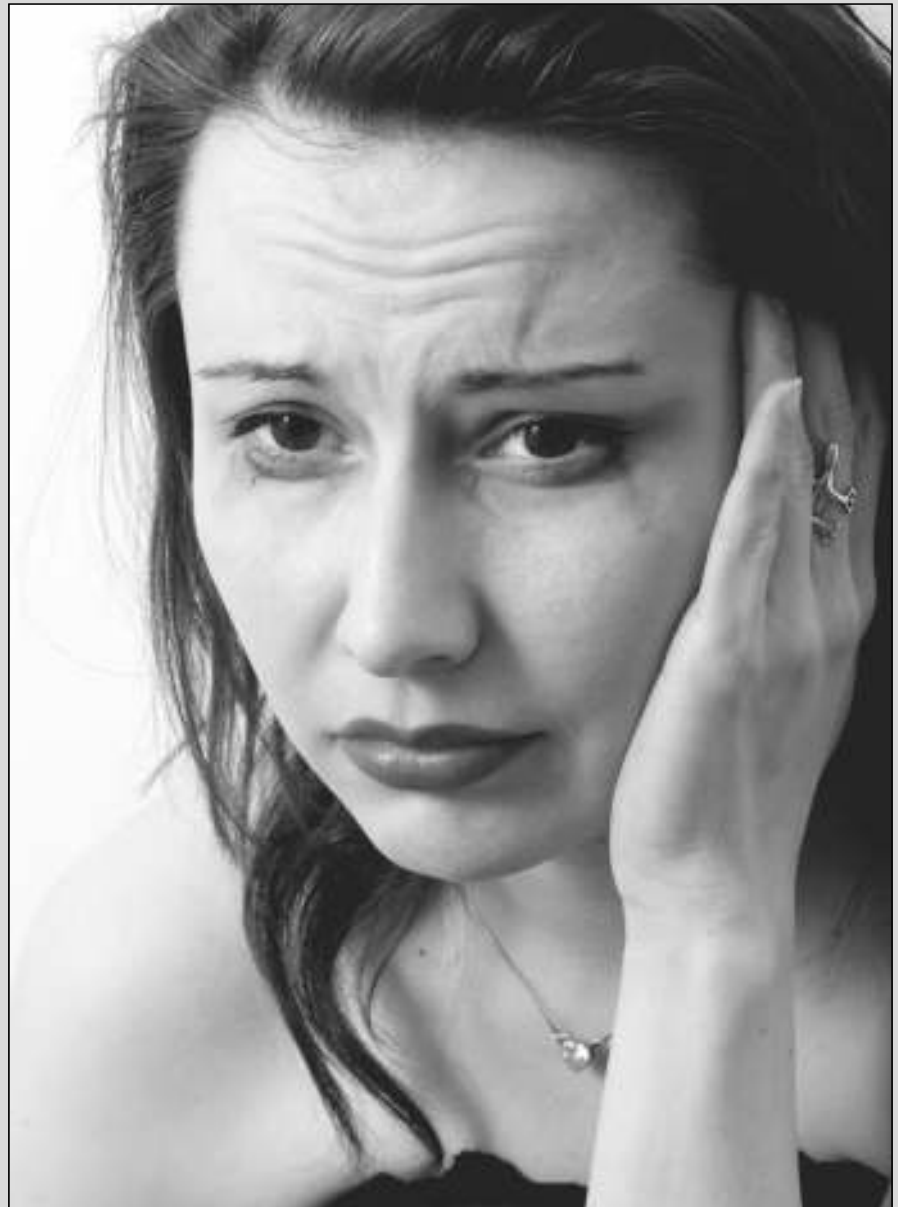
Are you over 18 years old and finding life hard to tolerate? Has your energy and motivation to enjoy your life decreased? Do you find even simple pleasures empty?

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

- You will receive up to \$700 for your participation.
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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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- Will receive up to \$450 for time and travel.
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We are interested in talking to individuals over the age of 18 who are experiencing restless legs for possible participation in a 3-month study testing the effectiveness of a research medication to make your legs "normal."

Qualified participants will receive up to \$450.

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in Fallbrook and was involved in Future Farmers of America, doesn't quite understand it.

"What happened, as far as I can remember, is that we bought a dairy goat. We thought it would be good for our girls, who were little at the time, to be around animals. We're out here in a pretty rural community. Growing up in a

rural community isn't like it was before. You can't just send your kids down the road to play. What you need now are more organized activities, like 4-H. So, someone said, 'You should really get a pygmy goat for your dairy goat, so they can keep each other company.' And that's how it started. I got involved with dairy goats and pygmy goats

for 4-H because, at the time, nobody else out here was really doing it. And because nobody else out here was doing it, I didn't think my ignorance would hurt anyone. I just started educating myself, reading a lot of books. My attitude has always been, if I'm gonna do something, I'm gonna do it right.

"What I realized was

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

For more information about this clinical research study,
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**Are You Still Experiencing Pain
Even Though Your
Shingles Have Healed?**

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

Qualified participants receive:

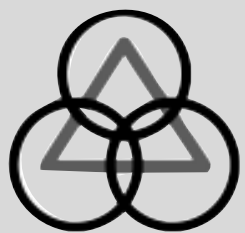
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Do you have trouble sleeping?



Are you:

- 18 years of age or older?
- History of insomnia for at least 4 weeks?
- Having difficulty staying asleep?
- Sleeping less than 6.5 hours at least 4 nights per week?
- In good general health?

Synergy Clinical Research is looking for volunteers for a medical research study of an investigational medication for insomnia.

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Are you suffering from Schizophrenia?

If you have been diagnosed with Schizophrenia and your current medication is not helping you, you may qualify to participate in a research study being conducted by doctors in your area.

To participate, you must be willing to switch from your current therapy to an FDA-approved study drug.

What is Schizophrenia?

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

What can I expect if I participate?

You will receive the following at no charge: professional medical examinations and study drug, lab results, and other information about your health.

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Depression Research Study

If you have been previously diagnosed and treated for depression and in recent months you are experiencing a recurrence of similar or increased symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study.

Those symptoms may include feeling sad or empty, feeling worthless or guilty, decreased interest in activities you once enjoyed, difficulty concentrating, weight loss, difficulty sleeping or lack of energy.

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BIPOLAR DEPRESSION



Do you...

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

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

Some qualifications are:

- Aged 18-65 years
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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



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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.

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that I really liked pygmy goats. They're quieter than dairy goats, and they've got their own independent, stubborn streak, which is what I liked about them. They're affectionate, but they're not real demanding. They're pretty self-sufficient in a lot of ways. It's more an air of independence. They like to have fun. They're pretty playful and intelli-

gent, but they're not needy. They're more doglike in their intelligence level, but they don't suffer emotionally if I'm not out there spending five hours a day with them. Another thing I liked was that, among pygmy-goat owners, there's a very friendly atmosphere. It's not cutthroat the way it can be among people who breed and show

other kinds of animals, like dogs and horses.

"So, I definitely bought the goats for my girls, and they enjoyed them and had fun with them. But I ended up liking pygmies more than my daughters did. I'm sure that if you asked my daughters now if they were interested in raising and showing pygmy goats, you'd get a resounding, 'No!'"

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Elkins told me that she eventually started breeding and raising her goats under the herd name Proverbial Pygmies and that she served on the board of directors for the National Pygmy Goat Association for six years. She said that 30 pygmies was the most she tended at any one time. She now has 12, including Mystique and Buttons. The others stay at a girlfriend's ranch not far from Elkins's home. The San Diego Pygmy Goat Association now has 20 active members.

"And if the National Pygmy Goat Association has almost 40 members in San Diego, I'd probably estimate that there are almost 200 people in

the county who own pygmies. Of course, most of those people have only a couple of goats."

Llamas, she said, are supposed to be territorial enough to scare off coyotes. And since the Proctor Valley fire, Elkins and her neighbors have had a problem with coyotes.

About her career as a pygmy-goat judge, Elkins said it gave her an opportunity to travel.

"I've judged shows in New England and in

Alaska. I judge between 10 to 20 shows a year. They pay for your travel, and they pay you a judging fee and they pay for

your hotel. Judging fees range from \$150 to \$400, depending on the show you're doing. Some are shows for 4-H kids, some are fairs. And I've

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Toward the end of our talk, I asked Elkins what seemed to her the most rewarding aspect of her work with pygmies.



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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

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Some symptoms of schizophrenia include:

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"My experience with 4-H has been that you get to see a lot of young teens and young kids who were responsible in a lot of ways. It gave them a lot of positive things to work toward. It wasn't just winning. It was the whole ethical part of it — being kind to the animals, taking care of them, making a commitment, and sticking to it. My involvement with pygmies has given me an opportunity to have a positive impact on the kids I've worked with. Even within our national organization,

there's a lot of youth. It was fun to be able to share with them, encourage them, and help them. Especially the kids who were a little shy or reserved. Or the ones who'd get really disappointed when things don't go their way. Working with the goats made a difference in their attitudes and expectations."

Elkins also said, "There's not much better in life than when I get up early in the morning and it's quiet and I go down and take care of my pygmies. It's

so peaceful. You really ought to try it."

I asked Elkins if I could visit her the following morning.

"Take Highway 94 and stay on 94 out through Spring Valley," her instructions began. "Keep going on Lawson Valley Road until you come to a part of San Diego that I hope will never become urbanized."

The sun was just starting to rise when I turned onto Elkins's driveway. A dozen baby jackrabbits raced around before my headlights. A

RESEARCH STUDIES

ARE YOU TOO SHY?

- ☒ Do you get **VERY NERVOUS** around new people?
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- ☒ Do you **AVOID** going to social events and speaking in front of people?
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If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study using an investigational drug compared to placebo to treat social anxiety disorder at UCSD.

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lone crow, stark against the purple sky, circled overhead. Elkins was already in the pygmy pen, raking up goat pellets and soiled hay.

Lucy and Socks, standing nearby, stared at us blankly. Elkins was sort of miffed at them. She worried that they weren't doing their job. Llamas, she said, are supposed to be territorial enough to scare off coyotes. And since the Proctor Valley fire, Elkins and her neighbors have had a problem with coyotes.

"In the past year I've

lost two Shih Tzus to coyotes."

Elkins scattered fresh hay for Buttons and Mystique, who stood in a corner of their pen, nuzzling each other and cuddling against each other like newlyweds on their honeymoon. Elkins's Cochin rooster, squat and hostile, trotted toward her ankles. She grabbed the rake and waved it at him. "Don't you dare, pal."

Elkins's home faces southwest, and as the sun rose, the horizon became a vertical spectrum that ascended from

dark blue hills to pale golden sky. Everything was quiet.

"My husband asks me, 'What is it with you and those goats?'" Elkins said. "I tell him that some people like to surf, some people like to run, some people like to go to the gym. I like to get out here and rake up my goat pen early in the morning. It's peaceful. You start your day stress-free. Some people go to Family Fitness Center. I go out and shovel goat poo. They're happy and I'm happy." ■

— Abe Opincar

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- Sharp pains
- Extreme sensitivity to touch
- Loss of balance and coordination

Pacific Sleep Medicine is conducting a research study to evaluate the effectiveness of an investigational medication for the treatment of painful peripheral neuropathy.

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

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Following a brief illness, Grant Barba passed away peacefully in his hometown of San Diego on July 7, 2086. He was 97 years old. Born on June 3, 1989, he attended college in the state of Washington, after which he traveled the Orient, visiting Japan and Tibet. These trips shaped his view of the world and instilled a love for Buddhism and Asian culture. After returning home, Mr. Barba became a teacher and taught both high school and college, concentrating primarily on English and religious studies.

Mr. Barba was passionate about teaching and always popular with his students. They said he made learning interesting, and he founded a school on that principle, rather than one based upon bureaucracy. Many consider this to be his crowning achievement. He tried to impart what knowledge he could to his students and took a select few to Japan every year.

When he was 25, Mr. Barba met the woman who would one day become his wife. After a two-year courtship, he married Nathalia Richards in 2016. The two shared a love of teaching and years of happiness. His sister Linley, 93, said, “They were such a cute couple. He was a wonderful brother and will be greatly missed. But, I will never forgive him for the names he called me as a child.”

Mr. Barba is survived by his wife of 70 years, his sister, his two children (Jake, 66, and Elyse, 64) and his five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to your favorite charity or making a contribution to his school. His body has been cremated, and the ashes



will be strewn into the sea at sunset on July 15.

— Grant Barba,
La Jolla H.S.

Michelle Eveland Diaz died peacefully of natural causes at the age of 96, missing the age reached by her maternal great-grandfather by only one year. Ms. Diaz, who married but continued to go by her maiden name because she had already established herself professionally, will be remembered for her contributions to literature and for the education of innumerable high school students.

Born in Yorba Linda, California, on Independence Day in 1988, Ms. Diaz aspired from an early age to be an author. Throughout her childhood she made a number of attempts at completing a novel. During her senior year at Poway High School, she finished a 140-page story that was published the following year. The suc-

cess of that book’s publication (*The Johnson Brothers*) paved the way for her lifelong career in writing.

However, Ms. Diaz’s love of literature and her desire to positively influence others led her to pursue a teaching career. She returned to Poway High School to teach English for over 40 years while continuing to write in the evenings, on the weekends, and during the summer. She returned to writing full-time following her retirement in 2053.

Ms. Diaz, who grew up in San Diego, never wished to move anywhere else. However, she was well traveled, frequently visiting her favorite vacation place, Vermont, as well as numerous places in Europe and other parts of the world.

Ms. Diaz is survived by her two children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild, all of whom reside in San Diego.

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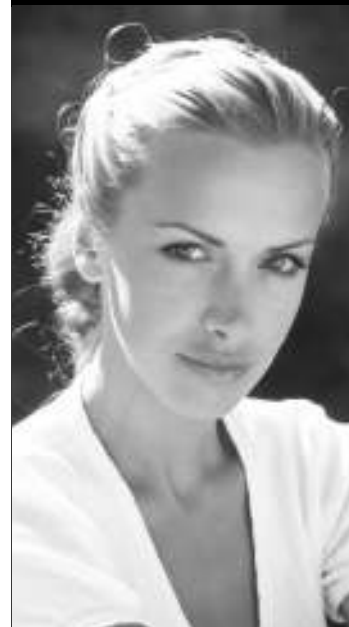


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Alexis Sebring was born in Oceanside, California, on June 16, 1989. After living a full life, she died at the age of 102 in 2090 while attempting to climb Mt. Whitney for the fifth time.

In the early years of her life, she always had a violin under her chin, especially through her college years, when she attended The Juilliard School. In her youth, Ms. Sebring visited many orchestral halls, including New York's Carnegie Hall (2009), where she played with symphony orchestras.

At age 27, she was hired as a news broadcaster for Fox News. Her love and skill for writing landed her a successful and long-lasting career in the broadcasting business. In her spare time, she ran triathlons, wakeboarded, and snowboarded. She earned many awards for her athleticism. Besides sports, she took up acting at a young age and auditioned and landed roles in many theater plays.

Ms. Sebring grew up in San Diego, California, and then moved to New York to go to school. She stayed on the East Coast until the age of 23, when she moved to Germany. She traveled Europe until the age of 40. At the time of her death, she lived in New York because of her love for city life.

"My grandmother loved to do lots of things, from skydiving to reading a book on a stormy day. She was so outgoing, well rounded, and loving. I'm going to miss her," states her granddaughter, Christina. Ms. Sebring has a brother, children, and grandchildren who will miss her dearly.

— Alexis Sebring,
Carlsbad H.S.

Emma Jean Burton died in her sleep on Saturday night in her Malibu home at the age of 95. She is survived by her 97-year-old husband, Hayden Burton, and their children, Noah and Jessica.

Mrs. Burton was born in San Diego, where she lived for most of her childhood. She later attended New York University, where she studied film and journalism. Promptly after graduating, the *New Yorker* magazine hired her to write a column that quickly became

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popular for the way it addressed controversial issues and helped positively change the world. After several years of writing for the *New Yorker*, she became inspired to create films out of several of her column topics. Some of the Oscar-winning films she created and directed include *Some-day* and *Stolen Dream*.

Emma Seemann met Hayden Burton in 2008; they married in 2014. They traveled all over Europe and the Caribbean but eventually settled in Malibu, where Hayden started his successful architectural business and they raised their two children. The proximity of Hollywood allowed Emma to work on films while staying close to her family.

In addition to her love for writing and filmmaking, Emma enjoyed reading and riding horses. When she and Hayden moved to Malibu, he bought her a white warmblood named Superman.

"Emma lived such a full life," reminisces Hayden. "She was always so deter-

mined and passionate about it; she had a mission to show the world the truth, and because of her, society changed for the better."

A memorial service will be held today on the beach, where Emma enjoyed walking with her husband and riding her horse. Donations can be made to Changes, the scholarship program set up by Emma and Hayden that funds young individuals wishing to pursue careers in critical journalism.

— Emma Seemann,
Carlsbad H.S.

Derrick Sun was 90 years old when he passed away. He was born in Texas on August 22, 1988, and grew up in San Diego. He had loving parents and a not-so-loving and always sleepy sister.

Mr. Sun did very well in elementary, middle, and high school. He graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in 2006 and then went on to study journalism and photography at the University of Southern California. He graduated with

honors in 2010 and then took a year off to travel the world. He visited over 20 countries, making it one of the best years of his life.

Mr. Sun then went to graduate school at New York University, where he got a master's in photography. He got a job as a photojournalist at the *New York Times* right out of school. At the *New York Times*, he met his future wife, a writer. They were married two years later.

Mr. Sun then got a job as a photographer for *Vogue*. He spent the next 15 years as a feature and fashion photographer in New York and Paris. He and his wife had two children, a boy and a girl. They moved to San Diego to raise their children while Derrick balanced an occasional photo shoot in New York for *Vogue*. After both kids left home, Mr. Sun took on a job as a photographer for *National Geographic*, combining his passion for photography and travel. He died due to natural causes in his home in San Diego.

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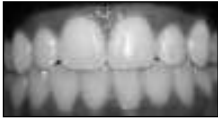


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Of early attempts to fly, writes Henry Serrano Villard, "the only way was the hard way, by trial and repair."

Eilmer of Malmesbury, a 11th-century Benedictine monk, studied math and astrology — was even a wizard, some said. As a young man he read the story of Daedalus in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. To escape the Cretan labyrinth, Daedalus built bat-winged machines of feathers and wax for himself and his son, Icarus. If they flew too low, Daedalus warned, sea spray would sog the wings and drag them down; too high and the sun would melt the wax. But if they kept to a middle way, they'd "swim in the sky like a gull."

Daedalus strapped the wings to his arms and rose aloft. He made careful swoops to show his son how to fly. The boy took off. As the maze receded beneath him, Icarus wanted to test the limits of his father's "splendid toy." He climbed so high the wax began to drip. He pumped naked arms and plummeted, through a hail of feathers, into the sea.

Eilmer built an apparatus like the

one in the poem. He jumped from Malmesbury Tower. After soaring an estimated 125 paces, he fell and broke both legs. Over the centuries many died in similar attempts. By 1883, says historian Octave Chanute, people wanting to fly got so much ridicule they "strenuously denied" their experiments. The most obsessively secretive was John J. Montgomery. In 1881, when his family moved to the Fruitlands, a ranch in Otay Valley (just south of the I-5 and Main Street intersection in Chula Vista), Montgomery was away at college, but already had a reputation for eccentricity.

As a young boy in Oakland, he put a pillow on the living room floor, spread himself across it on his stomach, and waved his arms as if swimming through the air. To study their movements, he chased his grandmother's geese across her backyard by cracking a whip (she always wondered why they flew "so much better than her neighbors' "). He inspected houseflies and hummingbirds, observed how seagulls held the wind, lifted vultures by the talons to note the flex of their massive wings. "The boy never let a bird rest," recalled younger sister Mary. "It must fly for him."

At 16, he tossed a curved piece of scrap iron into the air. Instead of gliding

smoothly, like a bird, it spun in strange circles, quirky leaps. It would loop, hover, and lurch upward before sticking in the ground.

"Why didn't it come straight down?" Montgomery wrote years later. "Why did it turn and settle?" The puzzle triggered his first ideas of "aerial navigation that were more than merely the vague desire to fly."

Montgomery earned a master's degree in science in 1881 from St. Ignatius College (now University of San Francisco). To make money for a PhD in the sciences, he became foreman of his father's 80-acre ranch in 1882. Soon, he converted the barn into a lab. Tall trees surrounding the old, weathered structure aided its secrecy — and his reputation for eccentricity.

He always walked head down, deep in thought. Neighbors heard he could get so engrossed in his studies he'd forget to eat. Others said he was either hypersensitive or suffered from vertigo. Rose B. Clemens of Coronado recalled going to parties at the Montgomery and neighboring Coutts farms. John always got a "joshing from young people in the area." When he passed by, they tapped their temples knowingly.

"The banter," writes biographer Arthur Spearman, made Montgomery "a recluse." When he built a plane, or



John J. Montgomery

tested one on nearby mesas, he swore everyone who knew, including neighbors who helped, to secrecy. Even in letters to his six brothers and sisters, Montgomery wrote "as though the mail would go to the wrong persons."

By 1883 Montgomery had made numerous attempts at what he called "soaring flight," including models and a "super balloon" in Oakland that popped and zigzagged out of sight with his father's best hatchet as ballast. Flight, he said, has three phases: take-off, actual flying, and landing. When two flapping-wing designs failed to lift off from Otay Mesa, in February, 1883, he changed his strategy. Forget phase one. He'd concentrate on flying and landing.

When not tending vineyards, Montgomery worked in the barn. A gyroscope he built to study movement of the planets stood on a table next to a homemade earthquake recorder (he

QUOTATIONS:

1. Octave Chanute: "All birds are acrobats, but the soaring kind, if closely observed in a gusty wind, perform feats of balancing more delicate and wonderful than those of any human equilibrist."
2. Wilbur Wright: "If you are looking for perfect safety, you will do well to sit on the fence

and watch the birds. But if you really wish to learn, you must mount a machine and become acquainted with its tricks by actual practice."

3. Igor Sikorsky: "Aeronautics was neither an industry nor even a science: both were yet to come. It was an art and, I might say, a passion. Indeed, at that time it was a miracle."

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Model

even made a copy of Thomas Edison's "talking machine" and the tinfoil records it could play). Models of gliders and wings of failed experiments hung from above or collected in corners. At night, kerosene lamps and the blazing forge outside flicker-lit the lab.

Throughout the summer of 1883, he and younger sister Jane worked on a "gull machine" to ride air currents like its namesake. To bend wood, he connected a box to the forge with a long pipe. Using the box as an air-bellows, John and Jane

steamed pliant strips of ash, shaping them into curved ribs. They tacked them on the walls to dry next to the stretched wings of birds Montgomery had shot to study.

To cover the cambered ribs, they experimented with different thicknesses of wax on unbleached muslin. They sewed the cloth to the ribs with heavy linen thread, then applied oil, which gave each 10-foot-long, four-and-a-half-foot-wide wing a brownish tint.

For a fuselage, they attached two 20-foot ash crossbeams to the wings,

then added a fanshaped, horizontal tail. Using shoulder straps and a saddle — a hardwood keel suspended from the framework to sit on — Montgomery would maneuver the craft by turning his body. A "push-pull rod," connected with piano-wire pulleys, would move the tail up and down and provide stability. The "Gull Glider" weighed 38 pounds. Montgomery, then 26, weighed 130.

Before dawn, on Tuesday, August 28, 1883, John and younger brother James hitched mules to a wagon. By the light of a

single lantern they unhooked the Gull Glider from the wall. Stealthful as spies, they nestled the craft in the wagon on a cushion of hay, covering as much of it as they could.

In case nosy neighbors were up and about, the men wore faded work-clothes and carried box lunches and rifles: just out for an early morning hunt. John drove. James stood beside the tall driver's seat, one hand on a rifle, the other on the glider as a shock-absorber.

Like several members of the family, including John's twin-brother

Thomas, James was a non-believer. He'd seen John's early flapping-wing attempt at Oakland, plus the two at Otay Mesa, and wasn't impressed. His brother was no mad scientist, as neighbors (and the 1946 movie, *Gallant Journey*) alleged, just a gifted one, as stubborn as he was curious. But when it came to flight, James thought John resembled Noah and the ark. Sixty-one years later, James told a reporter: "My young mind — I was 19 at the time — was inclined to side along with our friends, who thought John's dreams of flying

were a gigantic folly."

They bumped up a canyon road southeast to a mesa and into streaks of dawn. They made a right turn (near today's Montgomery High School) and beat a path through crackling scrub and greasewood to the rim of Wheeler Hill. Before them, four miles to the west, the Pacific Ocean lay like a silver-blue saber. South, Tijuana's popular Hot Springs Hotel rose amid scattered one-story adobes. The isolated hill — now Montgomery Waller Community Park — tilted for over 200 yards into a prevailing

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northwest wind. The early morning breezes blew a steady seven miles per hour.

Wheeler Hill was no random choice. Those who knew Montgomery called him one of the most cautiously ambitious of experimenters. He wasn't jumping from a tower. Nor was he out for a joyride. The windswept hill had a gentle, ten-degree slope. Dry vegetation and loamy earth would soften a fall. And Montgomery expected to make many as he mastered the "science of the bird."

James attached a light, 40-foot launching rope to the glider and stretched it 12 to 14 feet down the hillside. John climbed into the craft and straddled the seat-board. Since this hobby-horse position cramped a running start, he decided that rope and wind were a better means of propulsion. At 8:00 a.m., the brothers began waiting for the right moment.

Around 10:00, a gust

whistled up the hill, lifting a wing off the ground and John up to his toes. He raised the other wing, steadied himself, and yelled, "Ready, Jim?"

"Yes."

"Pull!"

James yanked the rope taut and tugged it down the hill. "Suddenly the rope went slack and I nearly fell on my face." He looked up and saw a looming black expanse, backlit by the sun. "There was John in the soaring machine right above me. He was so high that the rope was barely touching the ground as it went along."

James froze. Few had ever seen the sight. John "soared over me like the biggest bird you ever saw and kept on going."

James got up and raced down the hill, shouting like a madman and, because he couldn't take his eyes from the airborne machine, stumbling over clods of dirt.

"John was flying! The nearer he got to the

ground the more he kicked his feet and swayed his body to keep balance. Toward the very end of his flight he veered to the right to miss a clump of brush, and when he landed he came down so lightly he hardly bent his knees."

"Jim, I've got it!" John shouted. "I can fly!"

As they dragged the glider back uphill, John described what happened. When he jumped, the craft shot upward. In an instant he was "at the mercy of the wind," high enough to break bones if he fell. Fear shocked through him.

But he found himself moving "gently forward," as if cradled in the air. The wings gave solid support. A "feeling of security" came over him. "There was a cushiony softness about it, yet it was firm." He floated, then dropped in a steady descent down the hill, soaring a dozen feet above ground until touching down.

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Before a second flight, the brothers paced off the distance: 600 feet. "John repeated his flight many times that day," James told a reporter years later, "but he was satisfied after the first hop that new worlds had been opened."

As they prepared for what became the final try, John positioned himself on the saddle. James pulled the rope taut. A blast of wind whipped across the mesa. The craft twisted. A wing dipped, caught a bush, and cart-wheeled the machine 10 feet into the air. The wings contorted like a shutting fan, then plunged into the slope. Montgomery wasn't hurt, but one side of the glider was "smashed past mending."

John and James waited until nightfall to smuggle the wreck back to the barn. Montgomery was so secretive he refused to report his success to newspapers, even to neighbors. It was as if it had never happened.

What actually did is still subject to debate. Spearman calls it "mankind's first heavier-than-air controlled flight." Others, however, question the length of that first "hop." Six hundred feet — two football fields — would take the Gull Glider to the bottom of Wheeler Hill. Fred C. Kelly, one of Montgomery's most vehement critics, argues that the gilder's 90 square feet of wing area would have needed much stronger winds to carry 168 pounds (Montgomery's and the glider's combined weights) that distance.

There's no proof Montgomery even flew gliders, Waldo Dean Waterman, a pioneer aviator from San Diego, told the *Union*. "No eyewitnesses." Waterman said the entire account was a fabrication concocted by the Montgomery family and Rep. Bob Wilson, who was instrumental in the founding of the monument on Wheeler Hill and the naming of Montgomery Field. In 1950, Wilson and James went back to Wheeler and paced off the flight: 603 feet. Waterman labeled the

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distance a fiction.

Octave Chanute's *Progress in Flying Machines* (1894) listed Montgomery's best attempt as "100 feet" — a typo, or skepticism for an undocumented attempt? In a 1909 article in *Aeronautics*, Montgomery again claimed 600 feet. Was he correcting Chanute or, as some argue, lengthening the original hop to take undeserved credit?

Many alleged that Montgomery had no eye-witnesses. But several testified in court. Asked if Montgomery was successful with an 1884 flight, neighbor Charles T. Coutts told a judge "Yes sir!"; Charles Burroughs, another Otay Valley resident who helped with several 1884 flights, said most "ranged from 200 to 300 feet."

Montgomery's neighbors could be biased. But so could his critics: Fred C. Kelly was the Wright brothers' biographer and wouldn't want someone

flying a heavier-than-air craft 20 years before Kitty Hawk. As a high school freshman, in 1909 Waldo Waterman experimented with gliders off Banker's Hill, at Albatross and Maple. If he could debunk Montgomery, his would be the "first winged, man-carrying flight in San Diego."

Tom D. Crouch offers the most reasonable estimation: Montgomery was "the first American to leave the ground on wings of his own design."

What gets lost in the wrangling are Montgomery's initial reactions. He was elated not about a distance but a sensation: he'd experienced the feel of flight — a buoyancy, "like floating in water, only a lot lighter," and a give-and-take with the wind. To get that feel, he must have soared some distance, though not necessarily 200 feet. At the same time, he was also disappointed.

When Montgomery built the curve-winged

Gull Glider, he "followed nature blindly, going against my reason." And even though "the first experiments with this crude device were a success," he scrapped the design. He needed to control the craft's side-to-side roll as well as its pitch. For the next three years, he tried several machines with flat wings and diagonal aileron-like hinges (possibly the first of their kind). They took off from a wooden track he'd built on Wheeler Hill. Though flights ranged "from 200 to 300 feet," and had better equilibrium, they didn't give him the lift of the Gull Glider.

After hundreds of experiments — including studies of water flow, waving flags, airborne flour and thistledown — he wrote his sister Margaret in 1885: "My theory from the beginning has not changed; though at first it was not by any means as clear as now; and I can assure you the task has been a difficult

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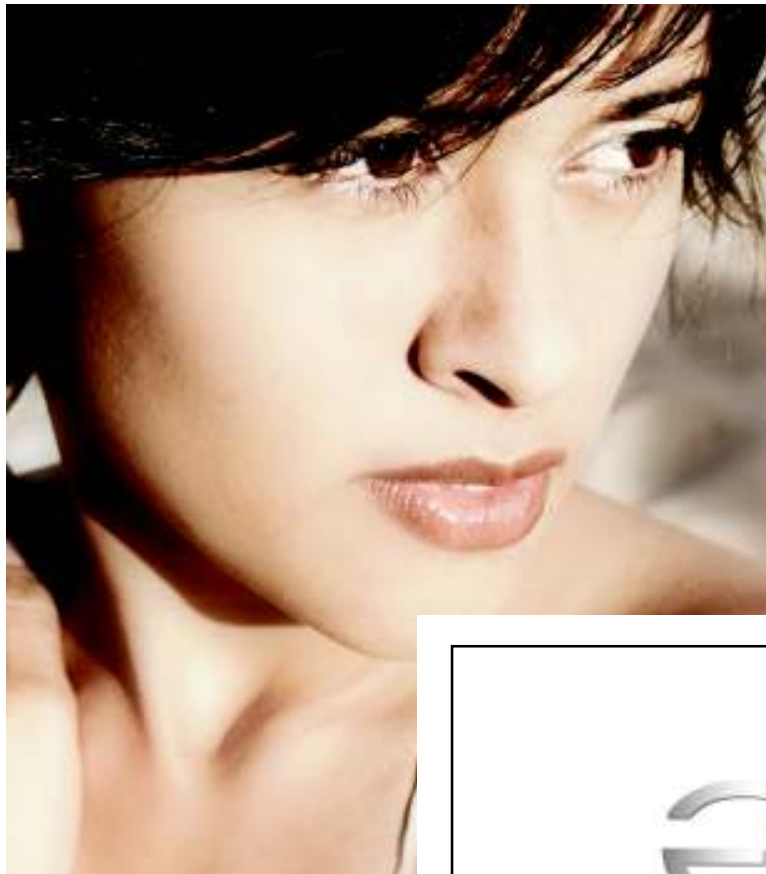
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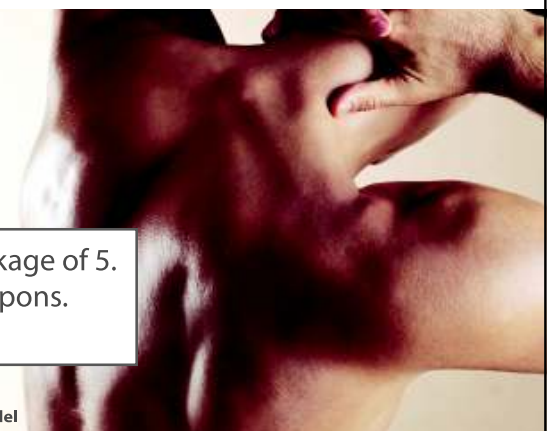
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NOISE POLLUTION is not a Borrego problem, particularly in the summertime. It is delicious and yet somehow bothersome.

that a blast of super-heated dry air might relieve you of is the skin from your face. Let me slow the car down; now you can cautiously crack the window. Feeling better? I know, I know, it's still hotter than a burning abyss, but at least we

sion, something, anything, even the nasty hiss of a locust or the rapid pitter-patter of little scorpion feet across the sand. Notice how the quiet complements the still air. What movement of air there is can't be felt (distressing), but if you stand

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Speaking of lonely, what kind of neighborhood is this, where are all the neighbors? Borrego residents come in two distinct varieties: part-time and full-time. We won't see any of the first group at this time of the year. Snowbirds, and their specialized cousins the Golf Goonies, have taken flight for a more hospitable summer's roost. Can you blame them? Would you opt for the summer if you lived here only part of the year?

The real stuff of this place is the year-round resident, the Cactus People. It generally requires a stubborn tenacity to endure the desert's middle months. Some do it by choice and others out of varying necessity or fate. The explanation behind my former claim to the title of Cactus Person is simple: Mom and Dad made me do it. My parents lived out their last 25 years in Borrego, and my younger brother still lives there. He has known no other home since age two, and therein lies his explanation: It is home.

The Cactus People once boasted uncommon character. I am out of touch with the present population but do recall some personality from the past. Gilbert Rock looked a lot like an elderly Randolph Scott (the early western film star). Time and the wide brim of his cowboy hat hadn't stopped the sun from creasing his face, but a twinkle still shot from his friendly blue eyes. A slow walk and a fast smile well suited his firm wit and easy tone. Rocky loved to play checkers, and he found the ideal counterpart in my dad. Both proclaimed to the game's demanding skill and their own cunning genius. What a pair they made. Hours of gamesmanship and bantering, each staking claim to the world title, while professing never to have met a more able opponent.

I don't think I'll ever forget Thanksgiving at Rocky's. Time has perhaps dramatized the scene, but the reflection evokes an era from well before November in the '60s. In the 1930s, Rocky

claimed a 160-acre homestead adjacent to Clark Dry Lake. Reaching his patchwork cabin, sandwiched between Borrego Mountain and the Santa Rosas, required about ten miles of

unpaved road — slow turns in the soft sand interspersed with stretches of bumpy washboard. Ageing possessions, long past their prime and purpose, surrounded the weathered

structure that Rocky called home. A rickety porch with simple wooden chairs furnished the perfect spot for stories about cave drawings. Rocky once told me that he would show me the

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route to Borrego passes through the hideously pined mountains of Julian, home to the Appleheads. Doubtful that you can find a parking place in Julian, but if you do, beware the accosting pie salesman. He spreads ugly rumors solely to blemish desert appeal and save the apple trade. Backwoods capitalists who have spent most of their lives sucking too much hard cider and thin air are not reliable sources of information. I am intimately acquainted with the Appleheads' hapless paranoia, having attended high school in Julian. Prior to 1966, Borrego didn't have a high school, and we rode 30 miles to and from Julian for a higher education. Just another peculiarity of the time and the place.

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I should have told you to wear a hat. You're looking a little funny, and maybe we should find you some shade. Sure, there's shades in Borrego. Look to the north of the valley and you'll notice row upon row of tamarisk trees that once served as

windbreaks for grape ranches (there were also lesser crops). The trees are still there, but the vineyards have gone south with the *bracero* labor.

When I was a teenager in Borrego, school may have spelled long bus rides, but summer vacation meant har-

ing on a dark purple cab and only half a floorboard to block the engine heat. A blistering speed of three miles per hour didn't help but was necessary to allow swamper time for their work. As the truck groaned through the field, one swamper walked in the truck's dust and muscled

I HAVE NO DOUBT that I consumed more alcohol before legal age than in the 20-plus years that have followed. I remember counting every can, always prepared for the night's repeated question. How many have you had?

vest time and the availability of plenty of jobs. I've picked grapes, packed melons, and pruned trees, every one of them an ordeal. You wouldn't think that driving a truck through the vineyard roads would be too tough. But try it with the hot desert sun beat-

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Marines make men, but stoop labor in the desert makes animals — mean, lean drinking machines. Nothing tastes better in the heat than a cold brewski, and as an adolescent, I and my compatriots spent much of our free time validating that fact. Come to think of it, we didn't always restrict our experiments to hot weather. I have no doubt that I consumed more alcohol before legal age than in the 20-plus years that have followed. I remember counting every can, always prepared for the night's repeated question. How many have you had? If we couldn't buy it or steal it, we'd make it (100 proof foul). Outside the school gym, parked in the vineyards, or on the open road to Mexicali, we roamed far and wide in search of sin and suds. What a sight we must have stirred on one border trip taken in an old

blue Chrysler. I'm not sure that the blue wasn't sun-bleached black, but I am sure that the car looked better when it first appeared in a scene from *Grapes of Wrath*.

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Special times and special friends, I wish that I had the space to introduce them all. But then, it is somewhat unnecessary. Look into that old neighborhood of yours and you will apprehend my sentiment. Nostalgia is a fickle emotion, a curious amalgam of warm and sad. Youthful adventure and dreams are viewed back across a field of sobering realities. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it well: "Every man beholds his human condition with a degree of melancholy. As a ship aground is battered by the waves, so man, imprisoned in mortal life, lies open to the mercy of coming events." But, there also exists an opposing artic-

ulation, for in each dispiriting event, I can proceed to an earlier moment where lost friends and bliss are frozen in time.

Borrego Valley, unconventional as it may be, is for me that neighborhood that bears pertinence to youth. I hope you don't mind if we hesitate just a while longer. The sun will set in red as if angry at retiring, but night will prevail, and desert nights can be magical. The overwhelming night sky performs with celestial theater, and the quiet day deepens with evening. Leisurely and pleasant hours when the world slows, almost stops, and begs you to listen and feel its heartbeat. How easy it now becomes to drift back into that warm neighborhood of special friends and special times. They live forever in a secret corner of my mind. ■

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"SHE'S CONTRACTING EVERY SEVEN minutes and liquid is coming out." It was a Sunday morning in early March, and I was the doctor on call for family practice and pregnancy-related matters. This call from a concerned father-to-be would have seemed ordinary except that Ronnie, the laboring mother, had a May due date.

"You need to take her to the hospital right away; it looks like she's going to have her baby early," I told him. "Have you registered at the hospital already?"

"Yes."

"Then go straight to the third floor. I'll call them and let them know you're coming." I did so and asked the nurse to monitor the baby, perform a sterile speculum examination to confirm that she had ruptured her membranes (her bag of waters), and to do a vaginal culture for a particular bacterium, the Group B streptococcus.

Ronnie's baby had an estimated gestational age of 31 weeks and 2 days; 8 weeks and 5 days remained before he would reach his due date at 40 weeks' gestational age. Women can go into labor this early for many reasons, most of which involve infections of either the urinary tract, the vagina, or the uterine contents. If the membranes remain intact and labor hasn't yet reached the active stage, with the cervix dilated four centimeters or more, we can often delay or stop labor with medications, treat the underlying cause of the preterm labor, and give the baby's organs, particularly the lungs, a

chance to mature. We can use medicines to hasten lung maturity when we think we will not be able to keep the baby from delivering before 34 weeks' gestational age.

When the membranes rupture, things get more complicated. Ruptured membranes stimulate labor, and almost all babies, no matter what the gestational age, deliver within ten days after rupture of membranes. Leaking membranes also give vaginal bacteria free access to the amniotic fluid, facilitating infection of the fluid and membranes if they weren't infected already. If the mother develops a fever, foul-smelling fluid, pus in her fluid, or other definite signs of infection, it becomes too dangerous to keep the baby inside, so we treat with antibiotics and allow labor to progress on to delivery. Because of all this, definitive determination of the membranes' status is an important part of these patients' initial evaluation.

As I gulped down my lunch in preparation for a trip to the hospital, Kathy, the triage nurse, paged me to say Ronnie's uterus was contracting with moderate strength every two to four minutes. I asked if the membranes were ruptured, and she said they weren't, a pleasant surprise given that Ronnie had told me she was leaking. I ordered Kathy to give Ronnie a subcutaneous injection of terbutaline, which usually slows or stops the contractions of early labor, and I drove to the hospital.

I entered the triage area through the door just to the left of the labor and delivery area's main desk, passed the curtains closed around the patients undergoing evaluation, two on each side of the central walkway, and proceeded to the triage desk, tucked in a corner on the right. As the fetal monitors broadcast their rapid thumps as though dueling for recognition, Kathy brought me Ronnie's prenatal record and the news that she was still contracting every four to seven minutes. "I have the setup for the sterile speculum exam," she informed me, "except that I haven't found a place to plug in the light source."

This didn't make sense to me. I had



ordered the exam to be done upon Ronnie's arrival, so when Kathy had told me that the membranes were not ruptured, I assumed she knew this because she had done the exam.

I processed this information as I squeezed through the curtain and around the metal-tray table holding the speculum and other instruments to arrive at Ronnie's right side. The 32-year-old African-American's hands and legs trembled, not from fear but from terbutaline, one dose of which can make you feel like you've had about ten cups of coffee. She and her husband listened to me explain the exam and why I needed to do it. She consented. Kathy found a light with a long enough cord to reach the outlet across the room, so I gloved up and placed the sterile speculum between my hands, a more symbolic than effective gesture that tells my patient that I am trying to avoid putting an ice-cold speculum in her vagina.

I asked about the fluid, "When did you first notice you were leaking?"

"Friday night. I thought I was losing control of my bladder. It slowed down a lot yesterday, so I wasn't as worried, but today

the contractions came harder and I was leaking more, so we called you." So she might have had ruptured membranes for over 36 hours, plenty of time to develop an infection. But she felt well, and she didn't have a fever yet.

After about 15 seconds of attempting to impart some warmth to the cold metal instrument, I advanced it slowly into her vagina. Despite our attempts to be gentle, this exam is painful for many pregnant women, and Ronnie was one of those women. It didn't help that I needed to get a good look at her cervix and therefore had to exert additional downward pressure to position the instrument, a move that brought tears to her eyes. I didn't want to have to check her cervix with my gloved fingers because each cervical check increases the infection risk.

As I opened the speculum, a pool of clear fluid flashed into view, and I had my answer. I stuck a piece of yellow nitrazine paper in the fluid, and it instantly turned deep blue, confirming that this was amniotic fluid. Using a Q-Tip, I then swabbed some fluid onto a slide, removed the speculum, and took the slide over to the microscope.

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hair made her look younger than her probable late-30s age, and we had a pleasant introduction and case discussion.

Mickey followed me into Ronnie's cramped quarters, sat down, and began asking the usual questions about what happened when. Ronnie mentioned that she had called a doctor late Friday, and he hadn't seemed too concerned. Puzzled, since a story of fluid leakage and contractions at 31 weeks is

alarming to anyone who practices obstetrics, I interjected, "Who did you talk to? Was it Dr. W?" — one of the doctors with whom I share obstetric call responsibilities — "Friday afternoon?"

"No, it was Friday night, and it was another doctor."

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Actual Patient/Model

phone contact in the records they review. I somehow forgot to talk about Ronnie's fluid, and she didn't mention it to me. I called our answering service and asked what Ronnie had told them when she asked them to call me, and their records showed that she complained of pain and "losing control of my urine." The service must not have relayed that second part; either that or I am losing my mind.

So, thanks to me, Ronnie walked around for 36 hours with her membranes ruptured nine weeks before her due date. If I had sent her in for evaluation Friday night, we could have started antibiotics to help prevent infection and given her two corticosteroid shots to help her baby's lungs mature. Instead, Ronnie was coming in now in early labor. Her temperature crept up to 100.1 degrees, which was enough for Mickey to decide that we should not delay delivery. Since Mickey was managing the situation, I wished everyone well and went home.

I have made mistakes before. When I was a second-year resident, I was on call one night when I had already admitted four patients to the hospital and therefore had not slept at all. It was 4:00 a.m., and an ambulance brought in a sixtyish-year-old, cheerful, obese man with an "asthma attack." We treated him with asthma medications and he improved, but I recognized that it is not common for someone who has never developed asthma to get his first attack in his 60s. I ordered a chest X-ray. I looked at it. His heart was big, and the blood vessels to the lungs showed excessive engorgement. I had found the sort of trouble I was looking for; the man had congestive heart failure (CHF), a condition where the heart does not contract with enough force to push forward all of the blood that comes to it, and therefore the circulation backs up into the lungs, filling them with fluid. But my body had such a strong desire to sleep and my fatigue had clouded my

judgment just enough that I was able to create a new interpretation and convince myself that it was correct: the X-ray showed CHF, but his clinical course was consistent with asthma, so therefore the X-ray was wrong and I could send him home. Much to the patient's delight, he went home and I went to sleep.

When I awoke 90 minutes later, my senses had returned. I got a well-rested resident to call him and admit him. The patient felt better than he had in days, but he did come back, which was a good thing because he had also had a heart attack. Later that morning, I went to Dan, our residency director, and offered to take whatever punishment he felt was appropriate and wondered if I should rethink my career choice. I was being too hard on myself, of course, and he pointed out that I had found my mistake, fixed it, and done the appropriate introspection afterward. The patient did well and, ironically, left the hospital thinking I was a great doctor.



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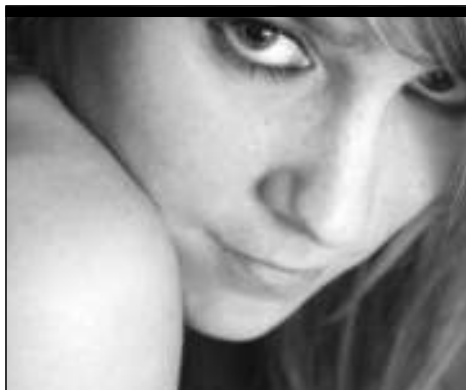
there, so we talked some about that while I examined her back and abdomen. I never returned to the topic of her contraception. I prescribed her the standard three-day regimen of a sulfa drug and wished her the best.

Two days later, two days before her wedding, she called me to tell me, in a voice boiling over with hatred, that she was pregnant. "I *knew* I might be, but you never asked," she sneered. The problem: sulfa drugs in high doses cause fetal toxicity in rats. Reports of such toxicity in humans do not exist, but the findings in rats have led the FDA to place sulfa drugs in Cat-

egory C for pregnancy, which means they should not be used unless the physician judges the benefits to outweigh the risks. She proceeded with her verbal assault, accusing me of lacking professionalism and ruining her wedding. She would make sure that none of her family or friends would ever come to me for care because of my incompetence.

I resisted the urge to reply, "You BITCH! You deliberately withheld information that you knew I needed to know and put your baby in jeopardy. Is that what a good parent does? You set me up. And it's not like I prescribed thalido-

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side." Instead, recognizing that I had screwed up and that I was dealing with an immature woman who didn't know to protect herself and her baby, I congratulated her and attempted to persuade her that taking four doses of Sulfa almost certainly would not affect her pregnancy at all, which was true. I closed with a recommendation that she not set her future doctors up to make mistakes, because we are all human beings, and if we're given enough chances to make them, we will. Her baby must have done well because I never heard from her attorney.

With this baby, though, my oversight had the potential to lead to serious consequences, and I felt horrible. It didn't help that my head filled with visions of malpractice attorneys licking their chops and sharpening their tongues. Patients who sue usually do so at least in part because they don't like their doctor. From her perspective, I had missed her diagnosis, sent her into a cramped triage area, ordered a painful injection that made her shake like a leaf, and introduced myself by doing a painful speculum examination that made her cry. I couldn't escape the thought that this was all very, very bad. Upon arriving home, I told my wife, who provided her usual comforting magic, but she alone couldn't bring me out of my cloud. I called my boss and confessed my sins. "Not ideal care," he reassured me, "but not terrible. I think the baby will be fine. We'll just have to see what happens."

I then placed a call to Mickey, because I didn't know her at all, and for all I knew she had the common bias many obstetricians and other specialists have against family practitioners. Some refer to us as those "lazy family malpractitioners." Mickey didn't have that bias. "Like most experienced obstetricians, I know that this stuff happens to all of us," she explained. "I knew she was either the one in a hundred where you just didn't ask the question or she didn't tell you. It's remarkable that she didn't say anything about it."

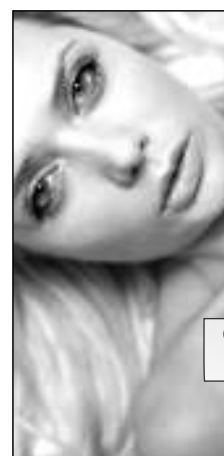
"She's not the brightest crayon in the box" was how Ronnie's doctor explained that omission. "Don't flog yourself over it." Fine, I thought, but now my future happiness would depend on how well this baby did.

"He's doing great." Thank you so much. He was on a ventilator, but he had not required any supplemental oxygen, which is exceptional for such an early baby. When I went to see Ronnie the next day, she gave me a proud smile as she praised her three-pound, two-ounce baby's feistiness. And I can thank him for the loud reminder to remember the four elements: contractions, fetal movement, bleeding, and fluid leakage. I don't imagine I'll forget them any time soon. ■

When I called labor and delivery that night at 10:00, the receptionist informed me that Ronnie had delivered two hours ago. As fast as I could, I dialed the number for the intensive-care nursery and waited for the baby's nurse to give me an update.

— Jim Eichel

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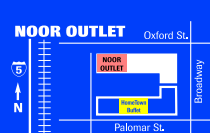
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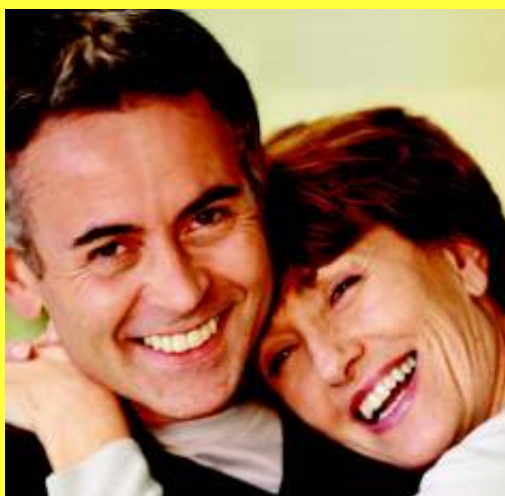
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is open. I feel it is unreasonable to ask an amusement park to stop displaying fireworks or offering entertainment because the residents have to go to work the next morning and the noise bothers them or their animals. Maybe they should move to a quieter part of town. I'm curious if these same residents complain about the airplanes overhead or the seals that bark nightly or the sound of the foghorns coming from the bay. These sounds are some of the reasons I enjoy San Diego and why I live in Ocean

Beach and have lived in Point Loma. These sounds remind me of why I moved here, the gorgeous views, the beautiful ocean, and all that goes with it; the sunsets, animal life, boats, and wonderful entertainment — which includes SeaWorld. It's expensive to live in this area, but for me it is a privilege. I wish everyone could see it through my eyes. I love San Diego and SeaWorld, and as resident of Ocean Beach, I want SeaWorld to know that the fireworks don't bother me. I like them and I hope they never stop.

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Study Larson's Article

Thomas Larson's article, "A Tenth Grader's History of the World" (Cover Story, June 22), is excellent. I never have seen, in any general-interest publication, a better exposition of the corrupt system that generates the so-called history textbooks that are used in American schools — books that are carefully designed to deceive students and to leave them ignorant of history.

In my capacity as the president of the Textbook League, I have urged my colleagues to study Larson's article as it appears on your publication's website. Larson's piece is outstanding for at least three reasons:

First: Before he undertook to write about the two "history" books that were used in San Diego's public high schools during the last school year, Larson examined the books. Bravo! It is obvious that no one can write about a book without reading it, but many reporters do exactly that. I have received various queries from newspaper people who wanted to write about textbooks that were being used in local school districts but who hadn't bothered to look at the books in question. Having learned the books' titles, these drones expected me to tell them what the books said.

Second: Larson often has reported his own observations, instead of contriving to put every substantive statement into the mouth of someone else. I have had

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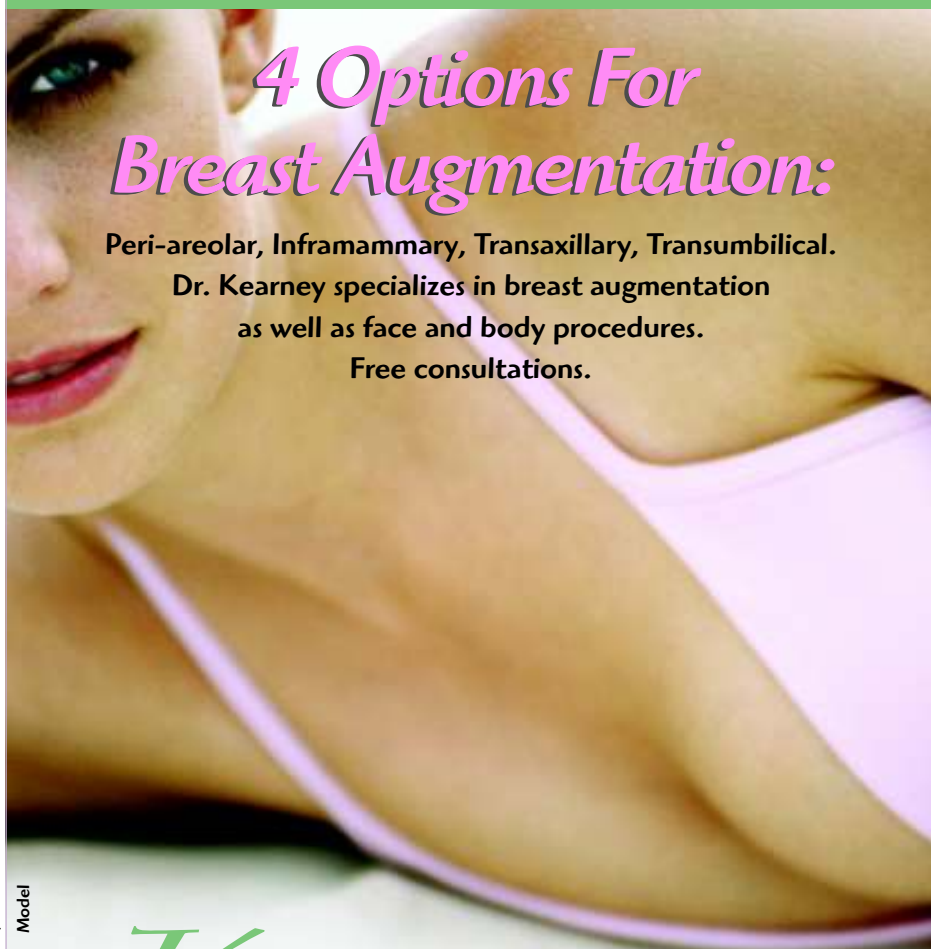
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more than enough of reporters who refuse to take responsibility for anything and who write stuff like this: "Critics assert that the book weighs five pounds" (as if the book's weight were a matter of opinion or a subject of debate).

Third: Larson has properly exposed and analyzed the "According to" trick, one of the most vicious devices of deception that schoolbook-writers employ. When a malicious writer chooses to use this device, he fashions an "According to" statement that is literally accurate but in every other way is perverse. The writer accurately tells that "According to" some specified source, a particular event occurred — but the writer doesn't tell that the specified source has no standing as a record of history. Hence (as Larson tells

us) the textbook *Glencoe World History* simply says that "according to tradition—while Muhammad was deep in meditation, an angelic voice called out: 'Recite!' " *Glencoe's* writer thus strives to trick students into accepting, as an account of a real event, a Muslim fable that has no standing in the realm of historical scholarship. The public at large must recognize how schoolbook-writers systematically use the "According to" trick to delude students, to keep them from comprehending that a fact and a superstition are different things, and to undermine their ability to distinguish a claim that can be tested from a claim that can't. Larson has performed an important service by exposing this dirty practice.

I am greatly pleased by Larson's drawing attention

to Diane Ravitch's fine book *The Language Police: How Pressure Groups Restrict What Students Learn*. I hope that your subscribers will be impelled to buy it and study it and that it will make them mad as hell. A paperback edition, priced at \$13.00, was issued in 2004 by Vintage Books.

In my view, Larson's piece has only three serious shortcomings:

1. Larson states: "Steussy [i.e., Chris Steussy, a high school teacher] recalled one of his students asking him why the historical event recounted in the Steven Spielberg movie *Amistad* wasn't in [*Glencoe World History*]." Alas, that statement implies that Spielberg's film was a respectable presentation of history. It wasn't. It was fiction, devised not to convey history but to serve as commercial entertainment.

2. Larson reports that McDougal Littell's textbook *Modern World History* says, "According to the New Testament, Jesus of Nazareth was born around 6 to 4 B.C." That item demands some special analysis, but Larson hasn't provided it. Readers need to know that McDougal Littell's claim is ridiculous, because the datemarks "B.C." and "A.D." weren't invented until long after the New Testament's four gospels were devised. Moreover, none of the New Testament's gospels gives any sort of date for the birth of Jesus. The Gospel of St. Luke includes a tale that links Jesus's birth to the reign of Augustus, but the tale is patently fictitious. It contains a fatal anachronism, and it collapses when it is examined in the light of verifiable history. To make things worse, the Gospel of

St. Matthew contradicts Luke by claiming that Jesus was born "in the days of Herod the king." The two other gospels say nothing at all about when Jesus was born.

3. Larson mentions California's official, published requirement that history and social-studies textbooks must be "based on the best recent scholarship," but he doesn't explain that this requirement (ostensibly applicable to all history and social-studies books for grades K-8) is flatly ignored by the schoolbook companies and by California's education bureaucracy. Here is a matter that must be brought to light. California's citizens, including California's classroom teachers, must recognize that our state doesn't enforce its best-recent-scholarship rule and that our state certifies, adopts, and buys schoolbooks filled

with fatuous, antiquated notions that would make any scholar laugh. My own experience has convinced me that most of California's teachers believe that state-adopted textbooks have been examined for legitimacy, accuracy, and scholarly merit. Those teachers have been badly deceived. (California also has a rule stating that the material in history textbooks must present "a variety of perspectives." That requirement, too, is ignored.)

So much for my complaining. I close by saying again that Larson's piece is outstanding — and I thank you for printing it.

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The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) was written for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland in 1987 by the Reduced Shakespeare Company. The

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Company defines itself as "a three-man comedy troupe known for taking long, serious subjects and reducing them into short, sharp comedies." Other Reduced Shakespeare Company productions include *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)*, *The Complete History of America (Abridged)*, and *All the Great Books (Abridged)*.

"The guys who put [this show] together encouraged [performers] to keep the show fresh and contemporary," says production manager Patrick Larmer. Larmer directed this production for Palomar Performing Arts once before, five years ago. "We had a funny line about Newt Gingrich, but it's only funny if Newt Gingrich is still the Speaker of the House," he says. "We also had references to Chernobyl, but it was so long ago, and it was a lame reference anyway."

Larmer feels free to update the performance because the original writers encouraged such revisions in the introduction to their

script. "Please, have some fun and come up with your very own put-downs of annoying famous people where required," states the script's intro. The new show may contain a spoof on popular TV chef Emeril Lagasse. "We'll start with the script and go through it and say, 'Is that timely or funny?' At rehearsals, we're just throwing stuff out," says Blackwell. "Pat will sit there and we'll kind of go off on stuff, and we'll think we're hilarious and he'll go, 'You know, that's not so funny.'"

Because there are only three people to portray every major character from all 37 of Shakespeare's plays, the performance requires many costume changes. "In the first act alone, Jaysen and I 'switch on' eight characters, four for each of us," says Blackwell. During one segment of the show, in which Blackwell plays the nurse from *Romeo and Juliet*, Larmer shares, "...his breasts keep falling out of his shirt." Waller, who plays the majority of female characters, including Juliet, draws on Scarlet O'Hara for inspiration.

Othello is covered as a rap song: "Here's the story of a brother by the name of Othello / he liked white women and he liked green Jell-O / a punk named Iago, who made hisself a menace / 'cause he didn't like Othello, the Moor of Venice." For those unfamiliar with this tragedy, the hero Othello falls prey to the villain Iago's ruse that Desdemona, Othello's wife, has cheated on him with Cassio, Othello's lieutenant. In a jealous rage, Othello kills Desdemona and, after the truth of Desdemona's innocence is revealed, kills himself.

"They do the [Shakespearean] histories as a football game, and the football is a skull," Larmer says. "The whole second act is taken



Jaysen Waller, Bruce Blackwell, David Pinson

up with Hamlet — they do Hamlet and then they do it fast, then faster, and then backwards." *Titus Andronicus*, a tragedy largely considered to be the bloodiest of Shakespeare's plays, is parodied as a cooking show.

Audience participation makes up part of the show. The original script advises, "...each audience is different. The actors should respond honestly to the audience's performance, and their own, rather than stick blindly to the written text."

"The premise is getting people to perform who are intimidated," says Larmer. "We learned to dread having real actors come up, who really wanted to act. I hate pretentious

people; even more, I hate pretentious theater, and this is neither. *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* makes fun of a lot of contemporary acting, particularly over-the-top method acting. The show has nothing to do with sense-memory or inner motivation of the character."

"We always think people are going to be shy," says Blackwell. "So it's unexpected when an audience member does exactly what they're supposed to do. We might make them scream or run around and be a fool. I'm surprised at how well people would scream — they would just scream their heads off."

— Barbarella

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to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

“Poesia y Fracaso” examined by María Megroni during lecture on Thursday, July 20, 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)

Mexicali on the Beach takes place Thursday, July 20–Sunday, July 23, at Plaza San Fernando (between Hotel Quintas Del Mar and Quinta Plaza shopping center).

Music, beach volleyball, entertainment on tap. 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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In the Palenque, see Joan Sebastian on Friday, July 21, 11 p.m.; \$35, \$65 U.S. Valentín Elizalde performs Saturday, July 22, 11 p.m.; \$30, \$50.

To reach the fair, take first Rosarito exit from toll road; fair is visible at its Boulevard Benito Juárez location. 011-52-661-612-4391. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Lupita D'Alessio in Concert, Saturday, July 22, 8 p.m., in Auditorio Municipal on Boulevard Diaz Ordaz. Tickets: \$15–\$70 U.S. 011-52-664-608-4692. (TIJUANA)

“Snow White” presented Saturday, July 22, at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

“Tribute to Caito” by Jacqueline Levot and guests, Saturday, July 22, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Privada 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Tomato and Wine Festival with music, food, entertainment for the family, Sunday, July 23, 1–6 p.m., at Manzana 8. 011-52-646-175-2363. (ENSENADA)

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CROSSING BORDERS

and cultures — *Hip Hop is Everywhere* by Eveoke Dance Theatre, July 21–August 13, Tenth Avenue Theatre

(SEE DANCE)



Classical Music performed by Orquesta Sinfónica Infantil de México, Monday, July 24, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Reservations: 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Jazz Music by Dat'z Jazz and Lupillo Cruz, Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Viaje a la Luna, Bugs, Lions, Fuerzas de la Naturaleza, Oasis Marino*.

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Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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.

Coastwalk Hike and Camp focusing on lagoons of north San Diego County continues through July 21. Each day includes day hike, docent talk, dinner, and overnight camping at Guajome County Park. Join group for a day or for whole week. Fee: \$60 per day. Registration: 858-722-2115. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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SD Rockhoppers Volkswalk club hosts a 10k walk starting at Torrey Pines Glider Port (at end of Torrey Pines Scenic Road), Saturday, July 22. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Walk is free; \$3 fee for Volksport credit. 760-746-0897. (LA JOLLA)

Snakes and Shakes, naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderate to strenuous 4.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, July 22. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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Trail-Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-441-0752. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Explore Hosp Grove with NC Walkers, Saturday, July 22. Six-mile, moderate-plus walk starts at 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-942-1396. (CARLSBAD)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m.–noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Audubon Society leads bird walk in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided

stroll through desert garden, Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, July 25, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

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

Bellydance Showcase with dancing by Magdalena, Marissa Rose, Patrisha, Talia, live music by John Bilezikjian and friends, Thursday, July 20, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Crossing Borders and Cultures, Hip-Hop Is Everywhere presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre July 21–August 13. Piece “celebrates the value and transformative power of our rich and meaningful urban culture” in Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. are kids' shows, suitable for those under 12. Tickets: \$20 general; “pay what you can” each Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

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All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Chicago Six, workshops, dancing, performances, games, on Saturday, July 22, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate “swing patterns” workshop (7:15 p.m.); beginners' class (8:30 p.m.), open dancing 8:30–midnight. Dance only: \$13; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

Eastern Exposure plays for folk dancing, Saturday, July 22, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Mary Marshall teaches simple dances. \$6 general. 619-281-5656. (BALBOA PARK, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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 25 and August 1; and at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 23. Free. 619-239-0896. (GOLDEN HILL)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Ellen Riley and Judee Pronovost share calling duties on July 23. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Middle-Earth Bellydance Show with performances by Nadirah and Violeta, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, and open dancing — Sunday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Cover: \$5. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered Tuesdays, including July 25, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning

dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

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)

“Chocolat” screens on Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). See *Thelma and Louise* with its sassy feminists, Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, 8:30 p.m. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

¡Cine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with the documentary *Granito de Arena*, Friday, July 21, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Film tells story of popular resistance to dismantling of public education in Mexico. Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (SAN MARCOS)

“A Time to Shine,” Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, 8:45 p.m., at Chula Vista Skate Park (1301 Oleander Avenue). Video highlights skating by Paul Rodriguez, Jerome Rodgers, Mike Taylor, and Ronson Lambert. Free. 619-296-9018. (CHULA VISTA)

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 sub-

marine and then see *K-19 the Widowmaker* on Friday, July 21. *Mister Roberts* (1955) showcased on family nights, Saturday, July 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 Taut Domestic Nightmare Cache (Hidden), starring Daniel Auteuil and Juliette Binoche, will be shown for Sunday Matinee on July 23, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Episodes of Penn and Teller's Bullshit program screened and discussed when Association for Rational Inquiry meets, Sunday, July 23, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

The “Bawdy Romp” Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story screens for Film Forum on Monday, July 24, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Finding Nemo screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“On the Edge,” a film exploring the root causes of the murders of more than 400 young women in Juárez, reasons crimes are unsolved, screens Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190

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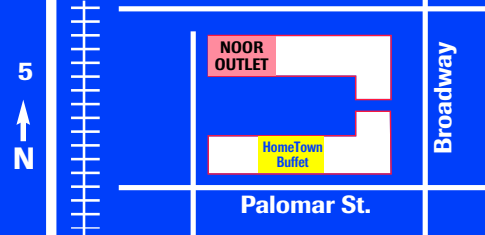
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The Human Story behind illegal immigration and drug trafficking is illuminated through eyes of Magdiel in Natalia Almada's *Al Otro Lado*. Film will be shown on Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Original and Provocative Short Films showcased in fourth annual "alt.pictureshows," Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Part happening, part film installation, roster of films includes *Strange Love*, *Lost and Found*, *Life Unplugged*, *Funny Boneyard*, *The Kids Are (Not) Alright*, *The Wailing Wall*. Requested donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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 *Everest* (6 p.m.) and *Coral Reef Adventure* at 7 p.m. on July 21. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Michelangelo Antonioni's *L'Eclisse* (1962) is described as a starkly modern meditation on love. Enjoy the flick on Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

LECTURES

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)

"World Travel: Nuts and Bolts" dispensed by Hostelling International expert Gaynell Schenck — travel discounts, protecting money and health, travel tips and etiquette, packing travel documents — Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Friday at Six — An Evening with Stephen Curry," this talented artist presents "Can't Stop Painting" for lecture series, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Free. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Memoirs and Personal Essays provide focus for workshops led by Midge Raymond, Saturdays, July 22–August 12, 10 a.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Lectures, discussions, writing exercises, feedback. \$145. 760-208-1913. (ESCONDIDO)

"Stories of San Diego" provide theme for summer lecture series at Museum of San Diego History (Casa del Prado, 1649 El Prado). Iris Engstrand focuses on "The Architectural History of San Diego," Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. \$5 general. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x104. (BALBOA PARK)

Laurence Juber Guitar Clinic, Saturday, July 22, at 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Goal for workshop: "to educate and entertain as visitors experience the extensive knowledge and talent of this international star." Juber's break came when Paul McCartney asked him to become the lead guitarist for his

band Wings. \$10. Reservations are required: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

"Hands-On Henna," Jennifer Shinall examines "India's celebratory body art" during 12 O'Clock Scholar family program, Monday, July 24, at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday. Pick a design to transfer to your hand! \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"Chinese Genealogy: Religious Basis, History, Present-Day Practice, and Sources of Information" examined by UCSD professor Richard Madsen when North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets, Tuesday, July 25, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Learn to Create DVD Movies and "Boot Camp" software provide topics when Rick "the iMentor" Thues speaks for Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, July 25, 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)

Home Alone Workshop addressing management and prevention of troubling behaviors in bored canines, Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"The SmArt Collector Series: The Allure of the Marketplace" is topic for Patricia Frischer and Joan Seifried, Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). \$10. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

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Lightening the Load, hands-on gear demonstration on carrying lighter backpacks, Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Walk and Talk with Artists of Allied Craftsmen and curator Beth Smith, Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787). \$5. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

"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 Perrell, 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 Commitments: 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)

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County" signed by Donna Lawrence, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at South Bark Dog Wash (2037 30th Street). Free. 619-232-7387. (SOUTH PARK)

"Downtown Summer Sounds," Brother John performs for free concert, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at gazebo parking lot (at Main Street and South Indiana). Bring chairs. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Martian Plague? Author Marc Meyers discusses, signs *Mayan Mars*, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

Summer in the Park concert series features country rock band Nitro Express at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue) on Friday, July 21, 6 p.m. 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

OUT & ABOUT

LIFE AMONG

D-Listers! Comedian Kathy Griffin, Saturday, July 22, Copley Symphony Hall.

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TGIF Jazz in the Parks series promises blues by Janiva Magness, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at Poinsettia Park (Hidden Valley Road). Shuttle service from Pacific Rim School (at Hidden Valley and Camino de los Ondes) between 5 and 9 p.m. 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Novels of Dark Adventure! E.A. Guest signs *Secret of the Amazon Queen*, Friday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-702-7420. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Peking Acrobats return to stage with San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. 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)

The Curator of Book Arts at National Museum of Women in the Arts is Krystyna Wasserman, who shares insights on artists' books on Friday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Life's Not Fair, Part 2," sketch comedy on tap Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$10. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

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

8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$15 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Conscious Comedy Explosion with comedian, actor, writer Speedy, Friday, July 21, 8:30 p.m., at Tubman Chavez Community Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Show opens with Donnivin. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-819-7838. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Hellapalooza 2" presented by Murrugun the Mystic for Technomania Circus on July 21 and 22. Key words: dark and edgy! Also on tap: "Swing Shift Side Show," an extreme duo from Las Vegas, many others. Shows run 8-11 p.m. at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). \$15. 619-231-1950. (SAN DIEGO)

"Music for Peace: A Community Festival" is slated for Saturday, July 22, 2-6 p.m., at MiraCosta College's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Program boasts performances by San Diego Taiko Drummers, Code Blue, Cindy Lee Berryhill, others; speakers include Fernando Suarez del Solar, Sheila Cameron, Dave Patterson, others. Free. 619-757-6691. (CARDIFF)

Crafting for New Generation, Leah Kramer, founder of Craftster.org, visits the Grove (3010 Juniper Street) to discuss and sign *The Craftster Guide to Nifty, Thrifty, and Kitschy Crafts*, Saturday, July 22, 3 p.m. Hands-on demo for creation of "Craftster-themed items." 619-284-7684. (SOUTH PARK)

Folk Musician Patty Hall performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

The Psalmist Hour showcases poetry and live music by Eternity, LeTendre Moore, Jervae Anthony, others, Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets at door: \$10. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

A Bluegrass and Old-Time Fiddle Summit with fiddlers and cellists Tristan and Tashina Clarridge, Brittany, and Natalie Haas is hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, July 22, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Kurdish and Persian Music promised when Rojan and the PourNazeri Ensemble perform Saturday, July 22, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$30 general. 619-688-0688. (LA JOLLA)

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

The Hot Club of San Diego takes stage for Summer Concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane) on Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m.

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The Screamin' Primas present tribute to the great Louis Prima for Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park (on Lamont Street), Sunday, July 23, 4–6:30 p.m. Free. 858-483-6666. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Quail Botanical Gardens Summer Concert Series boasts Holly Hofmann and Frank Potenza Quartet, Sunday, July 23, 5–8 p.m. \$35 tickets include light buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Find gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Sundays at Six concert series ends with music by Dixieland Express, July 23, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Artistic Genius? Ray Harryhausen visits San Diego Natural History Museum to discuss and sign his book *The Art of Ray Harryhausen*, Monday, July 24, 7 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, July 24, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Summer of Reverence (Or Lack Thereof) continues at San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, July 24, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Perform, judge, or just observe. Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series features Air National Guard Band Southwest on Tuesday, July 25; Hillcrest Wind Ensemble on Wednesday, July 26;

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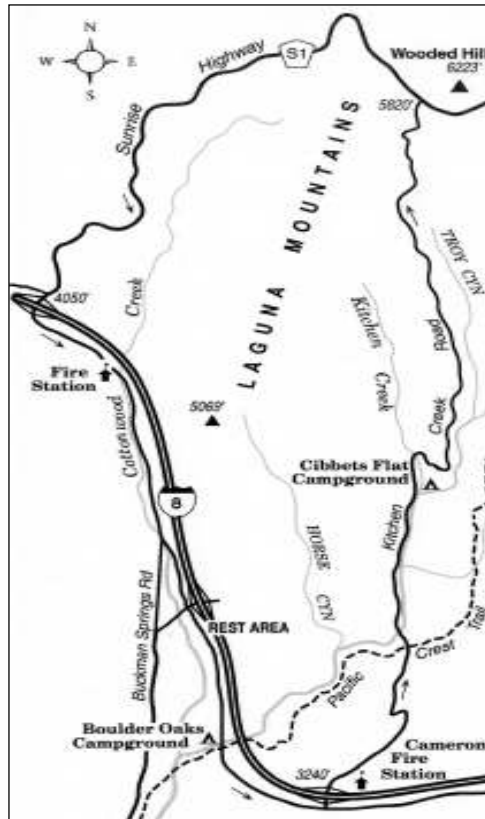
Distance from downtown San Diego: 48 miles
Biking length: 26 miles
Biking difficulty: Strenuous

Laguna Mountain foothills to the cool pine forest atop the higher slopes. The steady gain of 2600 feet of elevation on this lightly traveled roadway is interrupted twice, and then only briefly.

Nearly five miles into the climb, you pass Cibbets Flat Campground, which hunkers down amid live oaks lining Kitchen Creek. The creek, whispering now, could dry up completely by late summer. Around the next big bend, the road narrows and the smooth pavement is replaced by a thinner coating of asphalt — still smooth enough for the skinny tires of “road” (as opposed to “mountain”) bikes. Up along desolate slopes you go, through buckwheat, purple sage, and chaparral. At last, the first Jeffrey pines appear, growing in protected hollows where sufficient water accumulates in the soil. Nearing Sunrise Highway, the pines grow denser, and black oak trees appear.

Use Sunrise Highway and Old Highway 80 to return expeditiously to the I-8 rest area, an exhilarating downhill plunge with nary a pedal stroke required. Take care to keep your speed down on

the sharper curves. Another alternative — better if you're afraid of sharing Sunrise Highway with occasional cars — is to turn around and head back down Kitchen Creek Road the way you came.



and Cool Fever takes stage on Thursday, July 27. Concerts run from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Fantasy Authors Margaret Weiss and Tracy Hickman sign *Dragons of the Dwarven Depths* and *Dragons: Worlds Afire*, Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Three Keys to Happiness, author Diana Marie Weitzel signs

Fall Into Freedom: An Affair Inspires One Woman's Search for Truth and discusses her travels, Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Culture Critic Erik Davis discusses and signs *The Visionary State*, Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Latin and World Music by guitarist Jimmy Patton, flutist Louisa West, and percussionist Bastos

Moenho, Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m. at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 760-726-7595. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

The Horses Are on the Track, seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club 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.

The Flaming Lips perform on Friday, July 21, following the last race. Family Fun Day is Sunday, July 23, with rock climbing, bungee trampolines, carnival rides, rides, more.

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

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)

San Diego Padres are in San Francisco for games 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. Road trip continues with games against Dodgers in Los Angeles, July 24–26, at 7:10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday. Next stop: Colorado for series against Rockies, July 27–30, with starts at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, 12:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for future games: 877-374-2784.

Nissan Off-Road Rumble at the Ranch, Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, at Chula Vista International Off-Road Raceway. Event features rounds seven and eight of CORR Lucas Oil Pro-Racing Series, various light truck competition, single and super buggies. Tickets: \$20, \$40; \$10 for children. 866-501-CORR. (CHULA VISTA)

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

53rd Annual Over-the-Line World Championship hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club at Fiesta Island, Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23. OTL is a form of softball played by three-person teams. Catch the competition from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. Free. 619-688-0817. (FIESTA ISLAND)

All-Women Full-Contact Football The SoCal Scorpions, a member of the Women's Professional Football League, opens season with game against Los Angeles Amazons on Saturday, July 22, 5 p.m., in Edward's Stadium (next to La Jolla High School, 750 Nautilus Street). \$8. 877-717-8464. (LA JOLLA)

Self-Transcendence Swim and Run, Sunday, July 23, 7 a.m. Event begins with one-mile swim from La Jolla Cove to La Jolla Shores,

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Snorkel with the Sharks on Sunday, July 23, 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)

Coronado Cruising, the Knickerbikers plan an outing with views of San Diego skyline, Coronado Bridge, Hotel Del, and bay, Sunday, July 23. The 25-mile bike ride starts at 8:30 a.m. at county administration building (parking lot on Harbor Drive, between Grape and Hawthorn). Bring money for ferry fare. 619-787-7427. (CORONADO)

Alpine and Back Ramble, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 65-mile ride on Sunday, July 23. Group gathers at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). 619-426-8192. (ALPINE, CHULA VISTA)

Big Boat Race for Little People of Children's Hospital, Sunday, July 23, starting at noon, south of Harbor Island. Entry donation: \$1/foot. After-race party at Point Loma Yacht Club, 1880 Harbor Island Drive. 619-299-7592. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Gutierrez Cup Polo Finals at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, July 23.

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)

Bicycle to Kate Sessions Park and La Jolla with Sierra Club Cyclists on Tuesday, July 25. The 21- to 35-mile ride starts at 5:15 p.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center. Riders convene for post-ride dining at local beanery (bring money). 858-974-4871. (LA JOLLA)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday-night bicycle-racing season continues on July 25, 6:30–9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

SPECIAL

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. Ellis 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)

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

Everyone Needs a Hero benefit wine tasting, Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., at Wine Steals (1243 University Avenue). \$35 fee includes five wine samples, appetizers. Reservations: 619-295-1188. (HILLCREST)




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IMAGE: Andy Warhol, Mid-Jagger (1974) (detail), screenprint on Arches Aquatint paper, 1975. From the collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation.

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Up for Sake? Traditional Japanese drumming opens evening designed to “introduce and promote Japanese, local American, and Mexican beverages, foods, and cultural awareness of the Japan Society,” Friday, July 21, 6 p.m., on-board *Berkeley* ferryboat at San Diego Maritime Museum (1492 North Harbor Drive). Over 20 varieties of sake for tasting, ten varieties of beer, food. \$45. 619-233-6873. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Orchid Society
Summer Show, Saturday and
Sunday, July 22 and 23, in room
101 of Casa del Prado. Free.
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Current Issues of Peace and Justice discussed, actions considered when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom gathers on Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). "Another Postcards for Peace project will be completed." Free. 619-574-7674 or 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Coinorama, local coin clubs sponsor show, July 22 and 23, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South).

American and foreign coins, gold, currency, other numismatic materials, as well as books, supplies offered by 66 dealers. Coins for Kids table with contests, awards, free coins for kids.

Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission for both days: \$4, free for those 15 and younger. 619-222-8739. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Southern California Astronomy Expo, Symposium, and Star Party," all slated for Saturday, July 22. Informative talks on sun, Northern lights, CCD imaging, "extra solar planets" by variety of speakers, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. at Ocean-side Photo and Telescope (918 Mission Avenue).

Star party takes place from dusk-11 p.m. at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Talk at 6 p.m. by Palomar College astronomy professor/planetarium director Mark Lane. Free. 800-483-6287. (ESCONDIDO, OCEANSIDE)

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

Modern Postcard Fire Expo, Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Live fire-fighting demonstrations, fire engine

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Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

"World-Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions perform July 22 and 23 at ipayOne Center. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$22.50–\$32.50, available through

Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).
(SPORTS ARENA)

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

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

Biker Beach Party, Sunday, July 23, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., at Biggs Harley Davidson Shop (1555 South Coast Hwy). 619-433-2060. (OCEANSIDE)

Hot Dog! Eighteenth annual dachshunds' summer picnic hosted by San Diego Dachshund Club, Sunday, July 23, noon-4 p.m., at corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring your doxie (western attire suggested), shade gear, water, picnic. Free. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

Odyssey 3, street culture arts festival and skate jam, Sunday, July 23, noon-8 p.m., at Chula Vista Skate Park (1301 Oleander Avenue). Professional skate demonstrations, competitions; live graffiti painting and art show; breakdancing, hip-hop; rock and punk bands, DJs, food, clothing, gear vendors. \$10. 619-421-4011. (CHULA VISTA)

The House of Lithuania presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

The Many Arts Alive Banners that recently graced Coast Highway 101 in Encinitas and Cardiff are auctioned Sunday, July 23, 2-6 p.m., at Off Track Gallery (687 South Coast Highway 101). Minimum bid: \$150; admission to auction is free. 760-390-3972. (ENCINITAS)

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

Americans for Department of Peace gather to work on “national campaign to establish a cabinet-level” department of peace in

U.S federal government, Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Church of Today (8999 Activity Road). Free. 619-318-5431. (MIRAMAR)

"Africa: A Continent in Crisis" is topic for discussion, Wednesday, July 26, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Elegant," traveling exhibition of Duane Cramer's photographic works opens with preview, Thursday, July 27, 5 p.m., at Hotel Solamar (435 Sixth Avenue). Opening-night party is Friday, July 28, 6 p.m. 619-531-8740. Through July. (DOWNTOWN)

Costume Design Students of professor Judith Dolan showcase their work and Dolan's talent in exhibit opening with reception, Thursday, July 27, noon, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-534-8074. Closes Thursday, August 3. (LA JOLLA)

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)

"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



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Friends and Family Remember Bob Murphy

BY JANE HUGHES

Drop Your Baby Here
A Look at California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law

BY ROBERT KILMER

On October 3, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation making 2007's Safely Surrendered Baby Law permanent. Under the law, which is also called the Safe Haven law, any parent or person with lawful custody of a baby can surrender a baby within three days of birth to a public hospital's emergency room, designated fire station, or other designated site, as questions about babies are given medical treatment and placed in foster care or pre-adoptive homes. The parent or guardian has a 14-day grace period to reclaim the baby. The grace period is extended by giving the baby to a designated agency.



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"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, pho-

tographs, many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"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)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminis-

cences 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)

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)

"Sleeping Beauty" by Weaver's Tales continues through Sunday, July 23, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. 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)

First 5 for Kids Expo, Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Magic tricks by Adam the Wizard, stories with Clifford the Big Red Dog, Maya and Miguel, sea life lessons from Birch Aquarium-Museum, vaccinations, dental and vision screenings, more. Free. 619-823-5911. (ROLANDO)

Kids at the Colony children's art gallery opens with art show and sale, Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.,

at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). Hands-on art making all day, concert by Hullabaloo (noon–3 p.m.), Arts Alive banners on display. Free. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

DNA Day is Saturday, July 22, noon–3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Scientists from Salk Institute for Biological Studies and Genentech offer close views of real mutant fruit flies, discuss genes, mutations, lead hands-on activities. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Andy Warhol Family Festival in conjunction with "Andy Warhol's Dream America: Screenprints from the Collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation," Sunday, July 23, noon–4 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Create artwork inspired by acclaimed Pop artist with hands-on projects, live entertainment, exhibit tours in Spanish and English. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cowboy Bo and the Train Whistle"—Escondido author and illustrator Glen Vecchione's original play for kids is presented as part of San Diego Actors Alliance Festival, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 29, 1 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free; suggested reservations, 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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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

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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,

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“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.

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“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)

The Peking Acrobats return to stage with San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. 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)

Music by Granados, Scarlatti, and Durante promised when mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Podsiadlo, pianist John Danke, folk artist Momilani Ramstrum, flutist T.W. Shelton, and tenor Stephen Sturk perform Saturday, July 22, 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$20. 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Put 100 Candles on the Cake and celebrate 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Los Angeles Church (656 24th Street), with concert of sacred music by Jesed Music Ministries on Saturday, July 22, 6 p.m. \$5. 619-239-1231. (SAN DIEGO)

Sunday Soirée, classical “open mike” opportunities with concert pianist John Danke planned on fourth Sunday of each month, including July 23, 7–8:15 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Performer registration: 6:30 p.m. Offering, 858-717-4320. (CLAIREMONT)

Organist Alison Luedecke and Oboist Susan Barrett present concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Inspirational Concert Pianist Alex Zsolt presents “Moved to Praise 2006” on Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue). Offering, 858-273-9312. (PACIFIC 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 on July 23 boasts “Arabeske,” “Humoreske,” “Papillons,” “Faschingsschwank aus Wien.”

Tickets: \$29 or \$34 per concert. Find Neurosciences Institute at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Mormon Tabernacle Organist Richard Elliott performs for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Program includes transcription of Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition.” Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

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 Ordovery Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). 858-720-1121. Through Sunday, August 13. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Like Her Thoughts Were Far Away,” artist Thomas Zitzwitz exhibits new paintings at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201) beginning with reception, Friday, July 21, 5 p.m. Through Saturday, August 26. (LA JOLLA)

“Joyous Insights II,” seven artists exhibit work in a variety of media through Sunday, July 30, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for artists: Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m. 619-251-2863. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Museums

Mingei International Museum, “Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers” showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

Concurrently, enjoy retrospective exhibition of pottery by Martha Longenecker, a designer craftsperson, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

Explore “¡Carnavall!” in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 17. Carnival celebrations in

Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

“Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents” may be seen through Sunday, October 15. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included.

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

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly,” includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. 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)

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Fire Up the Band-Name Generator Meaty Diabetes keyboard player Chad Tomlinson says he and the other four guys in the

music should be about individuality, but it seems like everybody is doing the same thing. If you go to an indie-rock show, everyone looks like they just came out of a thrift store. If you go to an emo show, all the guys are wearing tight girls' pants and white belts. If you go to a hardcore show, everyone is in

taken a unique approach to costuming.

"Corey [Cooper, guitar] was an M&M," says Jessup. "We wondered why no one ever dressed up like an M&M onstage before."

Other Meaties have appeared as a Chippendale terrorist, a clown, a leathered biker, a Viking, and a dysfunctional basketball player. None of the band's grindcore/jazz/classical/metal songs are over two minutes long. Themes touch on Down syndrome pineapples, wolves with AIDS, and Shamu partying on the moon.

"People tell us our song about a gay dolphin sounds like Gwen Stefani," says Jessup. "[Audiences] see us and they think we're dead serious. If they heckle us, we don't care. Most people get our shows except for the stupid people who don't count in life anyway."

Meaty Diabetes (www.myspace.com/meatydiabetes) appears August 11 at Theater X in Escondido.

— Ken Leighton

Caught on Tape in Humboldt Jensen Rufe joined the Zappa-esque punk band Puddletown Tom after he left Poway High. "I was ahead of the blink guys at Poway High by about two or three years." During his UCLA years ('91-'95), he came down to play local gigs. "We had a residency at Java Joe's. We played with the Rugburns and Jewel.... We played the Casbah and Soma, but we didn't get much of a fan base."

When Rufe went to graduate school for film at Humboldt State, he played in Eureka-/Arcata-area bands and made a lot of music

videos. In 2001, he was hired by MTV/VH1, where he edited *Making the Band*, *Road Rules*, and *Real World*. Since

a bunch of Eureka across the country," Rufe says the music scenes of Boise, Idaho; Bozeman, Montana; and

music every day.... When I got back [to Camp Pendleton] I built a studio in my house."

DeJesus, 23, says he tried to launch a group and record label with fellow Marines, "but it never went like how we wanted it to." Discouraged, he reenlisted. Then, DeJesus met Lil Uno, the local artist who runs Sicko Records and hosts an all-locals radio show on 98.9.

"He was asking hip-hop artists to get in touch with him," says DeJesus. The two met, and Lil Uno offered DeJesus a contract that provides for studio time, CD manufacturing, and distribution.

"As soon as [Lil Uno] presented me with the contract, I took it up the chain [to get permission to leave the Marines].... [My staff sergeant] looked at me and started smiling. He said



RUFE BRINGS MOUNTAIN METAL

then, Rufe has created an hour-long documentary entitled *Rural Rock & Roll*, shot during an eight-day period last summer in Humboldt County.

"There are 100,000 people in Humboldt County. There are more people in Escondido than in all of Humboldt, but I would say there are 500 people that staunchly support live bands. Of them, 300 are in bands.... There are only two or three venues, a lot of house parties.... There were 50 other bands I didn't even get to talk to."

For his film, Rufe mixed interviews and live footage of 13 Eureka bands.

"One band plays 'mountain metal.' They are construction workers with big beards. They say they are the only band that can build you a house.... Nine out of ten people up there have no delusions of grandeur. They are perfectly fine that no one will ever hear them outside of Eureka, which is what the film is all about....

"I'd like to think there are

Lawrence, Kansas, would be perfect for other shoots. "This could be a traveling rock series."

Rufe, on a West Coast tour with his film, will show *Rural Rock & Roll* on July 29 at the Whistle Stop Bar. A live set by the Ian Fays of Eureka (who appear in the documentary) follows.

— Ken Leighton

Not About Drugs and Rims

Though he injured his knee in Iraq, Marine sergeant Gabriel DeJesus reenlisted for another four years last August. The Camp Pendleton-based motor-transport mechanic is on "light duty" due to his knee tear, but now he wants out of the military so he can rap.

"Even in Iraq I made tracks," says DeJesus (a.k.a. Technique). "I built a recording booth in back of a truck in a war zone in Iraq. My wife would send me blank CDs, and I'd make music I'd pass out. I wrote



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NO THUG LIFE FOR DEJESUS

he was a religious man and that things happen for a reason. He said my orders to get transferred to North

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the inside track

band have had it with the image-conscious all-age scene.

"They aren't going to shows for the music. They are going for the scene and the look. It's all been taken too far. It's become one big fashion show."

The members of Meaty Diabetes, aged 17–18, met at Escondido's Orange Glen High School. They played in hard-core and emo bands such as Harmony Grove, Thick and Thin, and Radio Racer before they came together for this project.

"We got our name from a band-name generator we found online," says Tomlinson. "We entered the word 'diabetes' and it came back with Meaty Diabetes. Our full name is Meaty Diabetes and the Battery-Powered Manatee."

Lead singer Matt Jessup says, "It seems to me that



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camouflage pants and black T-shirts. People go to shows not for the music but to show off how they look."

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Carolina got canceled that day. He told me he was behind me 100 percent and that I should pursue what I had to pursue. Then the higher-ups, like, captains, started talking to me. They said it was better if I just stayed in."



JENNINGS: "...HORRIBLE STREET!"

DeJesus says he is researching how to exit the military but that if he is not released he will fulfill his obligation. Regardless of the outcome, he would be happy to represent the Corps in TV ads for recruiting.

"My lyrics are not about drugs and cars and rims.... At work, guys joke around with me.... I say, 'Who said I was a thug? Just because I'm a rapper does not mean I'm a criminal.'"

A Technique track will be included on *Heatrocks*, a Sicko compilation of local artists' music to be released in August. Sicko has plans to issue DeJesus's own CD on September 26.

— Ken Leighton

Lemon Grove Avenue
Brouhaha Begins Now

Despite allusions made by music reviewers suggesting otherwise, Minneapolis singer-songwriter Mason Jennings has never been a resident of Lemon Grove. In praising Jennings's 2004 album *Use Your Voice*, the *All Music Guide* website notes, "His sense of place and his emotional clarity are startling on cuts like 'Lemon Grove Avenue'..."; Omaha webzine the *Old Pulp* cited the same song's "hometown nostalgia."

Not unreasonable assumptions with lyrics such

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said Lemon Grove Ave. and [I] was, like, 'Oh, that's beautiful. What a nice name for your street.' So I wrote the song and the next time I went back there, I ended up finding out that almost everything on that street's boarded up and it's one of the worst spots in the whole city."

In another interview, Jennings elaborated on Lemon Grove Avenue: "It's quite a ways from the

ocean — about 15 miles inland.... Which is so funny too, because you would think that it would be a really mellow place — right on the ocean, and it turns out to be just this horrible street!"

— David Stampone

No More Crime at Scolari's "They don't even let you load in from the back door," says Crime in America bassist Eric Marcrum about

Scolari's. He says the band will no longer play the North Park bar because of inconvenience, a pay issue, and....

"During our last gig there, between songs, I asked the bartender for some beers for the band, from the stage.... She started yelling, 'You're not allowed to call out the bartender on the microphone,' even though we do that all the time and we were telling people all night



CRIME IN AMERICA GETS 86'D to tip her."

Marcrum says that as his band was loading out, "[The bartender] was getting all in our face and saying, 'You don't have that big of a draw.' Our drummer Nate said, 'We'll never play here again; you guys suck,' and

she yelled out, 'You guys are 86'd; you're never coming back.'"

Crime in America appears Saturday, July 22, at Joe 'N Andy's in La Mesa.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Happy Leads to
Gnarly

Jason Mraz told a Canadian newspaper details behind his collaboration for the single "Geek in the Pink" with hip-hop honcho Scott Storch ("a guy on more rappers' speed dials than a weed-selling jeweler operating out of an Escalade dealership").

According to Mraz, "We were at his studio with, like, 30 MCs in the room and everyone just throwing down, smoking huge joints. When you hear stories like, 'There's one guy whose job it is just to roll joints,' there was that guy.... I got to see some crazy shit you only hear about on *Behind the Music*. Plus, nobody shot me and I didn't get arrested."

Mraz says his experience was soured by all the MCs that insisted on a songwriting

credit.

"What started as a happy weed-smoking session turned into a pretty gnarly thing, and I don't doubt that half the guys in that studio carry weapons; you can tell



MRMZ CONFIRMS RAPPER STEREOTYPES

because of the cars they drive and the amount of gold, diamonds, and marijuana they carry."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"We went through several male vocalists and a couple female ones."

The Reaganomics are an '80s cover band, churning out the pop tunes that bring back glorious high school memories for many middle-aged clubgoers.

"Our very first show was about two and a half years ago," says drummer Jonny Basher, "and the only same members from then are Nero and myself. We had set up in this East County bar that was tiny... the stage was barely big enough to even put the drums on, let alone the whole band. Nero actually stood on the bar and played his guitar most of the show — something he often does. We didn't even have a PA at the time.

"In the beginning we went through several male vocalists and a couple female ones, but no one was as committed as we wanted them to be. We play out every weekend somewhere; it can be a little grueling. We got Marky C [vocals] in January 2005, and ToddtheMod [bass] and Madana in September of 2005 — they used to be in Eighties and Gentlemen."

The Reaganomics play Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22, at Jimmy Love's.

WHY THE '80s?

Jonny "We saw the need for a new kind of '80s experience... costumes, choreography, a video show... It's the most memorable of eras. It's fun, not only because of the music but because of the style: clothes, hair. We're amazed every time we play an all-ages show and kids who were born in the '90s

know all the words to these songs, including Tawny Kitaen in Whitesnake's 'Here I Go Again' video."

BEST/WORST GIGS?

Jonny "Jimmy Love's, Coaster, and Beachcomber are great places, but the best show we've had is opening for Super Diamond at Belly Up a few months ago. Just an amazing night — from the moment we hit the stage, the crowd was into it. We even had stage-diving at this gig. The worst: I can remember playing a couple times at a bar in Chula Vista where everyone just stared at us. Then when we took a break and the DJ started playing hip-hop, and everyone started dancing. That was a slap to the face and a little embarrassing."

BEST CONCERT YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

Jonny "I hate to admit it: Bon Jovi. The stage show is usually incredible, [and it was] the first time I saw indoor fireworks. The number of hotties was insane. You had to hold your ears between songs because of the piercing screams." Madana "Rick Springfield, 1983. I was just a young girl, but I swear he winked at me." ToddtheMod "The Smiths, 1986. Hands down the best concert I ever saw."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

Jonny "Does Steve West from 91X count? Most of our brushes with the famous end up in restraining orders."



Reaganomics

EARLIEST MEMORY?

ToddtheMod "I remember I always had a guitar in my hand, since I was five. Either that or drumsticks. My mom used to dress me funny, which explains the outfits." Jonny "I remember ripping the sleeves off all my shirts and breaking all my toy drums and drooling."

IS GORE GOING TO RUN AGAIN?

Madana "He might want to take an 'Adding Inflection to Your Voice' class before he does that again. Personally, I'd love to see Ross Perot go for it again. Now there's a man with charisma!"

LAST BOOK READ?

Jonny "I just read the manual to my Yamaha MO8 keyboard. Good stuff." Madana "*The Power of Now* and *Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway*. Yes, I'm on a self-help kick this week. But check back with me next week and I'm sure I'll be reading something like *How to Lay on Your Couch, Eat Oreos, and Ignore the Phone Without Any Guilt*." ToddtheMod "*Monster*, by Frank Peretti."

ALL-TIME WORST FASHION FAUX PAS?

Jonny "Bell-bottoms. The '70s suck." ■

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Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Edwin McCain: House of Blues, Thursday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Church: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, July 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

FRIDAY

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.

Muse: Soma, Friday, July 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

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.

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

JULY

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.

Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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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.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Roots Rock Reggae" with **Ziggy Marley, Sinéad O'Connor, Sly & Robbie,** and **Ozomatli:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.

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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 **Mars Volta:** San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chris Botti:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 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.

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Ozomatli: 'Canes, Friday, September 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Brian Howe: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

Ryan Adams: House of Blues, Saturday, September 9, 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.

Feist: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, September 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

The Black Keys: House of Blues, Friday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Massive Attack: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, September 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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Sunday, September 10 • 7:00

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Friday, September 15 • 8:00

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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.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Guster and Ray Lamontagne: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, September 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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.

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Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Mariah Carey: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Live: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Cecilio & Kaponi: 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.

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.

Adrian Belew: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Aerosmith and Mötley Crüe: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, November 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Pink Martini: 4th & B, Sunday, November 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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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, nuwave, new romantic, and punk synthpop 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 ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, and Grimmerella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 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 Walkrawler, 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, Istr, 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: 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, Middleton, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 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.

Underworld: Saturdays, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509-0632. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Church and Rob Dickinson*. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective, Transfer, Get Back Loretta, and Ex Machina*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Buck-O-Nine, Skanic, and the Fabulous Rudies*, ska. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Katie Melua*. Monday, 8 p.m.,

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

A quick check of **Tommy Emmanuel**'s references reveals a stint with Air Supply. He's also worked with Eric Clapton (who said Emmanuel was "probably the greatest finger picker in the world today"), Joe Walsh, Stevie Wonder, and Les Paul. The late Chet Atkins called Emmanuel one of the greatest guitarists on the planet and bestowed on him the title "CGP" — certified guitar player. *Acoustic Guitar* magazine called Emmanuel one of the top three guitarists of all time, and in 2005 Emmanuel was inducted into the Thumb Picker's Hall of Fame in Kentucky. But Air Supply, the nadir of bad-pop schmaltz?

Emmanuel is one of those guys with gifts off the charts that you may have never heard of. He's known elsewhere — espe-

Duncan Sheik & Vienna Teng. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Dezarie and Stranger, reggae.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, hip-hop/R&B/old skool. Sunday, reggae. Wednesday, call club for information.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, DJ event. Friday and Saturday, Y3K, 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.,
Ed Fishwick, flamenco guitar.

Borders Books and Music, 1905
Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242.

Saturday, 8 p.m., *Tim Dismang*, folk/rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*, rock. Friday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Saturday, *Uplift*, reggae. Sunday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, *Java*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Mick Overman & the Maniacs*, rock.

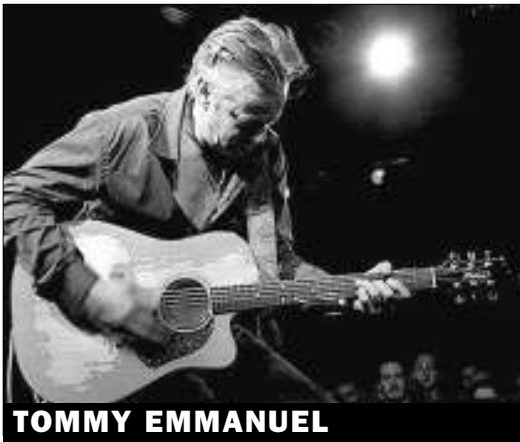
Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Ideas*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Sunday, 4 p.m. to

8 p.m. and Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 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., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Robin Henkel Band*, funky rock; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., **Dave Beldock**, folk/rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., **Bordertown**, rock/blues/folk; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., **Billy Watson**, blues; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., **Brice Cameron**, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., **Red Lane**, rock/blues.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.



TOMMY EMMANUEL

All good, but I can't fathom Emmanuel playing behind Air Supply. Nothing in their vapid sound indicates even the slightest need for a player of his stature. If I could catch up with him, I'd ask Emmanuel: Was it just for the money?

TOMMY EMMANUEL, East County Performing Arts, Saturday, July 22, 8 p.m. 619-440-2277.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort,
33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center
877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday,
7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Side FX*, Latin/dance.
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Underground, rock/soul. Saturday,
8 p.m., *Rising Star*, pop rock.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Shake*,
pop/alternative.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad),
2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad.
760-729-6951. Thursday, *Mother Funk*,
rock. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, *Idle*
Train, rock.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, solo/blues. Friday, *Charles*

Club 710 on the Beach (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday, *Split Finger*, *Agave*, and *Zero to None*, rock. Saturday, *Stranger*,

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live rock/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.

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Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego. 858-270-0840. Friday, 9 p.m., *Vintage Honey*, indie rock.

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.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Brett Sanders*, jazz/soul/funk.

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 Nards*, rock. Saturday, *Wonka Bar*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Superdoo*, rock. Wednesday, *Tiger Shark*, 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, *Tribal Seeds* and *Quinto Sol*, reggae. Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Kush & Blood Fiyah Angels*, reggae. Sunday, *Wise Monkey*, groove. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Motet*. Wednesday, *the Funky Drummer Orchestra*.

SAN DIEGO

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.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *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., *Simeon Flick*, folk/jazz/alternative.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is metal rock/heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *IU*, *Terra Incognita*, and *the Wild Truth*. Friday, *the Tur-Kays*, *the Peppermint Creeps*, and *Monsters from Mars*. Saturday, *Grandview*, *Midnight Panic*, *Stand Down*, and *New London*. Sunday, *Emaue* and *Taizen*.

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.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, *the Kneehighs*, *Radio Racer*, *the Last Revival*, *Vocoder*, and *the Antique Row*. Saturday,

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Filling Station, 9522 Miramar Road (corner of Black Mountain Road), San Diego. 619-578-0757. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., DJ dance party.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80's*. Friday, *DJs Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes*, dance. Saturday, groove. Monday, acoustic music. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, 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., *Metro*, '80s dance. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Atomic Groove*, dance/Top 40. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Kohala*, slack-key guitar, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Monday, *Island Breeze*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Victoria Robertson*, original rock.

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.

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Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Brewer & Chase*, *Annie Bethancourt*, and *Dustin Shey*. Friday, *Silent Partner*, *Mark Polydoris*, and *Tiff Jimber*. Saturday, *Kyle Phelan*, *Saba*, and *Dawn Thomas*. Sunday, *Appleseed and Two Sheds*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *the Buddy Wuddy Blues Show*.

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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.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Friday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., *the Strangers Six* and *DJs Mike Delgado*, *Patrick Heaney*, and *Ted Humphrey*, indie 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, *6one9*, classic rock.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A friend told me a story about seeing the **Church** in a small club in the South. This was ten years ago or more, but the Australian band's 1988 Top 40 hit "Under the Milky Way" was already long in the past, and the club had no more than a handful of people in it. Some bands would have canceled the show. Some might have thrown a fit. Some might have taken it as a signal to break up and start looking for a more stable career. Some would have carried on as if they were playing a sports arena. But the Church chatted with the audience and asked if anyone had any requests. My friend named a song, and guitarists **Marty Willson-Piper** and

Peter Koppes said they needed a 12-string for that one. So they walked off-stage and out to their touring van, pulled out a 12-string, brought it back, plugged it in, tuned it, and played the song.

I don't know if this was a typical scenario for the Church, and I don't know if it had much significance to anyone other than my friend. But it says something to me: The Church is going to keep playing its brand of shimmering, hazy pop whether it's fashionable or not, whether there are 5000 people in the audience or 5 — probably until they're too old to pick up their guitars anymore. I respect that.

As it turns out, the Church has recently been enjoying a resurgence of interest, partly because "Under the Milky Way" featured prominently in the 2001 cult-favorite film



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Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *Rhythm Riot*, *Lil' Mo & the Dynaflo's*, *the Hornets*, and *DJ Daddy-o-Danny*, rock. Sunday, *A.D.H.D.* and *the Hollowpoints*,

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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.

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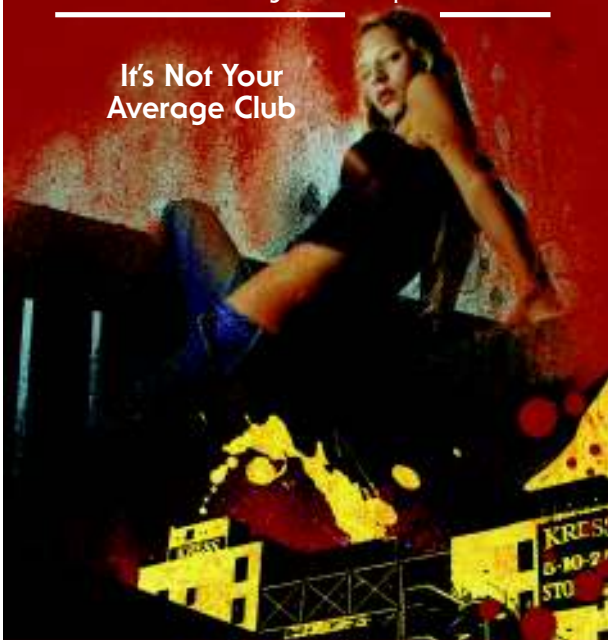
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619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry
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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue,
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Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*.
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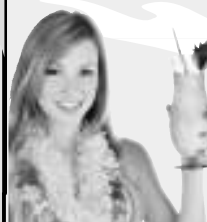
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Fractured Halo: The Jumping Turtle
The Fray: House of Blues
Get Back Loretta: Belly Up Tavern
Get Your Death On: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Goblin Cock: The Casbah
Gram Rabbit: The Casbah
Grandview: Brick By Brick
The Heathen Kings of Olde: The Casbah
Heavy Heavy Low Low: Soma
Heroe: 'Canes
Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective: Belly Up Tavern
Hung Over Tomorrow: Fannie's Nightclub
Immaculate Machine: The Casbah
In Every Breath: 'Canes
In Perfect Agony: Fannie's Nightclub
Inberst: The Jumping Turtle
Jonbenet: Soma
S.S. Kailert: The Jumping Turtle
Ketchikan: 'Canes
Kings to You: Epicentre
The Kneehighs: Epicentre
The Krum Bums: The Jumping Turtle
Lamb of God: Soma
The Last Revival: Epicentre

The Leather Nun: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Legions: The Jumping Turtle
Life Rexall: The Casbah
The Lower Class Brats: The Jumping Turtle
Maniganista: 'Canes
Mastondon: Soma
Mermaid's Journey: The Jumping Turtle
A Midday Atlantic: Epicentre
Midnight Panic: Brick By Brick
Monsters from Mars: Brick By Brick
The Motet: Winstons
Muse: Soma
The Napoleon Complex: Soma
New London: Brick By Brick
Noiz: The Jumping Turtle
Old Man Hands: The Casbah
The Peppermint Creeps: Brick By Brick
The Phenomenauts: House of Blues
Piracy: The Jumping Turtle
The Platonic States: Soma
Radio Racer: Epicentre
The Real You: Epicentre
Reselience: The Jumping Turtle
Rusted Root: House of Blues
Secret Sobriety: Soma
The Shooters: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Six Organs of Admittance: The Casbah
Slayer: Soma
Social Suicide: 'Canes
The Solis: Fannie's Nightclub
Spitting on Cops: The Jumping Turtle
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Stand Down: Brick By Brick
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Thee Corsairs: The Casbah

Thine Eyes Bleed: Soma
This Is the Hospital: The Jumping Turtle
Tiger Shark: Tiki House
The Tur-Kays: Brick By Brick
The 25th Hour: Soma
Vintage Honey: Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
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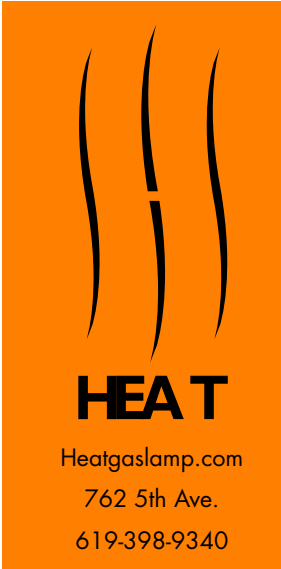
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Java: The Calypso Cafe

Johnny Different: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Josh & Friends: Surf N'Saddle

Laguna: Carvers

Red Lane: Patrick's II, Coyote Bar and Grill

Lil' Mo & the Dynaflo's: Tower Bar

The Lost: The Jumping Turtle

Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Nards: Tiki House

Nitro Express: Whiskey Girl

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Mick Overman & the Maniacs: The Calypso Cafe

Pickford's Party: Whiskey Girl

The Postals: Club 710 on the Beach

Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rhythm Riot: Tower Bar

The Rich White Males: Club 710 on the Beach

Victoria Robertson: Humphrey's

Scott & Aimee: Longshot Saloon

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

The Sex Girls: Club 710 on the Beach

Shagadelic: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Gone9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Split Finger: Club 710 on the Beach

The Stepping Feet: Whiskey Girl

The Stiletto's: Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort

The Strays: 'Canes

Super Trax: Landing Strip Cafe and Bar

Superdoo: Tiki House

Supernova: House of Blues

Terra Incognita: Brick By Brick

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B

Transfer: Belly Up Tavern

Robin Trower: 4th & B

2Mex: The Casbah

Uptown Groove: Dirk's Niteclub

Wanted Dead: The Jumping Turtle

The Wild Truth: Brick By Brick

The Cory Wilkins Band: Coaster Saloon

Wonka Bar: Tiki House

Y3K: Boar Cross'n

Zero to None: Club 710 on the Beach

Zombie Surf Camp: The Jumping Turtle

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Humphrey's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Cool Fever: Island Sports & Spirits

The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

Peggy Lebo: Seaside Church

The Love Rangers: The Alley

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Album: *Encal* (2006)

Artist: JD Romance

Label: self-released

Where available/price: M-Theory and Off the Record for \$12; *CDBaby.com*, *iTunes* for \$10

Songs: 1) Lonely Streets 2) Funky Funk 3) Final Sigh

Band: Anthony Plourd (vocals), Peter Mallinger (guitar), Art Ruiz (bass), Michael (Turtle) Sanders (drums)

JD Romance titled their debut album *Encal* because they say it encompasses a blend of English and California sounds. Listed as their influences are the Cure, Hot Hot Heat, blink-182, and the Beatles, and you can hear the melan-

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choly, claustrophobic voice of Smith from the Cure and the upbeat, poppy rock of the Southern California scene. They say they've created a new genre, but it sounds like the same thing that Further Seems Forever and Recess Theory did in 1999.

The first and last songs ("Lonely Streets" and "Final Sigh") seem to be exactly what you'd get with a sullen Manchester and punky San Diego combination: emo. That's not to say it's bad. They're a talented band. Anthony has the bitter, jilted voice of Dashboard Confes-sional vocalist Chris Carrabba, and on those two tracks the lamenting lyrics of the genre are featured: "This is the last time we will walk these lonely streets" and "Stay tonight / say goodbye."

Considering the ages of the band members (all of them are in their early 20s), they're not only good but sophisticated and eccentric. Which brings me to my favorite track on the EP, "Funky Funk." Yes, it's lightly funky with bongos and warped bass and guitar



JD Romance

lines. There's also an effect employed toward the end that lends to the celebratory atmo-sphere of the song; I can't determine whether it's a scratched record, some mis-use of the guitar, or a post-production modification, but it's cool.

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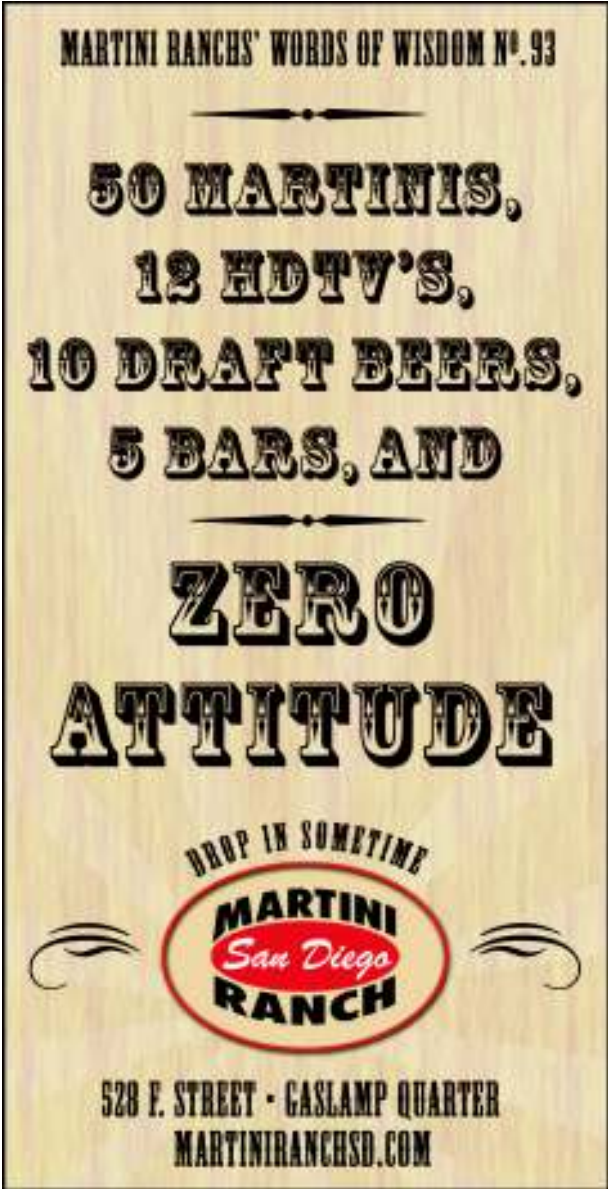
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D'aah, is it Hawaiian? Is it Japanese? Is it Filipino? Is it Mexican? Hank and I are seeing items like kalua pig (definitely Hawaiian), chicken katsu (Japanese), lumpia (Filipino, of course), empanadas and ceviche, direct from España or Méjico, plus unknowns like *kelaguen* — all on the same menu.

But maybe we're onto something new. Here at Yokozuna's this isn't just a catchall selection from a Chula Vista kitchen with an identity crisis, but an authentic cuisine from one of the greatest Pacific crossroads-civilizations you've never heard of.

History 101: Guam's destiny was written in the wind. The trades blew everybody to Guam. The original Indo-Malay immigrants (over 2000 years ago), Magellan, the Portuguese explorer (in 1521); Spain's Manila treasure galleons (on their way across to Acapulco for 300 years); plus Filipinos, Chinese, Germans, Japanese, Americans...

And now my buddy Hank and me.

Okay, this isn't *exactly* Guam. We're opposite Southwestern College on Otay Lakes Road. But it feels pretty darned Guamanian to me. Girls buzz around us in hula skirts, black or pink, with white hibiscus flower silhouettes. They carry steaming piles of rice with meat glistening on top, or plates loaded with chunks of meat and ribs. They drop tropical-looking rattan blinds to keep the sun out. A street sign that reads "Kalakaua Avenue" hangs by the cash register. Probably Hawaiian. "Got pugu?" says another sign behind a display of T-shirts for sale. A bamboo sushi bar with nine tall chairs faces the entrance to the dining room. We get toothy greetings from Polynesian gods on totem poles. "Graduation Leis," says an old sign. Even the acoustic ceiling tiles have been thatched in rattan. Louie Castellanos's karaoke music's just starting up, over by a wall hung with autographed photos. Oh, there's Channel 10's Lee Ann Kim, and musicians, like the group named P.O.D. They come here because they have Guamanian blood — this is comfort food central. Seems like a dance floor up the other end, and long tables where birthday groups can get together. Now a gal picks up a mike, stares down into a TV screen, and breaks out singing, "Ooo-oooh child / Things are going to get easier..."

"This is so...Pacific," I say to Hank. "But why would they call this 'Yokozuna's,' as if it's Japanese, if this is about Guam and the is-



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lands?...For that matter where da heck is Guam?"

Later, I found out the answer to that one, because Carla had landed there once. "Guam?" she said. "Hot. Muggy as hell. Couldn't see any trees. No palms. Lot of sand. And flat." Which is funny, because Guam is the summit of a couple of undersea mountains that, with an equal start, would make Everest look like Point Loma. The Mariana Trench dives to 36,000 feet. Like, seven miles down. Earth's deepest hole. Asia's shallow coastal waters plunge right over that cliff into the deep ocean there, right beside Guam. No wonder those treasure ships got sucked north. No wonder the Spanish took control of Guam for 300 years. It must have been the ideal provisioning post before the long haul across the Pacific. And since then the Americans, the Germans, the Japanese...

Result? A Pan-Pacific food festival! The Hawaiians brought ground-roasted pig, the Spanish brought spices, the Japanese brought sushi, the GIs brought, well, Spam.

"So let's be patriotic," Hank says. "It's on the menu."

The man is correct. Spam is the very first item

in the first column, which is labeled *pupus* — appetizers. "Spam Musubi, fried Spam sautéed in a sweet shoyu (dark brown soy sauce) wrapped in sushi rice and seaweed." Two pieces for \$5.25.

We order from a cute kid called Jessica, get an iced tea for Hank (\$2) and a coffee for me (\$2). And when the musubis come, there are three (not two) angle-cut tubes of rice-in-seaweed with Rolling Stone tongues of Spam sticking out the middle. Plus, Jessica plops down a pot of dark, thick, sweet dipping sauce. Eel sauce, they call it, and man, it's deep and delicious. I let Hank have two of the musubis. I want to save space for ribs and this chicken "kelaguen." Jessica says that's a real Chamorro dish. Has to be. Because who's heard of it? Come to think of it, who's heard of "Chamorro"? Turns out, Chamorro are the people of the Marianas chain of islands (the largest is Guam) who have had to put up with five centuries of Other People coming to tell them how to live.

We take a while to sort out what else we'd like to have. Hank's into Japanese. Me, I want to know more about what's Chamorro on the menu. Oh — the menu has little flags to tell you which dishes are

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Pan-Pacific sampler joint, centered around dishes from Hawaii, Guam, Japan. All soft drinks, \$2; bar is mainly Japanese beers (\$4 small, \$6 large), sake (\$5–\$45), wine and plum wine (\$5–\$40).

PICK HITS: Spam musubi; ahi poké; Chamorro combo; green mussels in dynamite sauce; Grandma Rosie's potato salad; empanadas, shrimp patties.

NEED TO KNOW: Casual party atmosphere — come with friends, share dishes, don't be purist. Very kid- and family-friendly. Often crowded, even Monday nights, so call ahead. Karaoke night Tuesday. Plenty of shopping-center parking.

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Hawaiian, Japanese, and Guamanian (the sexy flag of Guam is a curvaceous palm tree on a beach with an outrigger sailing by). Plus smiley faces for dishes they can do as kids' plates.

People at the next table are grazing on a bowl of edamame soy beans (\$4), popping the beans into their mouths from the pod, like peas. Every minute or so, one of the four line-chefs double-dings the bell to tell the waitresses another plate is ready.

The menu's divided up into appetizers, soups,

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salads, “da pastas,” “da bowls,” “kau kau time” (Hawaiian for “eat eat,” according to Ellis, one of the management guys), Japanese fried rice, noodles, appetizers, and hand rolls.

The best deal is “da bowls.” A “bowl” is a standard dish anywhere in the Pacific, basically a pile of rice with meat and sauce on top. The cheapest, and most popular, Jessica says, is the \$5.95 teriyaki chicken. For a dollar more you can have teriyaki beef or a combo beef-chicken. The chicken katsu don (deep-fried breaded chicken, onion, and egg, over donburi — a sweet soy-based sauce) is also \$6.95. Add two bucks and you can add any of them up with serrano chile sauce and green onions. “Kau kau” dishes are more elaborate, and more expensive. Up to 17 dollars, but they have plenty of less pricey chicken dishes, like the \$8.25 “huli huli.” (Hawaiian, meaning, “turn, turn.” Rotisserie, I guess. Hey, is that related to “hula”?) Or \$8.25 chicken skewers (“marinated and grilled on a bamboo skewer topped with Yokozuna’s teriyaki sauce”).

They have one or two fish offerings — wouldn’t you expect more from ocean-surrounded Guam? — like the grilled mackerel with ponzu sauce (\$11.25), plus a \$14.25 Hawaiian combo, with huli huli chicken, kalua pig, macaroni salad, and white rice. I’m told it’s worth it for the macaroni. “Mama Mila,” who’s Filipino and the mom of one of the owners, Gary, apparently puts pineapple, apples, and cheddar in it.

But if you want to sample what the Chamorros eat, there’s no contest: the Chamorro combo includes four Guamanian dishes — Uncle Frank’s pork ribs, chicken kelaguen, Grandma Rosie’s potato salad, and red rice. It’s \$14.25. Add three dollars if you want beef or shrimp kelaguen instead of chicken.

Uncle Frank turns out to be one of the founding fathers of

the restaurant. “Everybody goes for his ribs,” says Jessica. So I order the combo. Hank orders sushi, an ahi poké (basically tuna in seaweed, \$6.75), a crab hand roll (\$4), and a spicy scallop (\$4).

My order arrives first, a plate of way-big ribs (four), with potato salad and “red” rice — it actually looks orange — and a green-flecked pile of chicken kelaguen. They also have a cucumber salad.

“That came real quick,” I say to Hank.

“That’s because they know most people are going to order it,” he says.

The ribs have a smoky, slightly sweet (and is that lemony?) tang to them. What’s delicious is the blackening. (I run across Uncle Frank himself later, and of course, he says that the recipe’s a secret. “But it’s all worked around garlic, lemon juice, slow cooking.”)

The chicken kelaguen is a nice counterbalance. At first taste, you’d swear this was a shrimp ceviche. The chopped-up chicken has green onions, peppers, and shredded coconut, sharp and light against the ribs.

“Okay, this is the other Chamorro thing you’ve got to add,” Jessica says. She slides across a little sauce-pot. “*Finadene*.” She says it “Fee-na-DAY-nay.” “National sauce of Guam, and that’s official. They put it on everything, just about. But take it easy.”

Ho boy. She’s right. I dipped the end of a rib in it. Didn’t think it helped the rib’s flavor, which was good enough on its own, but it burned the heck out of my buccal cavity. I bet that’s what Uncle Frank marinates his ribs in. Ellis tells me the sauce is made of lemon juice, peppers, scallions, and soy sauce. You can see Spain in a lot of this. Three hundred years’ occupation doesn’t disappear without a gastronomic trace. To a probable taro-and-fish diet the Spaniards added hot peppers and corn (from their Mexico territory),

tortillas, for sure, and probably better chickens, domesticated pigs, even rice. And what about this ceviche wannabe, kelaguen? (It tastes even more ceviche-like when I come back a few days later and have the shrimp kelaguen.)

Then there’s achiote, the seed of the annatto tree. Very Spanish. That’s what makes the rice red — well, orange. It’s supposed to add a subtle flavor, but I think color’s the big deal here. There’s garlic in the mix, too, and I can taste it.

My little burn sent me to the naked rice first, but after a while, adding some *finadene* to it makes the rice interesting. The cucumber salad is a good cooler, too. It’s bathed in a vinaigrette. Oh, and “Grandma Rosie’s potato salad” tempers everything nicely. I think she’s Uncle Frank’s wife. I don’t taste anything radically Chamorro, but Grandma Rosie knows her stuff. She’s put in black olives, pimientos, relish, and egg. It’s a meal in itself.

Hank says they don’t have any of Guam’s famous stews, like *kadon pika*, spicy stewed chicken leg quarters, or the milder *Estafao manok*. But why would he worry? He first came here because of the Japanese-sounding name (“Yokozuna’s Sushi Bar” — he blanked on the “& Islander Grill” part). As usual, he’s on a sushi search.

He loves the ahi poké, nestled pink in there under the floppy seaweed and sesame seeds, and over sliced, marinated cucumber. Hank then digs into a huge scrumbo pile of “dynamite” green-lip mussels, baked in that weirdly French-tasting white sauce the Japanese make. He asked for the hand rolls to be made without rice, to cut down on the carbs, and they obliged with big flutes of pinky chopped-up crab and mixed spicy scallop. “I like it better if they don’t chop the meat up,” he says. “Then you get its full tenderness and flavor. But this tastes fresh, and they filled the

whole roll with the meat. They didn’t have to do that. I’m not complaining.”

A big party has filled one of the long tables near Lee Ann Kim’s pic. The girls bustle about in their flower-flapping *pareus*. That’s the thing. People look as if they’re enjoying themselves. The point is, yes, it’s sushi, yes, it’s Guam, but most of all it’s pan-Pacific, where partying is a way of life and generous servings of whatever is the most important virtue. We’re not talking nouvelle cuisine with a micro-dot of food on a big white plate. If you even see the plate here, there’s something wrong. I come back a couple more times after this visit. First time, I desperately want try something new but get sucked into that Chamorro combo again, just ‘cause of Uncle Frank’s addictive ribs.

Next visit, I’m determined to get something for the patient Carla, so I order her kalua pig (Hawaiian all the way, \$9.25) and an “Islander Sampler Platter” (\$10.25), which has two nice, standard lumpia; two empanadas (achiote-stained masa shells filled with a spicy chicken purée); two delicious shrimp patties, with flavors that make you think “kelaguen”; and four teriyaki chicken wings. Pretty good deal for \$10.25.

The kalua pig is smoked and slow-roasted in ti leaf “for eight hours,” they promise — different from the Chamorro way of maybe two hours’ barbecuing. I think I preferred Uncle Frank’s ribs.

The day here, with Hank, I run out of steam, and of space. Hank helps me out with the ribs, and the cucumber salad, and the chicken kelaguen, till even he’s sated.

Before we go, I have to ask Ellis: “What does that ‘Got puguá?’ mean?”

“Pugua’s betel nut,” he says. “Older people have been chewing it for thousands of years.” Seems it’s a stimulant. Perks you up like coffee or nicotine.

Desserts aren’t big here. They could have countless sweet fruits like papayas, guavas, mangos, but there are only cakes. We’re too full anyway.

“It’s surprisingly familiar food for somewhere so far from, like, everywhere,” says Hank. The boy’s right. Guam’s 2356 miles southeast of Tokyo, 3800 miles west of Hawaii, and a day ahead. Across the date-line. “That’s why they say Guam is ‘where America’s day begins,’” Hank says. He flaps the door shut. “And also why they say: ‘Here today, Guam tomorrow.’”

Ooh. How do you top that? “Or,” I say, “‘Chamorro’s another day.’”

ABOUT YOKOZUNA’S

“Yokozuna’s has been going on since November 1999,” says Ellis Quenga, Yokozuna’s catering coordinator. “Guamanians, all islanders, are very festive people. We love to entertain. If there are only four people, we don’t just cook enough for four people. We cook plenty. The owners wanted to create something real [suitable] for parties. The place is owned by two Filipinos, a Mexican, and a Guamanian. Uncle Frank set the flavor. He had many years of entertaining, so with his knowledge, this just kind of fell into place.

“The food here is a lot about Pacific Rim, especially Hawaii. In the beginning they tried to do a little more traditional menu with Guamanian food, *adobos* and *estafaos*, and *kadon pikas*, but it didn’t go as well as they’d hoped. So now there are a lot fewer traditional islander [dishes] here. We focus more on the more popular items, the kelaguens, the ribs, the red rice and potato salad. And we have adjusted some things to fit the customers’ liking. Like the cucumber salad: we don’t usually put a vinaigrette on it in Guam. We usually use a soy sauce. But we don’t do that here because a lot

of [other] food items are based on soy. Or kelaguen: It’s a form of ceviche. It’s supposed to be uncooked, but we can’t do that here. And they make a lot more different kinds back home, like with deer meat.

“The most popular dish is the Chamorro combo. It *is* Guam. Nine out of ten go for it. But our teriyaki bowls are popular too. Everyone knows teriyaki chicken and rice.”

Why “Yokozuna’s”? “It was a name given by the owners. In Japanese it means ‘Grand Champion,’ among sumo wrestlers. I know a lot of people, when they see the name, and ‘sushi bar,’ they assume it’s a Japanese restaurant. We still get customers who have been living around the corner who didn’t realize that we have an extensive menu of islander food. But we’re one of a kind, a full-service, sit-down restaurant, versus a lot of other islander restaurants that serve on ‘to-go’ paper plates. We’re not saying this is a four-star restaurant, but as far as full-service with wait staff, and glass plates, that’s how we operate.”

I asked him about the role of women in Guam. “They are a very big part of the society there,” he said. “The Marianas were taken over by Germany, Japan, Spain, America, so there have been a lot of different influences. We’re mixed up, as far as the cultures are concerned. It’s a very westernized island. Once the settlers started coming in, Chamorros became the minority. Forty percent. But the women held on to our culture. They passed it on, mother to daughter. And nowadays, it’s mandatory for kids K through 12 to take Chamorro classes, so they don’t lose their language. So yeah, it’s a very Americanized society out there, but we haven’t lost ourselves, and men and women have always respected each other. Like, the males will cook. It’s not designated ‘women only.’” ■



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Uh-oh. We over-ordered. I sit staring over the steaming rice-noodle *pho* soup, the mixed greens, the fresh spring rolls, the grilled shrimp on lettuce, the six fried egg rolls, the salty preserved-plum drink with club soda, the two iced teas.

"Well, we can always pile it into a to-go box," I say.

"No way!" says Hank. "Remember the beetroot juice you tipped on my car's carpet? The beef gravy that leaked out on the front seat? Uh-uh. We eat here."

This was Hank's choice of eatery, of course, his *diner*. He's still on his health kick. And right now, for him, Vietnamese is *it*. He loves the fresh look of the piles of lettuce and mint that always come with the soups. "It just *smells* healthy," he says.

We wound up here while we were cruising El Cajon Boulevard in Hank's Toyota.

"Say, didn't that used to be an Arby's?" Hank said. He was looking over towards a KFC-type of stand-alone roadside building with a big vertical sign outside. "Pho," it read, and below that, "Ca Dao."

"What time is it?" he said.

"Quarter of three, dude. Lunchtime, and then some. Except I'm, like, Rebecca of Stoney-broke Farm till Friday. Don't 'spose there's any way you could...?"

Hank sighs, swings across the avenue, and parks

next to the entrance. We go in and sit down at a brown-and-tan booth. The place is clean, plenty of space, cream-tiled floor, maroon and cream walls, with intricate little wood carvings hanging on them.

Water buffalo pulling carts, young women in *ao dais*, the silky national costume. "Yellow Bird" is pumping out over the sound system in Vietnamese. Surprising how many people there are in here at this hour, slurping away at soups, mostly. The waiter comes up. I'm gonna have a *pho* — soup — of some sort. But Hank is still hemming and hawing. Problem

is, the waiter guy doesn't understand a lot of English.

"What about egg rolls?" says Hank, thinking aloud.

"Egg rolls, fine," says the waiter. Scribble scribble scribble.

"Or spring rolls?" Hank murmurs on.

"Spring rolls. Fine."

Scribble scribble scribble.

"Or maybe some mixed vegetables, bok choy, beans, with, say, shrimp. I don't want noodles or rice," Hank says.

"Shrimp, fine."

Scribble scribble.

Result is this banquet fit for a mandarin piled up before us. Hank's dream of mixed veggies with shrimp on the side turns up as grilled shrimp on lettuce (\$4.00). We get the deep-fried egg rolls with

sweet-pepper sauce (\$5.40), but also the raw spring rolls (\$3.00), with pink shrimp just visible through the wrap, looking like gestating aliens from Mars.

Me, I got just what I asked for: a *pho* with beef cooked rare by the hot soup water, and crunchy flank meat (\$4.80). Truth is, all of those different bits of the animal they throw in the *pho* — like brisket, tendons, tripe — taste the same to me, only more or less gristly. I just like to think of it as a simple beef broth, with a sweet-salty thing, plus little slabs of beef in it, and noodles, some fresh mint, bean sprouts and peppers, and maybe some of that sweet, plummy Hoisin sauce (think it's fermented soy beans) on top. No big deal. Beef soup, right?

"I eat *pho* for oily lungs," says the lady in the next booth. She's Chinese-Vietnamese, from Cholon, Saigon's Chinatown. "*Pho* cuts the fats, the oils," she says. "Along with this Chinese tea. *Pho* and tea. I need them for my health."

Guy on the other side says the whole beef-soup concept is only about 100 years old. "The name *pho* probably came from the French word *feu*, meaning 'fire,' as in *pot-au-feu*, from when they colonized us."

Plus, it seems, eating beef was introduced by the French. "We never even thought about eating cows before the French," he says. "Cows were our work animals. We loved them. It would be how

Americans would feel about eating horses, or dogs."

Huh. I feel more sober about slurping into my *pho* now. I try a couple of egg rolls in lettuce with sweet ginger sauce and wash 'em down with that salty plum soda. Yes, it's salty, but also rich and sweet, and you can imagine the relief it'd give you in the heat of a Saigon summer. Kind of the mint julep of the East. I only have one of Hank's dee-lish grilled shrimp, while he's polished off both raw spring rolls and their peanut sauce.

"We opened in 2001," says Mr. Thong, the owner, when we go to pay up. (Only twenty bucks-roos. Not bad, all that food for two of us.) "We had come to the U.S. in 1990. My father died a year after we arrived here, and I was the oldest son. I had to do something that would take care of my sisters and mother. So I went to the City and asked how to open a restaurant. And the City sent this wonderful man, who came and helped me. All the way. I will never forget him and the City of San Diego. They gave me my dream. I called it 'Ca Dao.' It means 'folk song.'"

Folk Song Café. Nice. Thong's brother Duke manages this place, and they have opened another in Mira Mesa.

"God," Hank says. "So when are we gonna get off our butts and do something?"

"Yeah, man," I say. "Think we need a bit more *pho* in the belly. Let's come back tomorrow." ■

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I left Normal Heights for the wilds of La Mesa back in '99. But I never stopped finding reasons to venture up and down Adams Avenue — the bookstores, the street fairs, a few restaurants and parks, and so on and so on. My wife was often with me on these little excursions, and you'd be better off asking her just how many times I talked about what I'd like to do with the stately brick building at the corner of Adams and 34th. "Oh, we could put in a bagel shop and a pizza joint and a bakery and a bookstore and [wait for it...] a wine shop..." It was easy to project my fantasies, because there wasn't much there to get in the way — the building was mostly deserted, save for Rosie O'Grady's bar, and a nasty crack ran through the brickwork on one side. The place was a mess, but oh, that brickwork, and oh, those olde-timey windows....

They waited until I left to start fixing things up. According to Michael Rammelsberg, who, with his wife Barbara, bought Rosie O'Grady's four years ago, "Around 1999 they did the masonry reinforcement. They totally redid the nine apartments upstairs — remodeled, plumbing, wiring. Everything in the building besides us was an office up until about a year ago, and they re-inforced all that also." I'm not sure when the sign went up on the place — "Wilkinson Block, circa 1928" — but I'm pretty sure it wasn't there in

my time. (For that matter, neither were the south-of-Adams condo conversions.)

Now, Bamboo and Beyond occupies a storefront. Now, the A La Française French Bakery and Café, late of Mission Hills, has opened its doors along Adams. Now, the Rammelsbergs have "changed the structure of Rosie's, from an older crowd to a younger, more hip crowd. We have live bands on the weekend," along with 24 beers on tap and another 70 in the bottle. Oh, and in back, with frontage along 34th, they have the Proprietor's Reserve Wine Bar, open since late last year. "About 30 years ago," says Michael, "that room used to be a TV repair shop. Then it was a sub shop owned by the Italian couple who owned the building." After they retired, "The first owners of Rosie's took it over. Since we've owned it, it's really been a difficult room to get people into, except for maybe overflow during a street fair or St. Patrick's Day."

The solution: offer a different product, attract a different clientele. "My wife's son is a lover of wine, and very knowledgeable. He said, 'Why don't you turn it into a wine bar?' I said, 'I don't think that will work here, but it's not doing anything now, so let's go for it.' We remodeled the room — stripped the walls down to exposed brick, changed the bar to granite." And ever since they put a sign out on Adams and a lighted sign over

the door, "It's been very well received. We're probably the smallest wine bar in the world, but it's very comfortable and very cozy. Everybody becomes friendly, and it really enhances the neighborhood. The beautiful part is that if you're on a date, and you want to drink wine and the other person wants a beer or a cocktail, they can buy it in front and bring it back. Or if someone up front wants a really good glass of wine...."

On the night I visited, all 15 seats were full by 8:00 p.m. Two tables were held down by the San Diego Writers' Group, unwinding after a meeting at Lestat's. Manager Gilberto Bravo poured sample tastes into stemless glasses for newcomers. "I came up with the majority of the list," he said. "I got some of the hot markets, of course — Napa, Sonoma." (I notice a cluster of wines from Harrison and Rosenblum, plus an Arrowood and a Pine Ridge. Some are available by the glass, some — like the Sea Smoke Pinot Noir — by the bottle only.) "But I like to turn people on to alternative whites and reds. Maybe they haven't had a chance to taste a white from the Old World, or a rosé. I have a Picpoul, a Verdejo from Spain. Great summer wines on a hot day. 'You can always drink Chardonnay on the bay, but let's try something else.' I have great luck with them." (Both wines are higher in acidity than many Chardonnays, and generally dry, giving a strong impression of crispness.)

Bravo met Rammelsberg through his work as a tequila rep — Rosie's carries his Caballo Moro brand. Bravo's brother Guillermo is a longtime wine rep, currently working for Wine Warehouse,



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and the two developed a youthful acquaintance with wine into a proper devotion. Proprietor's Reserve "just needed the right person to run it, see it as a wine bar" as well as a retail shop. "The big thing was getting a retail license. You taste it, you like it, you can take it home for retail price."

Bravo never shared Michael's skepticism. "I've been in the area since I started coming to Michael. I've been up and down Adams many times, and I've seen a big change. Condo conversions, a lot of small mom-and-pop restaurants. We knew A La Française was coming. It was just a gut thing — I thought Adams needed a change, some kind of more sophisticated small place... It's beautiful — the brick building just gives a lot of character. I've had a lot of patrons come in and say, 'This does not seem like we're on Adams Avenue. It seems like we're tucked away somewhere in San Francisco. It's great.'"

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Bravo, “I know that, north of Adams, there are a lot of single-family homes, and a lot of younger professionals. They tend to drink wine, and I don’t blame them. Wine is here to stay. It’s not like a fad, where we’ll just have this place open for five or six months. We’re here to provide a service. A lot of people that do come are couples — married or dating.”

And the response has been strong. The bar is currently open Wednesday through Saturday evenings, but there have been lots of requests from locals for Sunday. “We’re doing monthly tastings,” said Bravo, “and we get about 25 or 30 people in here. We have appetizers, and we do five wines plus a mystery bottle. Every patron guesses the vintage, the varietal, and the region. They totally get into it.” And once, with an ’04 Australian Shiraz, two people actually got it right. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers

Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. The scene is young and lively at this handsome, always-crowded eatery, with seating both indoors and on a patio with a view. The pleasing fare features modern Southwestern-Latino cuisine and a scattering of Pacific Rim flavors. The long appetizer list is a natural for group grazing. Sunday brunch à la carte. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with an à la carte Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an ex-

terior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grines.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Milton’s Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly,



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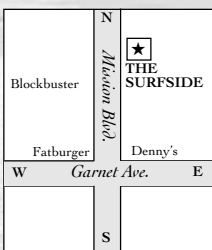
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Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that’s just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (“Pizza Carlsbad”), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (“Pizza Solana”). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water’s edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadlly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view’s the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and

herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

St. Germain’s Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean char-broiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here’s the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You’ll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the “mamma mia” joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. “Casual-elegant” — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard),

Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there’s not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else’s warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French “confit” but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei’s desserts are not only homemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can

get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/05)

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house’s slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything’s a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course

seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W. (3/05)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-



goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they’ll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there’s a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/05)

Fiore’s Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numer-

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The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but really cheap breakfast dishes like the feta cheese omelets and lunch specials such as luscious Philly cheese steaks. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. As of this writing, the day of the three-buck breakfast ain't dead. Not in Sorrento Valley. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/05)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two.

The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.* (9/03)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/03)

LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson's daily-changing menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, roasted breast of duck, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there's plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed. Business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road-signs to Golf Course and Lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/05)

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh

fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask

the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon. Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — *N.W.* (12/04)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative *bento* boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and

lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners." Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)



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Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean diners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's

mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundek, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate

topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and



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The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot, which shares some dishes with his Thee Bungalow across the street, is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy

enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Apertivo 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers "Italian tapas" of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheese cake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry,

and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubebebe (a dormant volcano in Death

Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.)

The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, local watering hole serves savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage. Appetizer/bar menu includes excellent crab cakes with house-made tartar sauce, lively red pepper hummus, and a spicy chipotle-dressed shrimp cocktail, etc., plus lots of salads that can double as main dishes. The entrée side of the menu has literally "beefed up" to feature several steak cuts, but you can still get somebody's mom's mushy meatloaf (served with BBQ sauce), pork chops, simple fish preparations, chicken *saltimbocca*. Dark, swanky atmosphere, considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight. Reservations for parties of five or more, or go early if you don't want to wait. Entrées moderate, but appetizers run high. — *N.W. (2/06)*

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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, revealing in the guitar trio and the exposed

kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampepe" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for

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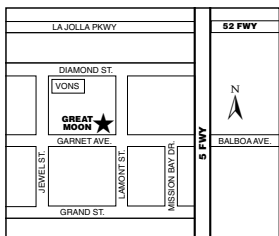
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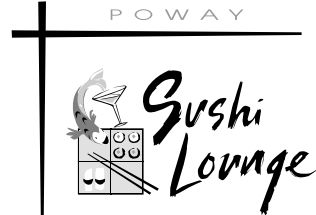
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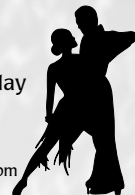
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main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *musaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork

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FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schmitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002.

Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss

the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikki*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult

(steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-pre-

pared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or turkey Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

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through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*
Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you’ll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken and pork. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-

bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*
Max’s 3000 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-6445. Max’s is the devil, tempting you across Fifth Avenue from Kung Food’s health-food heaven. You’ll definitely fall from vegan grace with Max’s Breakfast Slam Sandwich, stuffed with a wicked sausage patty and three cheeses, or the meatloaf sandwich, or the delicious roast beef Ortega. Visually, the place is no Garden of Eatin’, just a gray-and-blue stucco corner lot with a faux-tile roof. So how come passels of lawyers roll up regularly in their BMWs for take-outs? Or to munch, lunch, and number-crunch at the plastic sidewalk tables? Maybe it’s Max’s awesome American burrito. Still feeling guilty? They have a vegetarian sandwich, “stacked high” with fresh veggies. Open breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/06)*
Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033.

Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she’s doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*
Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branstons pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English

beer, say a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you’re rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it’s completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with

items like “Texas chili,” or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It’s the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*
Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for “cherry,” and although the café’s logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don’t miss the day’s choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en*

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papillotte. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc* or, at later meals, mussels in saffron broth with *frites* or lamb with *chermoula*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, specialty root beer, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, everything available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Three meals Monday through Friday, brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very

good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster mar-

tini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interest-

ing varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Lunch delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cow-boy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Molly's Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-trite clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember? Try the stuffed squash blossoms, pappardelle with chanterelles, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open daily for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The

mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab sticks, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

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Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through

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RESTAURANTS

Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot

Some Like It Hot, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.B. (9/03)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as

tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids'

sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarrós* and pizza. *Tarrós* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open

kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jockey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Vallarta 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before *El Toreo de Tijuana*), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic sulls. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeño*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

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OGGI's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the house-made brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — N.W. (12/04)

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Cartoony Evil

He shouldn't be played as a mustache-tweaker or pitchfork-toting gargoyle.

Try to pinpoint motivations of Shakespeare's major characters and you'll question his literary eminence. He often suffers from serial amnesia, forgetting in later acts what he wrote earlier (Hamlet, for example, ages ten years in *Hamlet*). Just as often, stated motives are inadequate (the Macbeths don't have children; ergo, they should obliterate Scotland?). Maybe the Bard wasn't that great a writer after all. Or maybe, as Stephen Greenblatt claims in *Will in the World*, Shakespeare was adept at erasing motives, at extinguishing the light at the end of the tunnel.

Greenblatt calls this deliberate blurring "strategic opacity." It helps explain why Iago's so unfathomable. He says he wants to ruin Othello because the Moor may have dallied "twixt my sheets" with Iago's wife. Othello also chose inexperienced Cassio lieutenant instead of the veteran Iago. Later Iago says he loved Desdemona, kind-sorta. These causes even taken together don't account for Iago's infinite malevolence. At committing evil, he's a first-ballot hall-of-famer.

Iago wants to make "suspicion" equal "surety" — mere doubt being evidence enough for action. According to Ron Suskind's *One Percent Doctrine*, Iago's approach mirrors current U.S. policy: "If there's just a one percent chance of the unimaginable coming true," say the powers that be, "act as if it's a certainty," and evidence be damned. Suskind also calls this policy the "Cheney Doctrine." Iago uses such a "low probability/high impact" event on Othello.

Iago's a monster. Even so, he shouldn't be played as a mustache-tweaker or pitchfork-toting gargoyle. He may be Shakespeare's best actor, in fact. To find out why Denmark is "rotten," Hamlet dons an "antic disposition" (all told, the Danish politicians may be better theater critics than Iago's Venetians, since Polonius and King Claudius both suspect Hamlet's up to something). Instead of Hamlet's feigned madness, Iago adopts a guise of "love and duty" so well that Othello's convinced he's honest.

The only irksome performance in an otherwise smartly staged *Othello* at the Old Globe: Karl Kenzler runs Iago all over the map. At first he's

a frat-brother/prankster, with Monty Pythonesque fillips: wink-wink, nudge-nudge. Throughout he's a speed freak (as if Othello's misery were Iago's drug of choice). Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes succeed. To his credit, Kenzler is consistent, detailed, and quite funny. But when Iago ceases being "opaque" and reveals himself to be a "demi devil," Kenzler goes cartoony evil: a Halloween goblin's fake wicked laugh and beady eyes. The depths are never there.

Which raises the question: how could this guy have duped Othello? Kenzler's glib choices make Jonathan Peck's Moor less noble. Not that Peck skimps anywhere. One of the tests of an Othello comes early. Act One, Scene Three, gives him *miles* of exposition: his life story, why he requires "ocular proof," why he married Desdemona. Trusting, open, he even explains that his sexual urges have waned ("the young affects [desires] in me defunct"). With a sonorous voice that doesn't need the mike he wears above his right ear — for unclear reasons, the entire cast is miked — Peck turns the speeches into a spell-binding tour. He not only reveals humility, pride, and honesty, he describes Othello's steady rise up Fortune's Ferris wheel. Except for a vile racism that tightens around him with each new scene, the Moor pretty much has it all. Peck convinces that he's earned it. And, *Othello* demonstrates, Fortune's wheel can spin it away in a heartbeat.

"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" — one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When it dawns on Julie Jesneck's Desdemona that her husband wants to murder her, she fights back as best she can. Throughout Jesneck gives Desdemona a freedom most lack: liberated from her father's influence, married to the man she loves; and whether or not they've consummated — a question in many commentators' minds — she enjoys her status in a world newly opened to her.

As Jesneck pleads for life, it's as if Desdemona becomes even more innocent, more loving. Peck matches this urgency with a final metamorpho-



Karl Kenzler, Julie Jesneck, Jonathan Peck in *Othello*

Othello, by William Shakespeare

Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Jesse Berger; cast: Jonathan Peck, Julie Jesneck, Charles Janasz, Michael Urie, Michael A. Newcomer, Matt Biedel, Wynn Harmon; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Linda Cho; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Christopher R. Walker

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Iphigenia at Aulis, by Euripides, translated by Marianne McDonald

6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest
Directed by Douglas Lay; cast: Ruff Yeager, Jack Winans, Judy Ho, Leti Carranza, Tatiana Holthaus, Dorothy Guthrie, Sarah Knapp, Rhys Greene, Melissa Hamilton, Anthony Hamm, Robin Christ, Michelle Cabinian, Giancarlo Ruiz; scenic design, Vincent Sneddon; costumes, Lay; lighting, Mitchell Simkovsky; sound, Eusevio Cordoba; composer, vocal arranger, Leigh Scarritt
Playing through August 6; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-688-9210.

sis. He's the warrior denied battle up to now (since the entire Turkish fleet sank on his way to Cyprus) and stopped two swordfights. The clash of the guiltless bride and the stone-hearted Moor is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief — because this should *not* be happening! — and deeply moving.

Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars that make the men look like John

the Baptist's head on a plate, the supporting cast does quality work. Michael A. Newcomer's Cassio's appropriately two-faced: a Renaissance courtier to Desdemona; a sexist pig to his courtesan, Bianca. Michael Urie stuffs Roderigo with more business than the role can handle but gets comic mileage along the way. As Iago's wife Emilia, Cileste Ciulla goes in opposite directions at the same time: the angrier she gets, the more she be-

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It's almost a local tradition to make the Chorus in Greek tragedies marble orchard-stiff. For 6th@Penn's impressive *Iphigenia at Aulis*, they're the most supportive, fluid, and mesmerizing I've ever seen.

Five young women seem to grow out of the stage. Mounds evolve into faceless, leper-like beings huddled together. They slowly become people, then representatives of public opinion, commenting on the scene, even helping one when she can't pronounce a tricky name. Then they sing Leigh Scarritt's eerie music — steep, note-to-note intervals — with such polish they elevate the entire production several notches.

The women are tourists from Chalcis — war groupies, almost, come to Aulis to see the Greek heroes on their way to Troy. The fleet could remain there for some time, since the goddess Artemis stopped the winds. Calchas, the prophet who predicted the Trojan War would take many years, says general Agamemnon offended her. She wants his daughter sacrificed. Iphigenia must die, or the thousand ships won't sail.

"Some god has driven Greece mad," says Ruff Yea-

ger's emotionally shredded Agamemnon. Either that, or they've placed far too much faith in the words of an enterprising seer. And is Iphigenia a Joan of Arc or the dupe of warrior-dominant rhetoric?

The chorus and Michelle Cabinian's innocent Iphigenia make the production worth seeing. But there's much more. Director/costume designer Douglas Lay puts the Greeks in a modern war camp: camouflage netting surrounds the audience; when a helicopter lands, you'll duck to avoid its blades. Along with two kids playing catch with a hand grenade, Lay's encouraged bold choices throughout, including a splendid performance by Robin Christ. Her Clytemnestra reveals Agamemnon's cold-blooded killer inside the loving Mycenaean queen.

Moses Hadas called *Iphigenia* the "last Greek tragedy." It was Euripides' final play. Posthumously produced, its elements are much more integrated than the old form allowed. And given its analysis of wars and motives and the human costs of each, it couldn't be more contemporary. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Actors Alliance: Festival 2006

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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; 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.

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Collected Stories

Don't worry about hurting anyone'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 Kan-

dis 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.

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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, 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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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,

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logistics disappear into Sam’s frantic, behind-the-scenes world. Sam, it turns out, is an aspiring actor lacking “a strong sense of personal entitlement” — just what every irate caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with flying colors. Throughout, the audience’s “oh yeah’s” and “that’s right’s” punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or taken reservations (a friend of mine, who books for a local hotel, refers to the public, off the record, as “the beast”) will empathize with *Fully Committed*. And, given McBean’s special performance, so should everyone else.

Critic’s pick.

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Honk!

Vanguard at the Westminster Theatre 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 THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH JULY 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Iphigenia at Aulis

Reviewed this issue. 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.

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A Midsummer Night’s Dream

You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak’s staging of Shakespeare’s comedy, “Dude, you would not believe how I spent my summer vacation!” Four teens graduate from an academy (late 19th/early 20th Century). To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases, tennis rackets, and a teddy bear, and things fall apart. The production has Tresnjak’s hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments (there’s an infectious sense of play here; the cast’s obviously encouraged to invent freely). Imbued with rah-rah idealism, at first, and later with teenage angst, the lovers — Eve Danzeisen, David Villalobos, Owiso Odfera, and Julie Jesneck — are both distinct individuals and a sharp ensemble. The mechanicals, however, aren’t “rude” enough (es-



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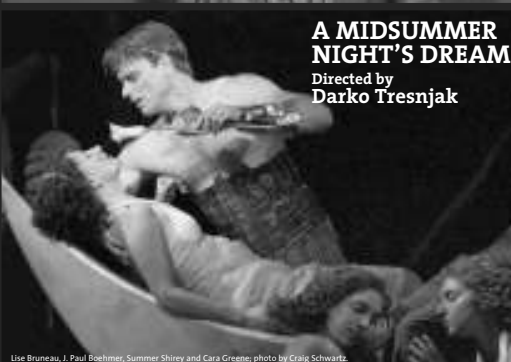
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Moms in America

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.

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Titus Andronicus

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 per-

formance 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

The Mousetrap

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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Othello

Reviewed this issue. 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.)

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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.”

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Worth a try.

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On the second straight week of summer doldrums, my selection (at the indispensable Kensington Video) was Eric Rohmer's *Triple Agent*. A pity

that it should come to this. Resnais, Godard, Chabrol, Lelouch, all of his surviving contemporaries, have had to become accustomed to snubs from American film importers, but Rohmer without fail has continued to receive

invitations, right up through his seventies and into his eighties: his Indian summery *Autumn Tale* and his

experimental dabble in digital video and CGI, *The Lady and the Duke*. The open-door policy in his instance was always something of a puzzle, in that his name is a virtual byword for talky, static, actionless cinema. (So much so that Gene Hackman's private eye in *Night Moves*, a full three decades ago, likened the experience to "watching paint dry.") The closed door, the slammed door, in the face of his new *Triple Agent*, after all this time, is no less of a puzzle. The subject matter of *entre-les-guerres* espionage among post-revolutionary Russians in exile in France at least *sounds* more commercial, more "exciting," more "thrilling," than his norm. But I would have to see for myself. I would simply have to see it on a small screen.

(Perhaps, as an aside, I ought to



Triple Agent

be more put out about the snubs to Godard. Kensington's shelves are littered with films of his that I would have dutifully attended in theaters — *Passion*, *Detective*, *New Wave*, *Oh Woe Is Me*, *Forever Mozart* — yet I can't seem to bring myself to pick one of these for pleasure. My education cannot be left entirely in my own hands.)

No real surprise, *Triple Agent* proves to be no more exciting or thrilling, no less talky and static. While that makes it nothing unusual for Rohmer, it does make it something unusual for espionage. Something of an anti-spy film. (A period piece, on the other hand, is not unprecedented for Rohmer, but is still unusual, and a 20th-century

period piece is over a century closer to present-day than either *The Lady and the Duke* or *The Marquise of O.*) Together with Chabrol, Rohmer was the co-author of a cornerstone study of Hitchcock, *circa* 1957, though unlike Chabrol he has never himself been a mimicker of the Master. Just because he is suddenly consorting with spies,



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he is not about to start now. Where Hitchcock gives us Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, James Stewart and Doris Day, Paul Newman and Julie Andrews, Rohmer gives us uncharismatic unknowns, Serge Renko and Katerina Didaskalou. Where Hitchcock pushes the underlying politics into the background, Rohmer pushes them to the fore. Where Hitchcock is always scheming of camera angles and movement, Rohmer is transfixed by words. Where Hitchcock permits nothing to impede his pace, Rohmer pauses for illustration and instruction. Where Hitchcock will sacrifice complexity for clarity, Rohmer cultivates confusion. And where Hitchcock ties things up in a neat little bow, Rohmer refuses to fall back on the license of fiction in order to offer a solution to an Unsolved Mystery.

Much of the confusion of *Triple Agent* is inherent in the subject matter, a factual case centered around a former White Russian general, relocated in Paris at the head of the Russian Army Veterans Association, nurturing a network of shadowy contacts from Moscow to Berlin. It was clearly a confusing time. The rising French communists, in perfect opposition to the sinking Russian expatriates, saw eye to eye with Stalin on politics, but not on art. And they were in no hurry for their own revolution, with Hitler installed across one border and Franco settling in across another. Stalin and Hitler, meantime, the strangest of bedfellows, might prove useful to one another for as long as they could postpone their showdown. Interspersed newsreels from the period keep us abreast of major developments. But only if you majored in Modern European History will you feel completely comfortable with the talk of opposed factions, mixed sympathies, tangled alliances. The talk, as always with Rohmer, is civilized and fluid, yet at the same time very dry, even desiccated. (Maybe “fluid” wasn’t the right word. Maybe “windy.”) The protagonist at the heart of the *affaire* is “a bit of a chatterbox,” in the assessment of his apolitical Greek wife, an old-fashioned genre painter to the Russian taste rather than the French. Because Rohmer never announces his spies as spies, never introduces them with calling cards, we must listen intently to every conversation with an ear for Loose Lips: “You say a lot of things to strangers you never say to your wife.” (Is the upstairs communist just shooting the breeze or is he panning for gold? Can the cab-driving Russian prince be trusted with the straight poop? Is the offer of a free-of-charge house in the suburbs too good to be true?) The confusion, the incomprehension, is inherent as well in the largely domestic scope of the action — the cloak-and-daggers kept discreetly off-screen — and wifely point of view: “I was only half listening. I prefer not to know too much.”

It is good to be able to report that the digital-video experiment is behind us, and that the 35mm image is sharp, bright, rich, and beautiful. A prelude title card on the DVD assures us, in addition, that the full-screen aspect ratio of 1.33:1 was expressly dictated by the director, presumably in conformance with the standard aspect ratio of the Thirties. (He also tosses in an antiquated iris-in and iris-out at one point, a gimmick seldom seen on screen since the death of his contemporary, a fellow Hitchcock fan and a capricious antiquarian, François Truffaut.) The collection of cars, dresses, telephones, radios, coffee pots,

and whatnot, is impressive and enjoyable in a museum sort of way. And if the film is not remotely exciting or thrilling — no “if” about it, really — it is nevertheless interesting (devaluated word) and involving. And if, finally, I cannot truthfully say I found it as entertaining as *Nacho Libre*, for example, or *The Lake House*, that’s not quite the point. The point is, to go back to where we started, I actually wanted to see it. A rarer thing these days than mere entertainment. ■

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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 comedy. (The screenwriters, Jeremy Garelick and Jay Lavender, and the director, Peyton Reed, are all male, so no equal representation.) Vince Vaughn,



Cars

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; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Caché — Well-chilled French thriller comparable in degrees centigrade to *Time Out*, *With a Friend Like Harry*, *Merci pour le Chocolat*, *Red Lights*, et al. An anonymous videocassette in a plastic bag is left without explanation at the doorstep of the civilized host of a book-chat TV show: a two-hour static surveillance shot of the front of the house where he lives with his wife and their twelve-year-old son. A similar second tape, night-time, follows, accompanied by a childish drawing of a figure with blood streaming from the mouth. You can readily imagine, inasmuch as you are put snugly in the shoes of the protagonist, how this might give you the willies. An additional drawing, later, of a bloody chicken and additional surveillance tape of his boyhood home in the country, where now his mother alone resides, would seem to point the finger at an Algerian immigrant, a long-ago playmate of the protagonist, whom the latter’s parents had once planned to adopt. There’s a story there, a story hidden, a deep dark secret from the past, unknown even to

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the wife. The measured disclosure of it is as much a test of patience as a test of nerve. The austere Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke lowers the temperature a few degrees nearer the deep freeze, even, than the French ideal. He gets unostentatious fine performances from Daniel Auteuil and a thicker-in-the-middle Juliette Binoche, and it's always good to see the venerable Annie Girardot (the mother in the country). He avails himself of no mood-setting background music, staying alert to ambient sound only, maintaining the stillness of a stalker, a voyeur. His spookily empty images, not just the ones borrowed from the surveillance camera, possess something of the expectancy, the pregnancy, of the early-20th-century photographs of Eugène Atget. And the unsettling final shot, outside the school of the twelve-year-old, is a stimulating discussion-starter for viewers whose curiosity rises above "Huh?" Answer this: whose point of view? 2005.
★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/23, 2 P.M.)

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 Man

little backwater of Radiator Springs (soon christened "Hillbilly Hell") off Route 66 ("the Mother Road"), which time and the interstate have passed by. Whether or not you can steer around the irony, or

hypocrisy, or cynicism, or what-you-will, of a computer cartoon waxing nostalgic over the slower pace and simpler ways of the Good Old Days, this is one of the better specimens of this type of animation, the airless, vacuum-sealed, climate-controlled, machine-tooled type. The clean, sleek, toy-like shapes of the vehicles (straight out of an old Chevron commercial) are easily handled, and their personalities inventively differentiated. The town itself is wittily detailed: the single flashing yellow light on Main Street, the caution-cone motel cabins, the geodesic-dome garage for the psychedelic hippie van, etc. And, outside of the herd of flatulent tractors, the sense of humor refrains from the off-color. And having to listen to Owen Wilson is much preferable to having to look at him at the same time. Paul Newman, a racing enthusiast in real life, could be said to be well cast as the voice of the legendary Hudson Hornet, Piston Cup champ from 1951 to '53, who chose to put himself out to pasture at the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity. 2006.
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Chocolat — Another art-house food film: an agnostic chocolate-maker opens her Little Shop of Temptations during the Lenten fast. Director Lasse Hallstrom follows his discreet pro-choice propaganda (*The Cider House Rules*) with a smug, complacent, liberal-minded broadside against the smugness, complacency, and narrow-mindedness of a French-Catholic provincial village circa 1959. The motley international cast adds to the air of unreality: some do French accents; some don't; Juliette Binoche does one naturally; Johnny Depp does an Irish. With Lena Olin, Alfred Molina, Carrie-Anne Moss, Judi Dench, Peter Stormare. 2000.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/20 AND 21, 8:30 P.M.)

Clerks II — Kevin Smith's update on the cast of characters in his 1994 indie, with Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, and Rosario Dawson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/21)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

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My Super Ex-Girlfriend — A regular guy (Luke Wilson) tries to break up with a superhero (Uma Thurman), directed by Ivan Reitman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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 VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/21)

Nacho Libre — Nothing if not esoteric: a backhanded salute to Mexican wrestling movies — campy superhero adventures of masked *luchadores* with names like Santo and Blue Demon — and, more broadly, the whole south-of-the-border wrestling sub-culture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, 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 appro-



Superman Returns

priately 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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 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 him-

self, last did a remake of the unimprovable *Flight of the Phoenix*.) For all its sheen, it loses some star power in the substitution of Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles for Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, and along with it some parental power. Is Liev Schreiber apt to succeed where Gregory Peck failed? (Mia Farrow, former mother of the Son of Satan in *Rosemary’s Baby*, is gimmickily cast as his nanny, the anti-Mary Poppins.) At the finish, it isn’t the influence of the Devil inside the White House that need worry us. It’s the prospect of remakes of sequels. David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, Michael Gambon. 2006. ● (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 Alison Janney; directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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.

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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.

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A Prairie Home Companion — Its title and its emcee have been taken from Garrison (a/k/a Garrulous) Keillor’s weekly public-radio show. But there is no mention of the imaginary world of Lake Wobegone, MN. The sole setting is the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, named after native son F. Scott, and ticketed for the wrecking ball; and the plot situation is closing night of a long-running old-fashioned live radio variety hour, mixing gospel music, cowboy songs, bluegrass, and blues: a fragile audio fantasy made heavily (and unconvincingly) concrete. Director Robert Altman brings, along with his drifting, disengaged cameras, a deep-seated condescension that makes the loss seem like no big loss. And it goes without saying that he also brings an ensemble cast: Kevin Kline as a Clouseau-esque private eye unfortunately named Guy Noir and unfortunately narrating in first person, Virginia Madsen as a heaven-sent angel in a white trenchcoat, Tommy Lee Jones as the heartless new landlord, and a host of nonsingers as singers, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly, Woody Harrelson, L.Q. Jones, and the regrettably irrepressible Keillor himself. Lindsay Lohan, purportedly a professional singer, sounds the worst of the lot. (Streep, a passable warbler, always gives more than required or requested, and she alone thought to give a Minnesota accent.) Inevitably there are nice touches, like the new landlord’s sour glance at the bust of Fitzgerald during Reilly’s and Harrelson’s “Bad Jokes” number (“Why do they call it

PMS? Because mad cow was already taken”), but Altman treats everything, good, bad, mostly indifferent, as a throw-away. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

A Scanner Darkly — Druggie paranoia in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater’s adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his *Waking Life*, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn’t disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body “scramble suit” that conceals the wearer’s identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder’s long-awaited first “nude” scene. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18)

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)

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

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DVD

MICHAEL BOYCE

Store manager, *On Comic Ground*

My three superhero DVD picks would be *Wonder Woman*, the cheesy *Blade: Trinity*, and the original *Superman* with Christopher Reeve. But my all-time favorite movies are *House of Yes*, *Freeway*, and *Happiness*. Anyone with a sense of black humor has to see *House of Yes* if only to see Parker Posey trash poor Tori Spelling. Tori comes down in this big poofy dress and Posey just slices her face open.

Freeway offers Reese Witherspoon in her defining role as a crack-baby whore. It’s Little Red Riding Hood modernized with Kiefer Sutherland as the Big Bad Wolf. Definitely not for kids, and I can’t repeat my favorite line for print. Just go see it.

Most people cite *Welcome to the Dollhouse* as the best from Todd Solondz, but I prefer *Happiness*. If you think your life is miserable, see this.

HOUSE OF YES (USA) 1997, Miramax
List price: \$14.99

FREEWAY (USA) 1996, Republic
List price: \$9.98

HAPPINESS (USA) 1998, Lionsgate
List price: \$14.98

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.

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BILLY MARTINEZ

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John Carpenter’s *They Live* kicks ass! Strange space aliens masquerade as humans while tricking the public into submission with subliminal advertising. Packed with action, adventure, and some really cool one-liners, this movie feels and moves like a comic book.

The apocalyptic adventure *The Road Warrior* has some of the best car battles known to man. Mel Gibson plays one certified bad-ass ex-cop drifting through the wasteland in search of gas, which is like gold. This is Mel at his best and his character is so damn cool.

What if Elvis and JFK didn’t die? Elvis (Bruce Campbell) and a decrepit, black JFK (Ossie Davis) set out to defeat a 3000-year-old mummy with a penchant for sucking human souls in *Bubba Ho-Tep*. This Elvis is pretty handy with his walker and kung-fu moves.

THEY LIVE (USA) 1988, MCA
List price: \$14.98

THE ROAD WARRIOR (Australia) 1981, Warner Home Video
List price: \$14.98

BUBBA HO-TEP (USA) 2002, MGM
List price: \$19.98

ROBERT SCOTT

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I’m a sentimental fool and could watch *To Sir, with Love* over and over. It’s timeless and genuine. Poitier helps awaken 1960s high school students from their disaffected, irresponsible lives and gives them a reason to become responsible adults. Lulu performing the title song never fails to bring a tear.

Hudson Hawk is totally improbable, completely over the top and non-stop fun. A great antidote to *The Da Vinci Code*! Bruce Willis is a cat burglar who uses music to time his jobs. When I want to laugh my ass off, this is the go-to movie.

Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence offers a setting not likely seen before. The World War II film has David Bowie as a British soldier confined to a Japanese internment camp. Bowie, in an incredible performance, not only becomes the spiritual/emotional leader of the Allied prisoners but also develops a relationship with the Japanese commandant.

TO SIR, WITH LOVE (USA) 1967, Columbia Tristar
List price: \$24.95

HUDSON HAWK (USA) 1991, Columbia Tristar
List price: \$9.95

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. LAWRENCE (England/Japan) 1983, C Logic
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of the Grand Canyon. The whole business, including an entire pigpen’s worth of male chauvinists, arouses no feminist sentiment as strong as the one of pity and regret that actresses as engaging as Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon have to count themselves fortunate in the present marketplace to be allotted the title roles. 1991.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/22 AND 23, 8:30 P.M.)

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story — Not a straight adaptation of the Laurence Sterne classic, but a sort of parabolic pass at one. The fact that the novel is widely acknowledged to be “un-filmable” (openly acknowledged to be that within the film itself) does not stop Michael Winterbottom from filming the attempt of a fictitious film company to film it. This allows him to stage some plausible, along with implausible, scenes from such an attempt (with a built-in excuse for inadequacies), while at the same time to poke fun at the foolhardy souls who would make the attempt. It also allows him to claim fidelity in some small degree to the “self-reflexive” spirit of the book. (Awareness within awareness: bits of the background music are lifted from Fellini’s self-referential 8½.) The result, no surprise, is unacceptable as a literary adaptation, but acceptable enough as a behind-the-scenes satire, with deft portraits of the insecure leading man (Steve Coogan as “himself”), the film-buff personal assistant whose allusions run to Bresson and Fassbinder, the persnickety technical advisor on 18th-century warfare, among others. All in all, it works out to be roughly a fourth as funny as any half-hour episode of the Ricky Gervais TV series, *Extras*, on HBO. The fleeting presence here, in an un-funny part, of the delightful Ashley Jensen from that series inevitably invites the comparison. Winterbottom is himself plainly

not immune to foolhardiness. With Rob Brydon, Naomie Harris, Kelly Macdonald, Jeremy Northam, Ian Hart, and Gillian Anderson. 2006.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/24, 6:30 P.M.)

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)

Wassup Rockers — Larry (*Kids*) Clark has found his subject (kids) and isn’t looking for another. This time, with a bit less of a shock factor and even more of a boredom factor, it’s a tight-pantsed gang of seven Hispanic skateboarders in South Central L.A. — an Unmagnificent Seven of unexceptional skills, including their amateur improvisatory acting. There’s a drive-by shooting prior to the end of the opening credits, and an aimless preamble on their home turf (“You got beer,” purrs a pubescent sex kitten, “I *like* beer”), before they head out for a day in Beverly Hills, and a dive into the cheapest type of exploitation plotting: a traffic stop and an automobile impound, an arrest, a sexual overture from a pair of white-bread vamps (“You’re not circumcised.” “No, I’m Latino”), a brawl, a fatal shooting, a homosexual pedophile and a possibly fatal tumble down the stairs, a definitely fatal electrocution of a middle-aged face-lifted lush. The fatal shooter, by the way, a trigger-happy Hollywood star, is unmistakably a dead ringer for Clint Eastwood (“You know my policy: Shoot first and ask questions later”), but seeing as how the real Eastwood has become the screen’s Voice of Conscience, Clark’s satirical aim



Wassup Rockers

would seem to be wide of the mark by about twenty years. With Francisco Pedrasa, Jonathan Velasquez, Milton Velasquez, and Eddie Velasquez. 2006.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/21)

Who Killed the Electric Car? — Documentary written and directed by Chris Paine, narrated by Martin Sheen, with appearances by Mel Gibson, Tom Hanks, Phyllis Diller. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/21)

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 up-graded Class Five mutant: “The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a cocoon that protected her.”) The story-telling addresses itself exclusively to devotees and does not worry itself with recruiting new ones or reclaiming defectors. Only devotees, surely, could go along with the assumption that the thing the series needed, even before the thinning-out through death and alteration, was more mutants with more powers. In sum, more mess. New to the series, Brett Ratner directed, or at any rate sat in the director’s chair. With Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Kelsey Grammer. 2006.
● (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.
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The Break-Up (PG-13); **Cars** (G); **Clerks II** (Not Rated); **Click** (PG-13); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13); **Lady in the Water** (PG-13); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Monster House** (PG); **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)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:20; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:35

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Strangers with Candy (R) Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Chocolat (PG-13); **Thelma and Louise** (R)

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 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. (1:40,

4:25, 5:15) 7:10, 9:35, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 9:35, 10:20; **Wassup Rockers** (R) Fri. (2:30) 7:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 7:45; **Who Killed the Electric Car?** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **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; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 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)
Cars (G) Fri. (10:10, 1:05, 4:15) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:05) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:15, 4:05) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 4:05, 6:45, 9:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:35, 5:35) 7:20, 8:20, 10:05, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:35, 5:35, 7:20, 8:20, 10:05, 11:00; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 6:30, 7:10, 9:00; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 11:35, 12:35, 2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:40) 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 11:35, 12:35, 2:05, 3:05) 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:25; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45) Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 1:20, 3:35) 5:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 3:50, 5:55) 6:30, 7:00, 9:20, 9:40, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00,

12:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 3:50) 5:55, 6:30, 7:00, 9:20, 9:40, 10:00, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35

LA MESA

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Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:30) 5:50, 8:25, 10:50; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 12:05, 2:50, 5:25) 8:10, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (9:30, 12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:50; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:35, 3:05, 4:15) 5:40, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:10; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:35, 3:15) 5:35, 8:20, 10:55; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (9:30, 11:45, 2:15, 5:00) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (9:30, 11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:25, 10:05; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:35, 3:10) 6:00, 8:50, 11:10; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45) 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (9:45, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 2:00, 3:45) 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (9:40, 12:55, 4:20) 7:50, 11:15; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri. (9:35, 10:25, 12:10, 1:05, 2:50, 4:30) 5:35, 7:30, 8:35, 10:20, 11:05 Sat.,-Sun. (9:35, 10:25, 12:10, 1:05, 2:50) 4:30, 5:35, 7:30, 8:35, 10:20, 11:05

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 1:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 1:20; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35

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. 10:15 (1:15); **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:15, 4:15) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (3:30) 7:15, 10:45; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road (858-558-2262)
Cars (G); **Clerks II** (Not Rated); **Click** (PG-13); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13); **Lady in the Water** (PG-13); **The Lake House** (PG); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Monster House** (PG); **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (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)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Cars (G) Fri. (10:45, 1:40, 4:30) 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:40) 4:30, 7:20; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:45; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:25, 4:05) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:05, 7:35, 10:25; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:05, 1:20, 1:50, 4:15, 4:40) 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 11:05, 1:20, 1:50) 4:15, 4:40, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:45; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 9:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 9:45, 10:35; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (10:30, 11:35, 12:50, 2:20, 3:15, 4:45) 7:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 11:35, 12:50, 2:20, 3:15) 4:45, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 10:20; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:10) 7:05,

10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:10, 7:05, 10:15; **Nacho Libre** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 5:30) 6:45, 7:25, 9:30, 10:05, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45) 5:30, 6:45, 7:25, 9:30, 10:05, 10:45; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:05, 1:30, 1:55, 4:20, 4:45) 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 11:05, 1:30, 1:55) 4:20, 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND
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Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:25, 7:15; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 9:50; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; **My**

Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:20, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 2:40, 3:40) 6:20, 7:20, 9:40, 10:40; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:55; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:25, 2:30, 3:50) 5:00, 6:50, 7:40, 9:35, 10:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

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); **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Devil Wears Prada**

(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:00) 7:00, 9:30; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:15, 4:15) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

RAMONA

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626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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VISTA

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Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Monster House** (PG)

Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 3:25, 6:45, 9:55; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15); **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (3:15, 4:15) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (3:45) 7:15, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Lady in the Water** (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. 12:00 (3:45) 7:30, 10:45; **A Scanner Darkly** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:20) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:00; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50) 2:25, 5:05, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (11:50) 2:25, 5:05, 7:35; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00) 2:30, 6:00, 9:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 3:00, 6:15, 9:40; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13) Fri. 6:40, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 4:00, 6:40, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Arthur's Missing Pal (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 2:10, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:55, 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:25; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:05, 11:05, 12:30, 2:05, 3:00, 4:55, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30, 11:00, 2:00, 2:30, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 3:00, 6:35, 9:50; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05

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Dinero, relaciones sentimentales, favores de camaradería y presiones familiares son algunas de las razones por las que los agentes fronterizos se involucran con 'polleros' mexicanos y permiten el cruce de ilegales.

Los motivos por los que los agentes federales se corrompen son diversos, complejos y además difíciles de detectar.

Sin embargo, durante el año fiscal, que va de

octubre del 2005 a septiembre del 2006, se han descubierto a 17 oficiales corruptos, relacionados con organizaciones de traficantes que les pagaron grandes cantidades de dinero por hacerse de la 'vista gorda' y dejar pasar ilegales.

Tal es el caso de Anthony Gilliland quien era un agente del Departamento de Aduanas de Estados Unidos y que fue descubierto tras coludirse con una banda de polleros.

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Confiesa pollera

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

María, o Mari como la conocían en el "negocio", parece una común ama de casa en la cuadra de su colonia, situada al Este de Tijuana.

Pero esta máscara desaparece cuando revela que en los últimos 16 años ha cruzado ilegalmente a Estados Unidos a más de mil personas.

Tenía seis hijos a su cuidado cuando se separó de su marido alcohólico en

1990; su trabajo como sirvienta no le alcanzaba y en una de esas casas que limpiaba le ofrecieron que llevara a una persona con un pasaporte prestado "al otro lado".

Al poco tiempo, y sin pretenderlo, estaba cruzando al menos a seis personas durante los fines de semana.

Dijo que sus dádivas a los agentes fronterizos iban entre 500 y mil 500 dólares, dependiendo del número de personas.

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ca", dijo el abanderado del Partido de la Revolución Democrática (PRD) ante sus seguidores reunidos en el Zócalo, la principal plaza pública de la capital.

Simpatizantes y partidarios vestidos en su mayoría de amarillo, el color del PRD, caminaron varios kilómetros. La policía capitalina, donde gobierna el PRD, afirmó que más de 900 mil personas se congregaron en una de las manifestaciones más grandes en la historia del Distrito Federal.

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Si los jugadores italianos fueran tan buenos como lo son sus directivos para hacer trampas y arreglar partidos, entonces yo no tendría ningún problema en reconocer que es la mejor selección de fútbol en el mundo.

La cuestión es que durante el Mundial 2006, incluyendo la final contra Francia, los futbolistas azurri mostraron que no les interesa dar espectáculo a la tribuna.

Un esquema defensivo a ultranza y artilleros oportunos que aprovechan al máximo sus oportunidades de gol es el sello que siempre ha caracterizado a las

selecciones italianas.

No quiero quitarle mérito al cuadro que dirigió Marcelo Lippi, pero la verdad es que los italianos aburrieron a morir en el Mundial de Alemania.

El resultado es inmejorable para el pueblo italiano pero el fútbol perdió con el campeonato obtenido por italianos.

Los entrenadores que solamente buscan resultados se escudarán en el ejemplo de Italia para no arriesgar nada en la cancha de juego.

A fin de cuentas lo que parece interesar en esta época no es el buen fútbol que desplieguen los equipos sino conseguir marcadores positivos aunque esto implique sacrificar el espectáculo.



Canta Bebe

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Fuerza, energía y mucha pasión fue lo que la cantante española Bebe dejó en el House of Blues en lo que fue su último concierto en Estados Unidos.

Su música, si bien no es muy conocida por estos lados, es apreciada por los buenos conocedores de talento en estas lides quienes asistieron a presenciar uno de los conciertos más poderosos y agradables.

Bebe, con lo que será su disco de debut y despedida, 'Pafuera telarañas' (2004), ya que dejará por un tiempo los escenarios para dedicarse a aspectos personales y al cine, mostró con su música que hay talento musical y entrega en su trabajo.

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gran muestra de lo que ha aprendido y lo que le ha dejado la vida a sus 28 años, sus experiencias y su trabajo en bares y en el arte escénico.

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Pero su música también es una invitación a los hombres a la reflexión de la importancia que tiene la mujer en la vida.



Se la juega

El mexicano Javier Aguirre, entrenador del Atlético de Madrid, destacó que llega al club rojiblanco con una "enorme ilusión por triunfar y hacer algo grande" con su nuevo equipo, que "necesita" entrar en competición europea esta temporada.

Aguirre declaró que hay que creer en la posibilidad de conseguir algo grande la próxima temporada por, "simple y llanamente, el tamaño de la ilusión, por la envergadura del equipo, por la calidad de los jugadores y por el hambre de todos".

Desde que asumió el cargo de entrenador, para Aguirre está cla-

ro que el equipo rojiblanco debe calificar a las copas europeas.

"Eso es lo que necesita este equipo, lo que yo necesito como profesional y lo que los jugadores necesitan a nivel individual. A nivel institucional, este equipo necesita calificarse a los torneos europeos", añadió.

"Después hay que ver cómo se desarrolla el campeonato local y ahí veremos los objetivos más específicos, pero el plan general es hacer un proyecto europeo. Eso es para mí lo fundamental", indicó el entrenador.

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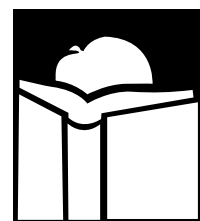
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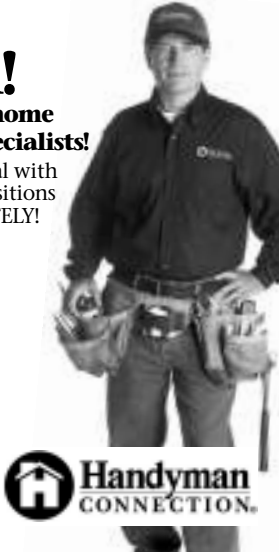
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MIND BODY, exercise, by Clifford C. Oliver, DC, RN, Free. Thursday October 19, 7-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation. 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

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ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST, Singer, tall, fifty, blonde, blue. Seeks similar interests. Educated, creative, nonsmoking, fun-loving, entrepreneurs encouraged for mutual support, long-term romantic relationship Ciao! (8/2) ☎69421

INTELLIGENT, VIBRANT, Humorous, 57 lady wants the company of a gent 50-62 for fun, adventure and companionship. Be educated, sense of humor, for monogamous relationship. (8/2) ☎69415

SPIRITUAL WOMAN, 37, 6'1" love to work out. Looking to meet a serious minded spiritual man 40-50 for a loving relationship, race unimportant. (8/2) ☎69395

WHITE, 50s, Appealing, caring, secure, healthy, honest. Searching for 50-60, educated gentleman; enjoys movies, travel for sharing and intimate relationship. (8/2) ☎69408

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

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

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Mexican, 62, seeks financially secure gentleman, serious relationship only, camping, outdoor, beach, conversation. You 50 to 65, caring homebody. (8/2) ☎69420

SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, Older black lady. Seeks young, attractive, successful, confident cutie who's any race. I'm 40, you under 40, available, social, fun, ready for love. (7/26) ☎69385

NICE LOOKING EUROPEAN Lady, 50, 5'5", blonde, educated, with travel experience in Europe. Seeking soulmate, good looking, educated, to enjoy travel together, North. (8/2) ☎69397

BLONDE, CLASSY, Slender, fun, professional woman. Seeking tall gentleman, educated, outgoing, nonsmoking, financially secure, 53-65, for dating. (7/26) ☎69388

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

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

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

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Zack Wadman
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Oprah. I watch her more. She's a good role model. I like when she catches the child molesters; she gives, like, a hundred grand to anyone who helps catch a wanted child molester. I didn't read *A Million Little Pieces*, but why would she be blamed for other people's lies? I've never read Oprah's magazine; she's not like a talk-show host because she deals with cool stuff. I used to listen to Howard Stern a lot, but Oprah catches child molesters, man; give her a break.




Bobbi Senk
Salon Owner
Mission Valley

Oprah, for sure. I mean, look at Howard Stern. He got banned, and Oprah never got banned; you can't ban Oprah. She knows what's up and is smarter than you think. I like when she gives stuff away; I need to be at one of those shows. When you apply to see the show, do you get to apply for the sad ones or a giveaway? Because I'd sure as hell apply for the giveaway. I used to watch a little Howard Stern at night; he's a shady guy and he's hairy. He's a smart guy and he's doing what he does best and he's tall. Oprah should really run for president. I'd vote for her.




Sophia Dyjak
Student
Lemon Grove

I would have to say it has to do with the subjectivity of the recipient. I would have to say that if you like the show *Barney*, that says a lot about you as a person. If you endorse Howard Stern, you obviously support and condone his ideals. If you support Oprah, that says another thing. It says a lot about you, who you support. For sake of the media icon, Oprah gets more respect than Howard Stern. If you like Howard Stern, that says you like tits and ass, and you want to be obscene, and you could give a crap less about what would be appropriate for any age group for an ideal outcome. I think Oprah is much bigger. Howard Stern likes to see tits and ass, and Oprah wants to save children in Africa and give them a good life because we share the same sun.




Devon Morrill
Library Employee
Mission Beach

Probably Oprah Winfrey because Howard Stern's influence has gone down recently. He's more pop culture and more in with the younger crowd, but overall Oprah still has a wider scale of influence. She has different venues for her views; she appeals to a wider audience than he did. I know a lot of younger people who watch her show, and I used to work in a bookstore, and all of the books she recommends really sell. Some friends I have in college watch Oprah. If Stern had his own TV show, I don't know, I think it would all depend how he handled it.



Adam Darty
Student
La Jolla

I'd say Oprah Winfrey. Soccer moms I love her. I think commercial time for Oprah is a lot more expensive than for Howard Stern. Oprah's fans are definitely reading her magazines and reading all the books she recommends. Some moms I know watch Oprah pretty regularly; they're clicking on every day, whatever time she's on. I don't think she could run for president, but she definitely has a large backing and following.



Justin Reed
Student
Pacific Beach

I would say by percentage and by numbers it would be Oprah. Now that you have to pay for Howard Stern, his influence has gone down. Right now he only applies to a select demographic that can pay for it, and it's, like, one type of people. Howard Stern is a shock jock, so he does things to piss people off. He just likes to push people's buttons; I think he heavily influences with that. He kind of pushes morality, and since we're in a quote-unquote "religious nation," he stirs up a hornet's nest with that.

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

LOOKING FOR A MATURE And serious gentleman; companionship and would be interested in sharing a lasting relationship, 50-56 years of age. (8/2) ☎69422

VIBRANT, SINCERE, Warm Latina, 40s. Seeking Caucasian male 43-52 for a long term relationship. Let's enjoy the summer while it's here. (8/2) ☎69394

PRETTY BRUNETTE, Sexy sixties 5'11", fit, bubbly. Seeks attractive funloving romantic 5'8"+ beach lover. Alaska cruise, Catalina, hugs, humor, wine, sunset picnics, dancing, concerts, love! (7/26) ☎69373

ACTIVE, OUTGOING, Slim, fit, petite, good listener, patient, kind, considerate, open to life, ocean, mountains, theater, movies, dancing, biking. Seeking fit, active 50-57 non-smoker. (8/2) ☎69414

NORTH COUNTY GAL, 46 looks nice. Seeks man who likes to have fun, dancing a plus, art, coffee, camping, brown hair, 162lbs, call for details. (8/2) ☎69401

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

BLONDE FAIR BLUE EYES, Not a fat chick. Looking for an attractive white male who's trustworthy, funny. I like dining, movies, beach, etc. Please call. (8/2) ☎69419

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

SCUBA BUDDY DESIRED, You, single, certified experienced male diver with equipment, ready to roll. Me single female, set up and ready to dive, with experience. (8/2) ☎69666

27, CUTE, SWEET, Honest, don't drink or smoke. Enjoys rock, alternative music, movies, exercising, concerts; 25-35, mature, fun, stable, honest man for lasting relationship. (8/2) ☎69396

SUMMER FUN, Probably more. Single white female, 36, healthy, happy, educated, athletic, outdoorsy, condo owning, professional, love beach and volleyball. Seeking single man, 5'10", 30-42. (8/2) ☎69407

TRUCK DRIVIN' MOMMY, 44 attractive blue/auburn 135lbs, desires forever with tall truck drivin'/Harley ridin' daddy. Looks unimportant; love me, I'll love you back. (8/2) ☎69406

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

ATTRACTIVE, PUERTO-RICAN, Mixed widow, fun loving, left handed, Capricorn, dark, intelligent, honest, kind, sweet, sensitive, sincere, passionate. Seeks professional, tall, loving, white male, secured, 50+-. (8/2) ☎69405

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

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EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/non-religious, 35-53, 5'9"+. (8/2) ☎69417

ATTRACTIVE, CONFIDENT, And caring. Would like to meet a gentleman who can respect the feelings of others and is not afraid of being romantic. (8/2) ☎69418

SHARE SOME TIME TOGETHER. Me, retired, tallish, alive. Living modestly. No smoke. No debts. Have dog, enjoy nature walking, music, reading, etc. You? (8/2) ☎69398

THE ROSE VENEZUELAN, Quality, romantic, professional, love dance. 47, tall, white, happy. You single, work, car, white, 48 to 60, with time for me! (8/2) ☎69412

ALL-AMERICAN CLASSIC Woman, beauty and brains, sense of humor, 5'6", long blonde hair, blue eyes, slender, looking for family man, stable, honest and fun! (8/2) ☎69393

ATTRACTIVE, SWEET, SENSUAL, Happy, playful young African American, caramel colored, great figure, beauty. Seeks caring, sensual, nurturing, financially stable, generous gent, 45+ for fulfilling friendship. (8/2) ☎69409

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INDEPENDENT GLOBETROTTER, European, unencumbered, retired 5'9", 180lbs. trim, nonsmoker, nondrinker, healthy arts-lover, honest, tactful, hobbyist, dresser to occasions. Seeking Caucasian Latina lady under 60. (8/2) ☎69657

HONEST HANDSOME HISPANIC, Hopes to hold non-hetty friendly femme fatale... forever? 52, slender, long divorced. We're unique, pleasant, positive, relatively intelligent, secure, dreamers. Let's eat! (8/2) ☎69685

SENIOR GENTLEMAN 88, European education, PhD, nonsmoker, drinking-socially, active physically/mentally, sincere. Seeking Caucasian lady 60-70 with similar attributes, cheerful/happy person for friendship/marriage. (8/2) ☎69681

HONEST HETEROSEXUAL, Physically fit 5'10" 165lbs, straight white teeth. Good looking Caucasian employed. Seeking

long-term romance with pretty female 35-45 healthy and loves life. (8/2) ☎69683

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

OUTDOOR ORIENTED MAN, Skiing, sailing, dirt bikes, mountains, desert, are my interests, 6'1", 180lbs, 45, easygoing fun type. Seeks adventurous, slim woman. (8/2) ☎69675

ASIAN 30 TO 44 DESIRED, White professional, 47 (looking 39). Toned, smooth skin, shaven face, brown/green, 6", 200lbs. Sweet. Give you wonderful back rubs. (8/2) ☎69660

55, TALL, SLENDER. Hang at Ocean Beach food co-op, the pier, Fiesta Island, libraries, bookstores, Pannikin, hikes, walks. Live near Santee. (8/2) ☎69653

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CAUCASIAN GENTLEMAN, Mid sixties. Seeks to meet adorable Caucasian lady any age, object is to enjoy life. Let's go and do and have fun. (8/2) ☎69678

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 30-45, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. (8/2) ☎69651

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CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (8/2) ☎69652

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HANDSOME, HEALTHY, Successful, 6'1", 42, 200lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, honest. Seeking younger romantic partner, kind, sweet, attractive, educated with long-term potential. Call/write. (8/2) 📞69671

EASY GOING, HISPANIC, 39, 5'11", 165lbs, educated, fun, humorous, athletic, attractive. Seeking an active lady, 24-39, who loves adventure. I'll keep things light and interesting. (8/2) 📞69663

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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

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HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, athletic caregiver. Looking for serious relationship only, no games, age

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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

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WHITE GUY, BLACK GIRL, I'm 33, 5'8" in shape, brown hair, blue eyes, very cute, full lips, great hands. Call me. We'll never know. (8/2) 📞69686

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

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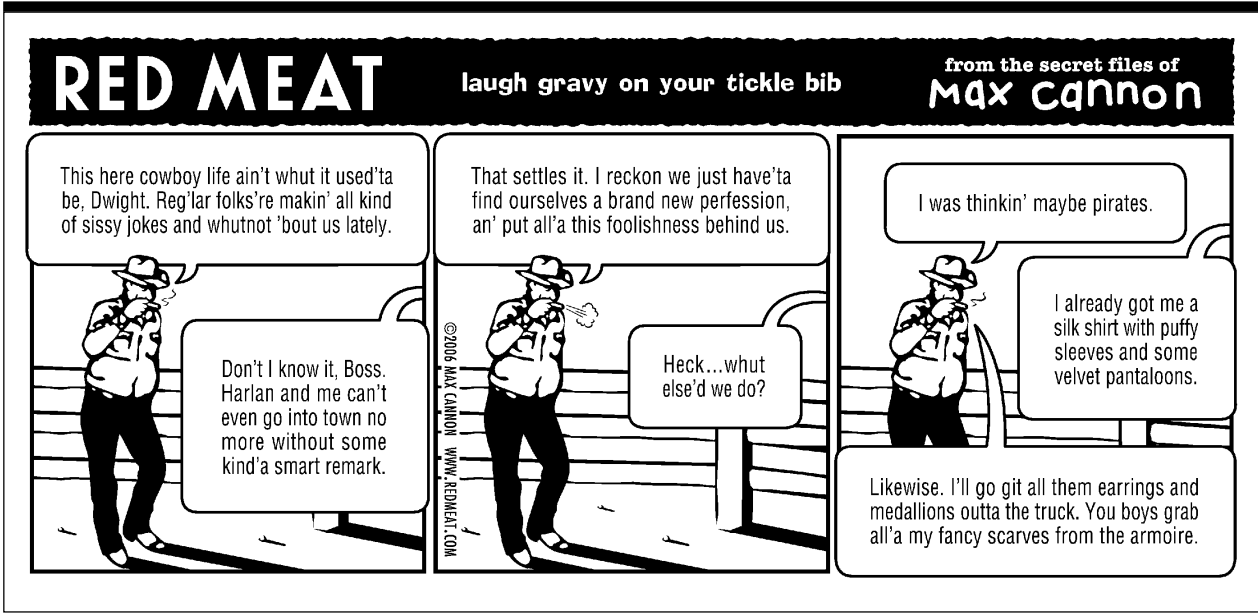
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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- Radar gun meas.
- Grier of "Foxy Brown"
- Overparticular
- Sam Adams product
- _____ Dhabi
- Actresses Donohoe and Plummer
- Low-key
- "The Breakfast Club" radio host
- Move down the computer screen
- Language of the Omahas
- Managed, with "out"
- "Dear Yoko" dedicatee
- "_____ no idea!"
- Swashbuckler's scuffle
- It means nothing to Roger Federer
- 2005 Charlize Theron flick "_____ Flux"
- Spine-tingling
- Numbskull
- Cheese dishes
- Say further
- "Uncle Tom's Cabin" author
- Habeas corpus, e.g.
- A pop
- "Heart and Soul," e.g.
- See 4-Down
- Adj. modifier
- "Guilty," e.g.
- From head _____
- Show off
- Kind of assumption
- Like the final letter of each answer to 17-, 28-, 38- and 46-Across
- Surf, in restaurants
- A Gershwin
- Division of history
- Chewbacca's co-pilot
- Pick up
- FDR or JFK

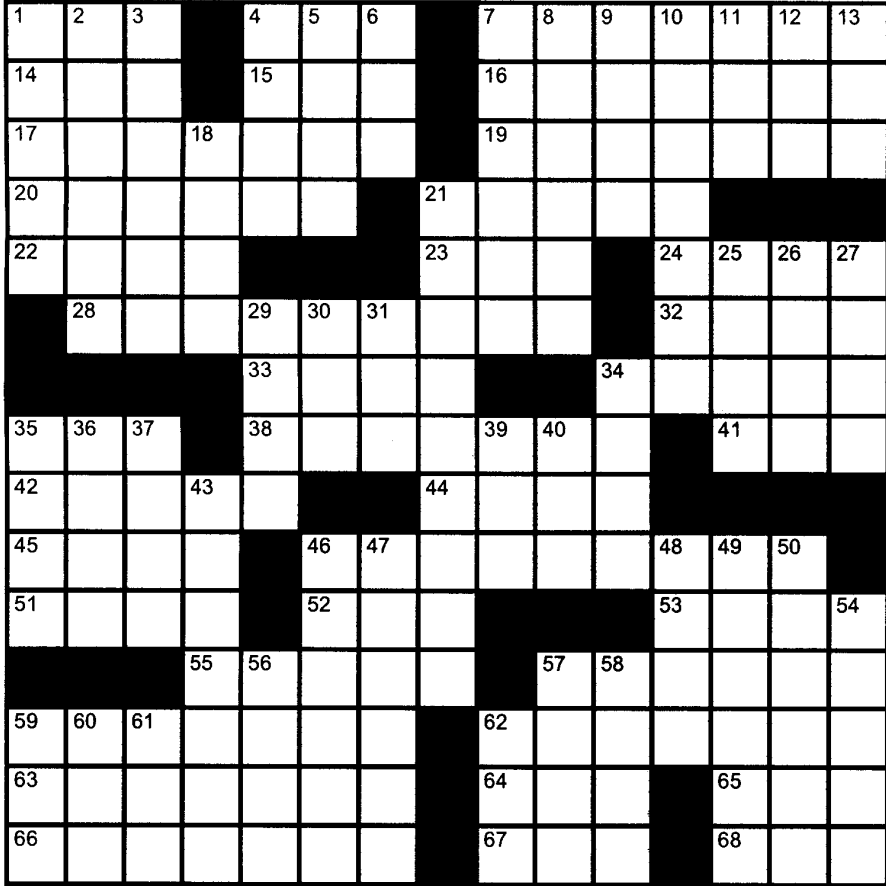
Down

- En _____ (as a group)
- Gets down?
- Language that gave us "Eden" and "Sabbath"
- With 51-Across, "You Are My Destiny" singer
- Cain's victim
- Base for some wrestlers
- Scarcity of food
- "No more for me, thanks"
- Half of Mork's sign-off
- Banished
- Early fifth-century year
- _____ Kan (pet food)
- French fashion monogram

- Numbskull
- It can't travel in outer space
- Jewish wedding dance
- Gung-ho
- Proof of ownership
- Ben Affleck's character in "Pearl Harbor"
- "In excelsis _____"
- Writer DeLillo
- Cornerstone abbr.
- On the briny
- Jazzman Getz
- Laundromat loss, maybe
- Large coffee holder
- Three vowels heard in an "Old Macdonald" refrain
- Hypothetical questions
- What a policeman goes out on
- 1966 Mary Martin musical
- _____ the crack of dawn
- Gave the slip to
- Professor plum?
- Mr. T TV series, with "The"
- Line score in a football shutout
- Taxi charge
- Exam once taken by John Grisham
- _____ Wednesday
- Shade of green
- Hightailed it
- Porky or Petunia

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 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).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 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.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 7/13/06.

There were 102 entrants. The winners are:

- Tom Somich, *San Diego*
- Susan De Masi, *Fallbrook*
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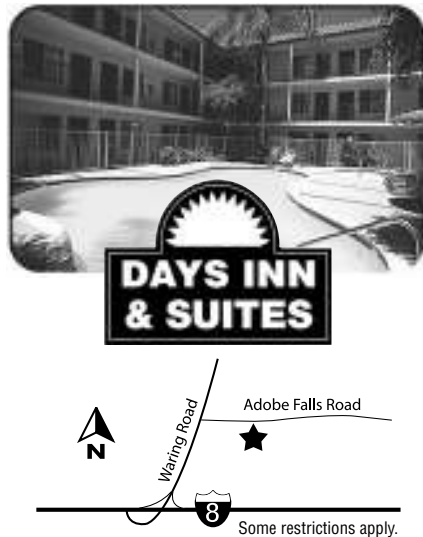
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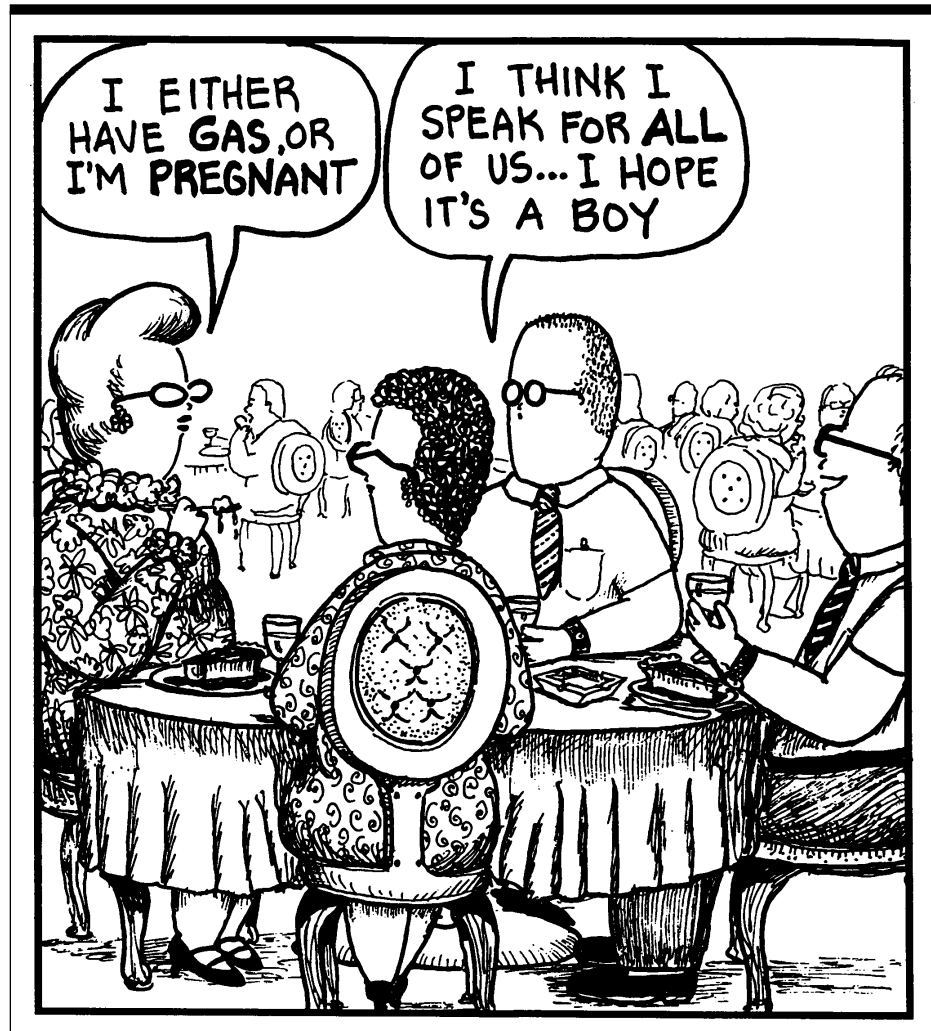
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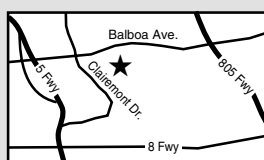
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SEARCHING AND FEARLESS | By Frances Kuffel

It's a little embarrassing that I've spent eight years in a 12-step program and not done a fourth step. Twelve-steppers talk about it ("made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves") with a particular pride and dread. It's a rite of passage; an occasion to sigh, shake your head, and look noble for your honesty and courage — not unlike the successful dieter who gets to complain (subtext: brag) that nothing fits. I've never really felt like a member of the tribe until I began what the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous says is an accounting of the "flaws in our make-up which caused our failure."

There are dozens of approaches to the project, some of them scathing. "Have we ever abused animals?" one eating disorders version asks. "Have we ever taken anyone's life because of our anger, fear, carelessness, or another reason?"

I never fail to wonder who the hell the pooh-bahs of our programs think we are. Did they come up with these helpful questions by following the FBI's psychopathology of serial killers? If someone belongs in Sing Sing or Tutwiler, don't you think s/he knows if and why s/he pulled the trigger?

Luckily, my sponsor has given me a set of gentle instructions for starting my inventory. I'm listing every major event I can remember in two documents for the feelings (negative or positive) associated with the incident.

I've written about ten pages so far, taking me into seventh grade. I'm finding the process revealing.

My reactions to negative events — not being allowed in a secret club when I was four because I didn't have a watch and a credit card — have told me nothing new. I season my two cups of salad with shame, sweeten my one cup of yogurt with self-loathing, and am liberal with the use of guilt and the convictions of my unlovableness in my half cup of oatmeal.

What has been revelatory are the feelings I had around my very early, good memories. Of family events — riding in the motorboat, getting my first bikes, skating with my brother, Jim — I listed exhilaration, freedom, independence. What a little mad-cap I was at heart, hanging on as Jim pulled the neighborhood kids faster and faster in a spiral of lash-the-whip, jouncing over white caps as my father deviled us across the vast



prairie of lake to pick wild cherries on Cedar Island.

If I were to match up pictures of me with these memories, I'd see a girl with curly dark hair and a slightly askew smile, growing — *but not starting out* — chubbier each year. My hair is straight now, but caught off guard my smile still slants, and lately I'm getting chubbier each year. What happened to the wild child? I last indulged my love of speed a few summers ago on Coney Island's Cyclone, but I doubt I'd fit the seats this summer. My independence is tethered to Master Card, the IRS, and in recent months, an allowance from my parents.

Still. The hoyden Francie whose voice was too loud and who followed any pied piper with an adventure in his pocket must lurk here somewhere, and maybe that hop-on-my-bike-and-go-swimming, "faster, faster," screaming kid is a missing component in the thinitude I had once and am trying to reclaim.

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The other feeling that surfaces is the security of belonging. I sat between my parents in the boat; I was one of Jim's gang for an afternoon; my father taught me to ride a bike and he was in the recovery room after my tonsillectomy, cooing me awake with assurances that I was okay. Safe inclusion was a fleeting feeling or it wouldn't surface as occasion-making. The lack of it turned food into company as my family went its maturing ways, giving me the only approximation I could conjure of the comfort and safety of Daddy's voice reaching into my ether-fog. It gave me oblivion from dwelling on my missing family.

I look at the phrases that keep popping up in my inventory — included, chosen, safe, loved, happy to have attention — and I'm a little ashamed that I still wallow. It's stupid. All I have to do is walk out my front door and wait five minutes. All I have to do is call my sponsor or therapist or fellow 12-steppers. There are more dogs to be walked if I need money, and a book advance is coming. Whether I belong and am safe is my choice now, and if I act on that fact and ferret out the wild child I was, this re-loss is going to go down a whole lot happier.

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Cultural Diversity

— The Gilgit tribe beat Chitral (9-6) this year in the annual, bloody, take-no-prisoners, referee-less polo match on a remote, two-mile-high field on a mountain in Pakistan, an event that, despite its viciousness, some observers credit with forestalling war between the tribes. According to an ESPN dispatch in May, clubbing of opponents is rampant; horses are treated more reverently than players; and when a star player was thrown and landed on his head, motionless and thought perhaps even to be dead, fans screamed for him to be cleared from the field quickly so the match could continue. He only had a broken neck and concussion.

— Unique Responses to Danger: (1) In May, just after bird flu was discovered in Ivory Coast, hundreds of young people flocked to Abidjan’s night clubs to taunt the disease with a new dance imitating a chicken in the throes of death, according to a Reuters dispatch (“leaning backward, shaking [the] wrists, arms and legs ... with a loud clucking sound”). (2) As volcanologists warned of the possible eruption of Indonesia’s Mount Merapi in May, nearby farmers continued to listen instead to the mountain’s spirits and to continue their rituals and offerings to ward off an eruption, according to an NBC News report. In one region, to preserve the mountain’s tranquility, men “gather naked in groups late at night and run in circles around their villages.”

Questionable Judgments

— In May, a U.S. Court of Appeals panel ruled that Scott Panetti remains eligible for execution in Texas despite his delusional and schizoaffective disorders and the opinion of one law professor that Panetti is the “gold-plated craziest” death-row inmate he’d ever seen. Charged with murder after having been drug-addicted since childhood and in mental institutions 14 times, Panetti was nonetheless permitted by his trial judge to act as his own lawyer (and employed a “strategy” of claiming to be under the control of a “Sarge Ironhorse”). He lost the case.

— Cleveland judge Eileen Gallagher abruptly dismissed child-rape charges against Norman Craig, 22, in June when the prosecutor was 45 minutes late for a hearing. She further scolded the lawyer, warning him, “Don’t treat me like a punk.”

— After examining 28 cases in which pro athletes received “community service” sentences for crimes, *USA Today* found in May that in 24 of them, the “punishment” consisted merely of ceremonial celebrity duties, even though the underlying crimes were serious (including assault, statutory rape, weapons violations, and vehicular homicide). One pro basketball player, convicted of having sex with a 14-year-old girl when he was 19, served his 100 hours of community service by being a guest counselor at a youth basketball camp (and included 27 hours’ travel time in the 100).

People Different From Us

— On many weekends a year in parks in the Washington-Baltimore area, 100 or more people gather in medieval costumes and wield soft weapons to wage battle in the 20-year-old Darkon Wargaming Club, according to a May report in *Baltimore City Paper*. Players point out that their hobby is of a piece with historical-battle video games and feature films but still acknowledge the whimsy. Said a club manager (who is the wife of the player “Shalor” of the “Bloody Axe Mercenary Company”), on seeing the games for the first time: “I didn’t want to get out of the car.

I thought it was the dorkiest thing I’d ever seen. And 12 years later, of course, I’m running the thing.” (An acclaimed documentary film on the club, *Darkon*, has just been released.)

Cake, Ice Cream, and Jimmy Bobo

— Troy and Jennifer Schally disclosed in June that their son Henry had chosen, among several possibilities as the theme for his third birthday party, PBS’s *NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, and the Schallys supplied a birthday cake with a photo of the show’s correspondents and a periodic playing of its theme music. According to a *Washington Post* report, Lehrer sent along an autographed photo, signed in the name Henry calls him, “Jimmy Jimmy BoBo.”

The March of Science

— (1) Researchers from the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center announced in May that they had grown a fully functional penis from a rabbit (using his own genes), which they hoped would lead to future development of a human penis for men with birth defects, body trauma, or cancer. (2) Ambreed New Zealand introduced in June a go-cart-like machine for ranchers to gather sperm from bulls. A driver maneuvers the vehicle, designed to resemble a cow, so that the bull can mount it. The driver waits patiently until the bull is done and then drives away with the sperm so that manual extraction is no longer required.

Religion in Crisis

— (1) Pastor John Sabbath of the Christ Christian Center, angry at the denial of funding by the Ontario (Calif.) City Council, announced at a June meeting that he was placing a curse on City Manager Greg Devereaux and his family. (2) In June, the Motion Picture Association of America, for the first time ever, announced that it was rating a film PG (Parental Guidance) not for any sex, violence, or bad language, but because it is too openly religious. (The film is *Facing the Giants*, starring Georgia preacher Alex Kendrick).

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Just when the Padres get close to a pennant, just when Al Couppee looks like he might beat Assemblyman Larry Kasiloff, you have to print that nonsense by sore loser sportscaster Jerry Gross.

If Gross thinks that Couppee could use Chevrolet's money to blackball him from Channel 8, or if Gross thinks Bavasi had a chance to get the *Tribune* to muzzle him, he is living in a dream world.

—LETTERS: **"GROSS OUT,"** A. Varkney, *Allied Gardens*, July 22, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Their plan was to start at Toro Peak, in the Santa Rosa Mountains north of Borrego Springs, hike along the mountainous spin over Rabbit Peak and Villager Peak, down through Rattlesnake Canyon to Fonts Point at the intersection of Highway S-22, a distance of about thirty miles. Four friends, two of them brothers, were taking enough food and water on their backs for a three-day hike. The brothers, Steve and Eric, decided to carry four gallons of water each, an extra gallon of water apiece. It was to be prophetic obstinacy.

—**"TREADING NEAR THE EDGE,"** Desiree Webber, July 23, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The way Scot Harrison tells it, his dog was having a hell of a time getting around anymore, and the day before he had Petey put to sleep, he'd found his dog crying at the foot of the stairs leading down to Table Tops Reef in Solana Beach. That's close to 300 stairs, and by the looks of Petey, he'd tumbled down most of them.

—**"A HUNTER AT HEART,"** Scott Sadil, July 24, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Yielding to stiff competition from its Los Angeles namesake, the *New York Times* has announced that it will soon begin publishing a San Diego County edition.

Initially, the San Diego edition will be staffed mostly by *Times* transplants from New York, plus a few stringers and interns from local universities.

The managing editor of the new edition, David W. Dunlap, did not foresee any problems in hiring local talent.

"You can pay these Dago beach bums forty, fifty thousand dollars and they think they're making big money," laughed Dunlap, who recently closed on a \$955,000 home in La Jolla.

The new edition is expected to bring some revisions in the official *New York Times Style Book*, which directs reporters to identify San Diego as "a Navy town 150 miles south of Los Angeles."

—**"NY TIMES TO LAUNCH SD COUNTY EDITION,"** Margot Sheehan, July 25, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Having read your feature article on spouse abuse ("You Know, I Might Just Throw You Off the Damn Balcony," July 11) from the men's perspective, I must say that I was surprised. John Brizzolara presented us with a decent effort (though the subject matter was too deep and complex for him) and managed to not mangle the story with his usual self-indulgent meandering that seems to be the norm for him (possibly the after-effect of long-term drug or alcohol overindulgence or perhaps being dropped on the head while a child).... I guess after messing up a story on a deceased local entertainer (some months ago) by allowing some goober to embarrass himself, Brizzolara has learned to keep his interviews from getting away from him.

—LETTERS: **"TOO DEEP AND COMPLEX,"** Frank, La Mesa, July 18, 1996



San Diego Reader, July 25, 1991

Five Years Ago

I smoked for many years. I quit. One night I passed a neighbor's jasmine vine. It had always smelled sweet. Now beneath the smell of jasmine, I noticed something else: my neighbor has a cat. The cat relieves itself beneath the vine. At home I noticed that my favorite wine had a musty taste. I smelled bleach when, two houses away, a neighbor did laundry. I knew when another neighbor smoked a cigar.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: **"HOT DOGS,"** Max Nash, July 19, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

My mother is 78 and lives in Las Vegas. She’s still pretty frisky for her age. Mom was a real beauty and kind of wild when she was young. She was a flamenco dancer and has been married three times. Her second marriage was to a wealthy guy (not my dad, who was her first husband). This second husband left her a substantial amount of money in his will, but he put it in the form of a trust — although he loved her dearly, he knew that she could be impulsive, flighty, and naïve. Lately she has been writing checks like crazy to different people who have befriended her in her loneliness. Now she has taken up with a shady guy she met at a casino that my husband and I think is a bona fide gigolo. She’s bought him cars, property, even jewelry. My husband and I both feel this man is out to take advantage of her. We’ve asked her to slow down a little with her lavish spending.

She keeps telling us to butt out and that he truly loves her. My husband thinks that since she will not listen to us and continues to act recklessly with money, we should legally take over her finances. Also, my husband is afraid this man is going to try to marry Mother for her money and then squeeze her dry and abandon her. Of course I don’t want to pop her romantic bubble, but I have a bad feeling about this guy. He could cause Mom to end up broke and heartbroken.

NERVOUS DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW
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Dear Nervous,

This is a delicate situation and a fairly common one. I can see why you’re torn. You want to look out for your mother’s best interest without making her feel infantilized. Keep the lines of communication with Mom open; check in with her often. Make it clear that you have no intention of interfering in her love life. Emphasize that you want her to be happy, that you don’t want her to get into financial trouble and lose her independence. If you feel that she might do something foolish to endanger her monetary well-being, you and your husband should see a lawyer who specializes in trusts and find out what your options are. If Mom is going to insist on marrying this man (and she very well might, judging by her past track record), you could

strongly suggest to her that a prenuptial agreement is in order, just to be on the safe side. Again, a lawyer can help you explore that option.

Dear Readers,

I received the following response to a letter from a man whose nephew declared that he didn’t want to have a bar mitzvah and didn’t even want to be Jewish. The uncle was upset that despite the young man’s protests, he was being forced by his parents to have a bar mitzvah anyway.

Dear Concerned Uncle,

I am concerned, too, but about more than your nephew — about you. I am a Jew who did not always want to be Jewish, too. And I don’t believe in forcing kids to do things, either — homework and baths being notable exceptions. First, becoming an adult male as a Jew does not necessitate having a bar mitzvah ceremony. A party with all the trimmings is not one of our commandments. Once a boy turns 13 (and for some, this applies to girls and women too), he is considered a man and may be called to make a blessing when our Torah is read. This written material forms the touchstone of our connection to the divine that surrounds and sustains us and is also part of our own nature. Being a Jew is not about being devout or how many times you go to temple. It’s about

belonging to an ancient people with strong moral identity. It’s about being a spark in an eternal flame. How you were raised has nothing to do with it. You can believe or practice however much or little you choose. Still, you are a Jew. That’s part of the beauty of it, at least for me. Our people have survived an onslaught of many forces over the centuries. The pressures to disappear into assimilation in this country have been tremendous. Take stock of yourself. Look at your own soul. And may you have peace.

A CONCERNED JEW,
SAN DIEGO

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I went to see Reverend Billy in Petaluma. At the start of the day, I was going to go to an antiwar march in San Francisco, but then when I saw that Reverend Billy was coming to Petaluma — fuckin' Petaluma, the "Egg and Butter" capital of California, the town where Pete used to live — I dropped everything and went.

Reverend Billy is a performance artist from New York City — "The collar is fake, but the calling is real" — and he's a hoot. Billy has bleached blond hair (with the roots showing) in a sprayed and gelled pompadour, a cheesy polyester leisure suit, and a gospel choir behind him. He preaches the evil of consumerism; the decay of our neighborhoods when Wal-Mart and Starbucks move in and drive out the local businessman; the "big-boxization" of our culture, where the commons, the town square, the lifeblood of the relationships in a community are destroyed, commercialized, and corralled into shopping malls with Muzak and endless advertisements bombarding our subconscious.

It was a beautiful evening, with a warm breeze and the sun coming through the trees in the way that reminded me of days in Grayslake, Illinois, driving around on hot summer nights in convertibles, drinking beer with people who knew exactly who we were.

Coming off nicotine, with a not-yet-full payload of Wellbutrin onboard, I felt weepy, nostalgic, and wistful, but

mostly labile, with tears flowing from a chemical soup within my brain uncontrolled and uncontrollable. I moved to the back of the crowd, afraid I was going to be viewed as a complete head case if I was at all visible.

The event was at Walnut Park, the equivalent of the commons in Petaluma, with a gazebo and playground equipment.

The crowd was small, I'm sure much smaller than the one who would pay to see him that evening at the Victoria Theatre in San Francisco, where he is better known. But the atmosphere was electric, with a band and the gospel choir from the "Church of Stop Shopping," whom I asked Billy if I could audition for before the performance. He was milling about and shaking hands and told me that they're only in New York, having "failed" to put together a West Coast contingent.

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Time/Date: 1:59 a.m. on 6/27/06

Report: Deputies from the Sheriff's Lemon Grove Station responded to a report of "shots fired." An updated telephone call from the reporting party stated that the victim was lying down in the apartment complex, suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. Deputies arrived on the scene and found Henry C. (45) seated in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to the back. The suspect fled the area prior to the deputies' arrival, leaving behind a large crime scene in both the parking lot and surrounding apartments. The victim was transported to Mercy Hospital.



REPORT OF SHOTS FIRED

Location: 170 Town Center Parkway, Santee
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. on 6/30/06

Report: Units were dispatched to a report of shots fired in the river bottom behind the Wal-Mart. A second cell phone call was received shortly afterwards saying a male had been shot three times in the river bottom near Mast Park. The caller was uncooperative and refused any further information. A search of the area by Santee patrol units, COPPS units and ASTREA found no victim or evidence of a crime. Witnesses in the area, including some residents of the river bottom, all denied hearing or seeing anything out of the usual. The cell phone from where the second call originated was called and the owner was contacted. He said he had recently purchased the phone and had not made the call. The scene was cleared as unfounded.



ROBBERY

Location: 309 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, San Marcos
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. on 7/9/06

Report: Two Hispanic males entered the 99 Cent Store...and robbed the clerk of over \$12,000. One of the suspects was armed with a silver revolver, the other suspect used a knife. The clerk turned over the money and the two suspects fled on foot.

GRAND THEFT

Location: 373 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon
Time/Date: 11:20 a.m. on 7/7/06



Résumé of Incident: Two suspects entered the Kay Jewelers Store and asked to look at a two-carat diamond ring. One of the suspects walked off while the main suspect examined the ladies' ring. Both suspects then ran out of the store with the ring, which was valued at \$20,000. Officers searched the surrounding area...they were unable to locate the suspects.

AUTO THEFT

Location: 14878 Old Highway 80, El Cajon
Time/Date: Unknown times from 5/16/06 through 6/21/06

Investigation: On the morning of May 16, 2006, deputies from the Ramona Sheriff's Substation arrested El Cajon resident Chad T. in the area of Wildcat Canyon Road and Little Klondike Road in Ramona. T. was arrested for driving a stolen vehicle

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and stealing the attached trailer. He was booked into the San Diego County Jail. A search of the truck revealed bolt cutters, multiple vehicle keys, gloves and a pry bar.

Later in the day, investigators from the San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (RATT) found another stolen truck and trailer parked in front of T's residence in El Cajon. The District Attorney's Office...charged T. with taking the stolen vehicles, possession of the stolen vehicles and possession of burglary tools. RATT detectives continued their investigation and, on June 21, served a search warrant on a storage yard in Flinn Springs. At that location, investigators recovered multiple stolen items, including five off-road motorcycles, two quad all-terrain vehicles, three cars, eight Harley Davidson motorcycles, one generator, and six trailers. The recovered stolen property is valued at more than \$100,000.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 822 North Johnson, El Cajon
Time/Date: 9:45 p.m. on 7/5/06



Résumé of Incident: El Cajon Police Department received a call of an armed robbery that had just occurred at the Burger King. The suspect entered the restaurant and contacted an employee who was cleaning the dining area. He pointed a gun at the employee and asked where the manager was. The employee took the suspect to the manager, and the manager

was ordered to open the safe. After taking money from the safe, the suspect fled on foot.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Location: Fesler and Marshall, El Cajon
Time/Date: 1:00 a.m. on 7/3/06

Resume of Incident: The victims were parked on Fesler just west of Marshall behind Parkway Bowl. The suspect approached on foot and demanded money while brandishing a black semi-auto handgun. He took the victims' wallets and cell phones and fled eastbound across Marshall. He stopped in the middle of Marshall and fired two rounds in the air. A security guard in the area heard the shots and saw the suspect run around the north side of the Smart & Final and get into [a] vehicle. The vehicle contained at least one other person.

TAGGING

Location: 400 North Second Street, El Cajon
Time/Date: 9:40 p.m. on 6/18/06

Incident: A tagger was arrested by Officer Davenport, for tagging walls and fences. Davenport drove down the alley behind Kip's Chinese Cafe and saw two people in the alley and then he heard them yelling. They told him they had seen a subject tagging in the alley and he was moving southbound. Officer Davenport caught the suspect walking away from a tagged wall, holding a spray paint can, with paint matching the maroon color of the tagging, [and] a second spray paint can in his pocket and carrying a 40-ounce beer. "S" Martin Alexandro Angels was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail.

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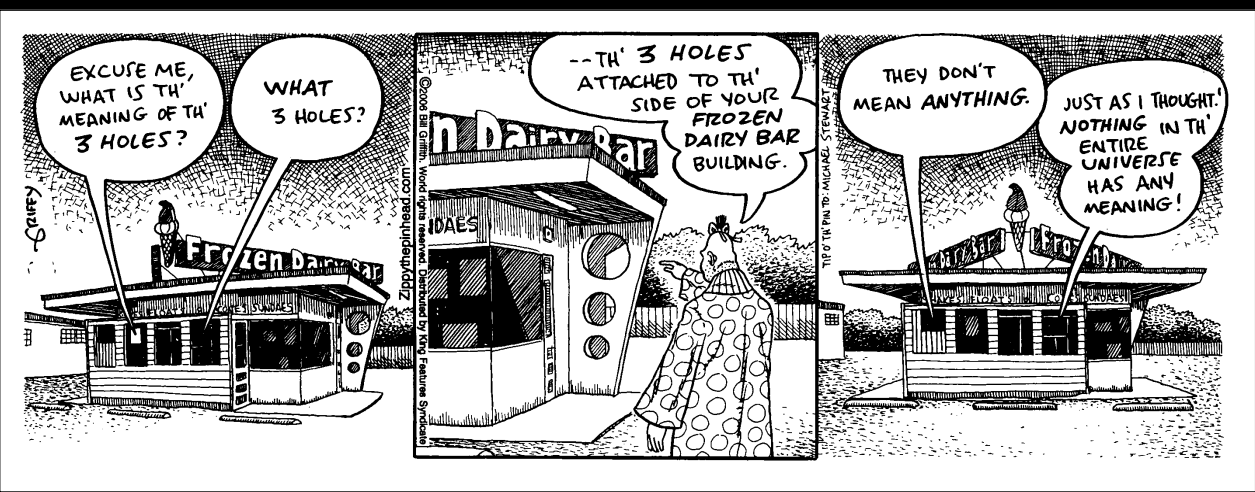
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The library was a single room, no bigger than a couple tables and bookshelves. Along one wall were the encyclopedias; a rack held popular fiction in the corner, and on the librarian's desk sat a dictionary. Before court was called to session, the box of Louis L'Amour books on the table was taken to the back room, and a Bible replaced the dictionary. The judge sat at the librarian's desk, and as the seasons rolled over the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the judge sat to hear why teenagers were caught speeding.

Ellie Nesler was the woman's name. She shot the man there in the library courthouse. The man Ellie shot was accused of molesting her son at one of the summer camps run in the surrounding hills. The man had been a camp counselor. It was probably the biggest trial Jamestown had ever seen, and there were people standing outside and watching the proceedings through the plate-glass front window when Ellie asked her sister for the .38 caliber handgun she carried in her purse.

Blood was splattered across the judge's bench and Dewey decimal card drawers, and Ellie dropped the weapon without a struggle before the sheriff handcuffed her.

Sacramento sent up vans to get footage of their "frontier vigilante girl." The news crews talked to locals who said Ellie should be free because she was just protecting her son, and they broadcast that all over the world. Most of the town thought she should stand trial like anyone accused of any crime, but those people were ignored, and a small group of business owners who were interested in drumming up tourist dollars dressed in cowboy hats and boots and lit candles in a park. The news couldn't get enough of that.

On the TV, our town was depicted as a throwback to the gold-rush days, when women raced through the streets on horseback shooting out the spines of anyone daring enough to cross them.

When it was over and Ellie was up in state prison and the town was back to normal, the news ignored us once again because we were a blue-collar, middle-class town of people in pickup trucks and Nike tennis shoes instead of the boot-stompin' rough riders they needed for commercial interest and market appeal.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 20
MY SUPER SWEET 16
MTV 10:30 A.M.
When future civilizations study the rise and fall of the American empire, they'll point to decadence, arrogance, and ignorance as the reasons for our undoing. Defenders of our culture will say that there were fine people who lived here once — intelligent, rational people. And a recording of this show will be played in response, and the debate will be over.

WINDSOR CASTLE: A ROYAL YEAR
PBS 9:00 P.M.
What is it with PBS and their fascination with

all things British? Of the thousands of countries around the globe (Thailand, Kenya, Argentina...) the only thing on the AMERICAN Public Broadcasting System is this sycophantic butt-sniffing of the English. PBS wonders why they can never raise enough money.

FRIDAY, JULY 21
PAINFUL SECRETS (2000)
LIFE 7:00 P.M.
She told me she'd been beaten by one of her exes. She was a teenager when it had happened, and it explained a lot. It explained why she wore her hair in front of her eyes and the way she walked into a room. We'd been living together

for a few months, and as much as I didn't want to be a selfish asshole, I couldn't help but think how this was going to affect me. She was a cracked Christmas ornament, and as much glue as I had on hand, I couldn't make her new again. When she needed me to tell her that everything was going to be okay, I was in the frigid air of the garage with a bottle of bourbon. Of all the weekends we'd been together, I chose the evening of her confession to fix the pump on the washer instead of put my arm around her as she cried. Yeah, I was a bastard for that.

SATURDAY, JULY 22
QUILT IN A DAY
PBS 11:30 A.M.
Of all the things I could do in a day, including touch myself like a laboratory chimp and get drunk on brown booze first thing in the morning, quilting never comes up. I mean, I'm never standing there in the kitchen with a bag of drugs and a shot glass thinking, "Huh, well, I've got the whole day ahead of me, I could start that quilt." But, God bless you if that's your gig, you know? Different drums and all that.

GLOBAL WARMING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WITH TOM BROKAW
DSC 8:00 P.M.
Ironically, it was the hairspray, smug sense of self-satisfaction, and methane gas emitted from nightly news anchors that tore the hole in the ozone.

SUNDAY, JULY 23
BABY SNATCHER (1992)
KUSI 8:00 P.M.
I was snatched as a baby and raised by a coven of beauty-pageant queens. I've come to terms with it. There aren't any lasting effects, except, when asked how I'm feeling, I say, "It's an honor to be here," and I wave. That and the sequined swimsuit and baton thing, but that's beyond the scope of this article, and we don't have to go into that here.

MONDAY, JULY 24
PROJECT RUNWAY
NBC 8:00 P.M.



My Super Sweet 16

I've already started casting for the pilots of *Project My Filthy Shower*, *Project Dirty Underpants*, and *Project Those Dishes Aren't Going to Wash Themselves*. So far there have been no entries, even though I have one of those folding chairs with my name stenciled on the back, a bullhorn, and a clipboard. I'm legit. The winner gets to ride the horsy in front of the grocery store and a gift certificate for a taco. C'MON!

TUESDAY, JULY 25
CHRIST IN THE CITY
EWTV 8:00 P.M.
Now, they're just trying to trick people into watching. Sure, Sarah Jessica Parker looks fantastic in that robe and those sandals, but that old blonde one's potty mouth isn't convincing anyone she's an apostle.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON
CA4SD 8:30 P.M.
This reminds me: Why are all charity events tests of endurance? Couldn't I raise the money for water heads and hair lips and then do what I do naturally for long stretches of time...sit in a bar and badmouth the other patrons? People could watch me sit and sponsor each of my insults or shots of tequila. My idea is much more inclusive than the standard charity triathlon.

THURSDAY, JULY 27
WORLD SERIES OF DARTS
ESPN2 9:00 P.M.
Yeah, we REALLY needed that second ESPN channel.

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