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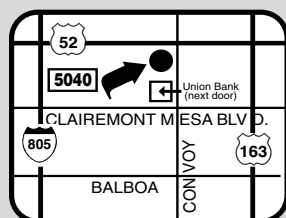
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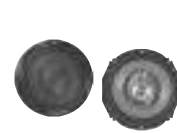
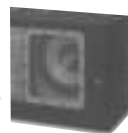
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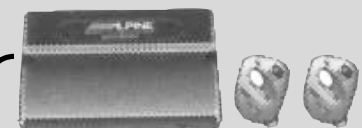
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Pete Coors

nate **Pete Coors** was pulled over in May by a Colorado cop for drunk driving, officials at UCSD probably weren't too sympathetic. Coors and his

hard-partying siblings, heirs

to the beer empire bearing

their name, are said to be

persona non grata around the

seaside campus, thanks to a

nasty legal run-in they had

with the university over a

deathbed bequest made by

their dad, family patriarch **Joe**

Coors Sr., a longtime resi-

dent of Rancho Santa Fe.

Coors Sr., who died in his sleep at his desert

estate in Rancho Mirage in March 2003, had a

reputation as a giver to ultraconservative polit-

ical causes like the Heritage Foundation and

the Mountain States Legal Foundation. The 85-

year-old also was an early financial backer of

Ronald Reagan's political career. Joe's elder

brother Bill, no liberal himself, once called him

"far right to Attila the Hun."

But Joe apparently had developed a soft spot

for UCSD and in the weeks before his death

agreed to donate 30,000 shares of stock in Adolph

Coors Company to the UC San Diego Foundation.

The stock never arrived, and in October 2003,

the foundation filed a "creditor's claim for recov-

ery" of the shares against Joe's sons **Joseph Jr.**,

Peter, and **Jeff**. In May 2004,

according to a suit the founda-

tion filed here in January

of last year, the brothers

rejected the claim.

The foundation argued

in its court case that Joe's

stock pledge "was part of

a publicly announced

fundraising campaign for

the Cardio Vascular Center at the University of

California-San Diego." Coors had been a uni-

versity "trustee" and had taken "a leading role

in the advancement of the Cardio Vascular Cen-

ter," the complaint continued. "Using his posi-

tion as Trustee, Decedent actively worked to

gain commitments from potential donors," the

suit said. "The subscription agreement Decedent

signed on March 7, 2003, was to be a focal point

of Cardiovascular Center's fundraising cam-

paign. Decedent specifically requested that his

subscription be used as part of this campaign.

"During Decedent's life, a dinner was planned

for 700-800 potential donors. Decedent was to

attend and be honored for his subscription at

this event. The dinner took place on March 15,

2003, the day of Decedent's death. Decedent's

subscription was announced to the potential

donors." In its suit, the foundation maintained

that "injustice can be avoided only by enforcing

Decedent's promise in its entirety."

The Coors brothers never filed an answer,

but the complaint was withdrawn by the founda-

tion "with prejudice" — meaning it cannot

be refiled — on April 26 of last year, indicating

that an out-of-court settlement may have been

reached. A university spokeswoman declined

to comment.

Barrio beat Spending too much time

waiting for freight trains to cross César E.

Chávez Parkway (formerly Crosby Street) at

the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal in Barrio

Logan? So apparently are staffers for the Port

of San Diego, who are taking notes and brought

up the issue during a recent meeting in Fort Worth

with their counterparts at the Burlington North-

ern Santa Fe Railway. "In the last two months,

there were ninety-nine incidents of blockage

beyond ten minutes, of which there were sev-

enteen times that the blockages lasted more

than thirty minutes," all of which represent a

violation of the state Public Utilities Commission's

maximum ten-minute blockage rule, accord-

ing to a June 28 report to port commissioners.

The railroad promised to investigate.



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Miramar Lynch pins Backers

of moving San Diego International Airport to

Miramar put their identities and some of

their money on the table earlier this week, as

revealed in a financial disclosure report filed

Monday by the "Coalition to Preserve the

Economy," a campaign committee support-

ing the effort. Downtown real estate magnate

Malin Burnham, a longtime godfather of the

move, gave \$20,000. The Sycuan Indian tribe

kicked in \$10,000. Both have close ties to

Padres owner **John Moores**; Burnham is a

Moores business partner, and Sycuan is a

major team sponsor and backer of Moores's

Hotel Solamar, near Petco Park.

Rancho Santa Fe's **Michael Lynch**, listed as

a UCSD student, gave \$6500. The house listed

as his residence, county records show, is owned

by **Bill Lynch**, the airport boardmember who

has been most aggressively promoting the re-

location to Miramar in the face of staunch oppo-

sition from military brass. MLV Coin Laun-

dries, a business owned by Lynch, gave \$5000.

Boulevard Enterprises, another Lynch entity,

gave \$3500. **John Chalker**, the investment ad-

visor who has played a large public role in pro-

moting the move, gave \$1000.

The money was spent to hire **John Kern**, the

ex-aide to former mayor **Dick Murphy**; Kern

got \$12,500. The Gemini Group, run by **Jennifer**

Tierney, Kern's close associate in the campaign-

consulting business, got \$10,000. The Tarrance

Group, a big GOP polling firm from Alexandria,

Virginia, picked up \$17,372.

— **Matt Potter**

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Kroll Lollygags, Then Blames City Attorney

By Don Bauder

On March 28, 2006, Diann Shipione, the one who blew the whistle on San Diego's pension mendacity, received a letter from the

City of San Diego's Audit Com-

mittee, composed of forensic

accountants Kroll, Inc., and a

New York law firm. Said the let-

ter, "As part of the Audit

Committee's investigation, we

will soon begin interviewing

individuals who may have

knowledge of facts relevant to the

matters under investigation" (italics mine). The commit-

tee wanted to talk with her in

istration. Later that month,

she had a face-to-face inter-

view with the committee in

which, among many things,

she mentioned a 2004 inci-

dent that might shed more

light on the City's long-run-

ning practice of picking the

pockets of the Water and

Wastewater departments to

prop up the general fund.

On December 6, 2004,

performed.

Two days later, on Decem-

ber 8, Newsome was fired on

the recommendation of the

office administrator for rea-

sons having nothing to do with

the false billing claims, says

city attorney Michael Aguirre.

It had been in the works before

Aguirre assumed office four

days earlier, and he accepted

the recommendation of his

staff.

Shortly, Aguirre learned

through an attorney in the

office that the billing practice

was going on. He stopped it and

launched an investigation. The

investigator supposedly wrote

a memo saying he was con-

cerned that employees in the

office might take the Fifth

Amendment on the topic. That

was a tip-off that the practice

was widespread, but the

memo — suspected to be an



ILLUSTRATION BY NEAL OBERMEYER

mid- to late April.

So it was only this spring

that Kroll and cronies began

interviewing knowledgeable

San Diegans. But on August 9

and September 26 of last year,

Kroll told the city council that

its report would be completed

by the end of 2005. On Octo-

ber 25 of last year, the date was

put off until mid-March of

this year. But there was no

report. Next target: June. That

month came and went, and

Kroll then talked July.

In early June, Shipione

wrote the committee a 30-

page, detailed, footnoted anal-

ysis of fiscal mismanagement,

breaches of fiduciary duty, and

illegalities in San Diego's gov-

ernment and pension admin-

William R. Newsome III, a

lawyer with the city attorney's

office for 22 years, penned a note

to the offices of the U.S. attor-

ney, attorney general, grand

jury, Ethics Commission, dis-

trict attorney, and city attor-

ney. First, Newsome com-

plained that in 1998, former city

attorney Casey Gwinn had

ordered him to stay home 40

days with pay and had allegedly

given him a false reason for

the action.

Then Newsome provided

documentation that one or

more deputy city attorneys

were aware that the Water

Department was being billed

by the city attorney's office

whether or not Water Depart-

ment-related work was

ex post facto cover-your-ass

letter — reached Aguirre only

last month.

"Normally, government-

accounting irregularities are

more subtle," says Shipione.

"This was pretty obvious. It

leads me to think they were

desperate."

As soon as he learned the

facts, Aguirre informed the

Securities and Exchange Com-

mission and KPMG, the

accounting firm working on

the 2003 audit. The investiga-

tor left the city attorney's office

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Another Bridge To Nowhere?

By Matt Potter

Four years ago, the City of San Diego hired Republican Patrick Garahan, a Coronado-based lobbyist, to persuade the United States Congress to pay for a multi-million-dollar pedestrian bridge.

The bridge would link downtown's Petco Park with a parking garage across Harbor Drive and the railroad tracks.

Garahan was ultimately paid more than \$100,000. He says he obtained \$1 million in federal funds, a sum much smaller than he had hoped for but which he notes was better than nothing.

The elaborate suspension bridge, featuring an elevator and designed by the firm of noted Massachusetts architect Moshe Safdie, has leapt in cost over the five years it has been in the planning stages.

By current estimates, about \$16.4 million will be required to build the structure and surrounding improvements if ground is broken, as expected, late this year or early next. The project is scheduled for completion in 2008.

ship, led by Padres owner John Moores, that is building a condominium project near the bridge. The balance will be paid from funds raised through local property taxes by the



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Patrick Garahan

City's Redevelopment Agency.

The City has long argued that the bridge is essential to the economic success of downtown's ballpark district, on which local taxpayers have

Recently the *New York Times* reported that the number of local government projects paid for with earmarks had grown from 4219 valued at a total of \$27.7 billion in 1998 to 12,852 worth \$64 billion last year. Critics say the earmarking process is innately corrupt in that it forces local taxpayers to hire lobbyists to obtain federal funds that are public money in the first place.

Cases such as that of the downtown pedestrian bridge, they say, illustrate the pork barrel nature of the earmark process, resulting in wasteful, over-the-top projects far more expensive than they need to be.

Five weeks ago Garahan sat down to describe in detail how he brought his long experience as a lobbyist, onetime transportation secretary of Vermont, and high-ranking member of the Republican Party to bear on obtaining the earmarked funds for the bridge.

"In terms of these kind of earmarks, they come in two ways for transportation. There's an annual transportation appropriations bill, and then there's this big bill, of course, every six years, this so-called surface transportation reauthorization bill. In those bills there's thousands of earmarks.

the Senate they get a little more than that.

"I'm a professional engineer, a civil engineer, and I've been involved in this business since, really since '80, on the public side. Originally from New York, but I moved to Vermont in 1973, and I lived there till 2001.

"I was [Vermont's] secretary of transportation, which is in charge of the highway department, the DMV. We had ten state airports. In that role, I got involved with the [congressional lobbying] every year.

"We ended up getting about as much as California gets some years because our senators, unlike the California senators, tend to stay there a long time, and they get to be very powerful.

"One of our senators was on the Appropriations Committee, and the other one was the chairman at one point of what they call the Environment and Public Works Committee. So we had two very powerful guys, and we were able to get all kinds of things: covered bridges, and railroads, and highways, and bridges.

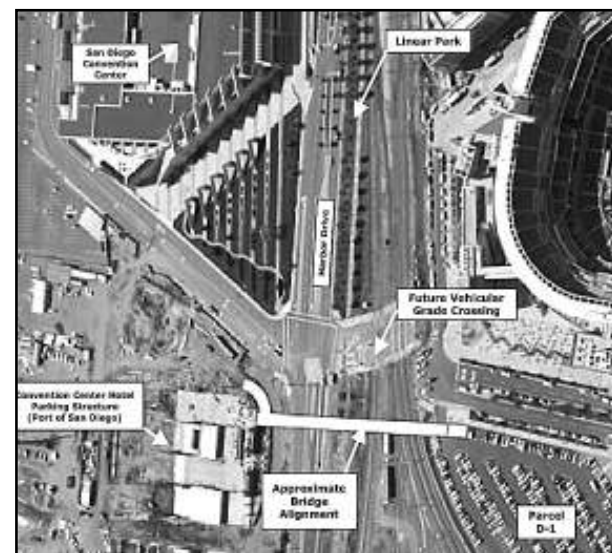
"So I became very familiar with that, and in the process, I spent some time in Washington doing my job and got to know a number of the staff people. Most of the work I've done in the last decade has had to do with this nexus of transportation and politics and funding.

"I was the chairman of the state Republican Party. And a member of the Republican National Committee from '85 to '87, and I was involved in a number of other political things.

"[At the 1996 GOP convention in San Diego] I was in charge of all the computer network, the telephone, radios, all housing assignments, kind of all the logistical stuff, all the support stuff, and, you know, the physical running of this thing.

"I went back to Vermont for five years. But I spent a winter here, and I said, 'Boy, it's pretty nice here.' I really fell in love with San Diego.

"I lived in Coronado. I rented a house, and I sent my kids to school there. We had a kid in high school, and all that stuff. Not to mention how expensive it was, but fortunately we were able to get in before it went completely nuts.



Map of proposed site of bridge and surrounding area



Rendering of north side elevator tower



Rendering of proposed bridge lighting

"I heard about this [pedestrian-bridge project], and I went to see [then deputy city manager] Bruce [Herring], who I had worked with before, and I told them this is what I had done, and I gave him the background that I had.

"What I tried to do was to get — I mean, I got a million dollars, but I think, you know, through different scenarios we could have gotten more.

"The problem was that it was a high priority for some people, but there were other things that were equally high priority. In the end there's only a certain amount of money you can get, and if the powers that be aren't willing to say, 'We really want more for this and less [for] that...' So I think we got as much as we could. I guess it's pretty close to being

built. It's designed.

"I knew the system. So what I did, first of all, was to go and meet with — there's a staff person who works for Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein. I'm trying to remember [his name] because there's two of them, or three of them. You can only take this job for about a year because 95 percent of the people that ask for stuff don't get it, so you're not a very popular person. It's really hard work. Some young 25-, 30-year-old staffer.

"You go in to see them and you introduce yourself and you explain why you're there, you're representing the City of San Diego. I mean, you don't just knock on the door; you get in touch with them. And the first thing is to explain the need



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Site of proposed bridge, Harbor Drive parking structure

In addition to Garahan's \$1 million, \$3.8 million of additional federal funds obtained in part by Patton Boggs, another lobbying firm retained by the City, will go into the project.

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already lavished more than \$300 million in subsidies and public improvements.

The story of how taxpayers paid Garahan to lobby Congress for the construction money, in the form of a budget earmark, is not an unusual one.

"Really, in the last 25 years it's become kind of part of the deal, where every member of Congress and every senator's entitled to them. Congressmen, they get about \$15 million apiece, except for the ones who are more powerful — on the right committee. Then in

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Kroll lollygags

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and the case languished. Aguirre had other fish to fry and admits he should have made sure some agency pursued it.

Journalists, including me, found out about the Newsome charge in late 2005. I had not heard it initially from Newsome. I put it on my list of future projects. In May of this year, Newsome contacted me. We discussed it by e-mail. The story had lost some of its potential sting, because in April, the county grand jury had issued a strongly worded report saying that the City was squirreling money out of the sewer and water departments to pay for activities that should have been supported by the general fund.

In January, the city council had discussed whether it was appropriate to pay part of Kroll's fat bills — now up to \$20.3 million — with so-called enterprise funds, including Water and Wastewater. "Mike Aguirre raised the point of billing practices, taking money out of enterprise funds such as Water and Wastewater — not just for Kroll, but for legal bills," recalls councilmember Donna Frye, noting that Kroll did not provide adequate billing records "or an explanation of why its bills were so high." Both Frye and Shipione had called for audits of the City's pickpocket billing practice more than two years ago.

On July 21 of this year, the *Union-Tribune* wrote a cocka-

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mamie (to put it charitably) hit piece, claiming that Newsome's unprobed allegations "are now a key factor holding up release" of Kroll's long-delayed report. Ergo, Aguirre got the blame for Kroll's remunerative lollygagging. Such poppycock. If Newsome's charges are one factor holding up Kroll's report, there is only one entity to blame: Kroll, because it waited until spring of 2006 to interview knowledgeable people such as Shipione. It had to know that talking with such experts would lead the committee down many trails.

If Kroll is indeed blaming Aguirre for the report's delay, it's guilty of gross hypocrisy, says Aguirre: "The very practices Kroll wants to go after me on, they themselves are engaged in — being paid with Water and Wastewater funds." On April 10 of this year, Aguirre wrote the county grand jury, asking that it take a look at possible diversion of enterprise funds to the Audit Committee. He said that evidence shows Kroll and its law firm "violated the internal accounting controls of the City of San Diego, and the City of San Diego has inappropriately used monies from enterprise funds to pay invoices" submitted by the two.

The July 21 editorial by the *Union-Tribune*, always the apologist for Kroll, was mis-titled "Selective Outrage: Aguirre Turns Blind Eye to Corruption in His Office." Of course, the alleged corruption was not in his office, but in that of his predecessor, Gwinn, whose executive assistant was Leslie

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Devaney, Aguirre's opponent in the 2004 election.

Aguirre on July 21 told people in his office that if they knew of the practice, they should come forward that day. "If it was found later that anybody was withholding information, it was grounds for termination," he told them. He got enough response to indicate that the practice may have been widespread. Last week, an investigator from his department confirmed that the faulty billing had been going on. "Gwinn and Devaney wouldn't cooperate," says Aguirre, who believes the practice probably extended to other City departments. He is now working with the attorney general's office to determine the course of further investigations.

The same day the editorial appeared, Newsome sent Robert Kittle, the author of the piece, an e-mail saying, "You should be ashamed of yourself and your paper, and you owe Mr. Aguirre a swift and public apology." Among other things, Newsome pointed out that he had given the material to the *Union-Tribune* more than a year earlier and nothing had appeared. He noted that at the same time he had written Aguirre in December 2004, he had written five other agencies that could have acted.

I e-mailed Kittle, asking if he planned to run Newsome's letter. His response: "We don't publish personal e-mail addressed to me." Next, Kittle adjusted his computer to screen out all e-mails from Newsome.

Says Shipione wryly about

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the *U-T* editorial, "It's easy to blame Mike for the loss of the Lindbergh baby, overeating, and every unfortunate event that occurs. The people doing the blaming should look to see if they could have prevented the problems." ■

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for the project and also point out the kind of support you have from the mayor and the council: this is a priority.

"And explain why it's an unusual project: because it came up at the end, it's tied to the opening of the road, and you can't open this big investment all the way from Balboa Park to San Diego Bay because of this thing, and explain why it wasn't in the budget. And this is at the time that they were building the [ball] park too, you know — the park overrun.

"So you go in, and you meet with them at ten o'clock in the morning. The staff people are the ones that really do this. In this case, I had a friend of mine who was from Vermont who was the chief of staff for Senator Leahy, who knew the chief of staff for Senator Feinstein. So, I forget whether I talked to her on the phone, but he said, 'This is a good guy, why don't you talk to him.' Because, you know, she's got a million people.

"Well, you go in the office, and in these other states, like Vermont, it's nice and quiet. But in California, it's like, there's 30, 40 million people and there's only two senators. What's happened nowadays is that people organize these things, the e-mails and the phones, you know. The phones ring, ring.

"So, anyway, I figure I either met with her or I talked with her, and I met with Susan Davis's person here, a guy named Don Hammer, at the time. I met with her. I went to her office. You know, congress people are a little easier to see because they only represent a small amount; there's 53 of them in California.

"It's very important that you bring everybody up to speed, because it's not only that you want people to help you, you don't want them to hurt you. They never heard about it. It's a matter of respect. So you make sure that all the key staff people are involved,

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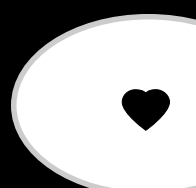
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the two senators and the congress people.

"We actually talked with Congressman Filner as well, even though it's not his district. He used to be a member of the council, as you know, and he's also on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. So I went to see him.

"There's this kind of small-p political process where you make sure you know everybody knows what you're doing so it pops up... because these things are easy to kill. It's a very complicated situation.

"I really like representing public entities and having projects that are easily explainable and defensible. We had this picture, this video. There was this video of people crawling underneath and over the trains at noontime, old people. And so, we're saying this is what the alternative is.

"So anyway, then it just becomes a matter of understanding, continuously keeping in touch, answering questions, trying to keep it on the top of the list, getting feedback. Mostly on the phone. I would go to Washington periodically, once a month or so.

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But I wasn't one, and never have been one to, you know, I'm not a winer or diner or — in fact, I don't think I've ever had any social stuff with any of these people. It's all strictly business. That's the way I like it.

"There's really two kinds of lobbyists, the institutional — well, there's more than two kinds. The people who *are* in Washington, who're there all the time, they generally come out of either former congressmen or former staffers or former White House people — there's Tommy Boggs, whose dad was majority leader of the House.

"These people, they become personal friends with these guys. They go out to dinner with them. They do fund-raisers for them. *That's* the big deal. The way the system works is, it's all perfectly legal, but these guys, you know, they get the calls — you can give \$5000 or \$1000, and you're expected to write the checks. It's all part of the whole way the system works.

"And those are the big guys; those are the guys who make \$5 million a year, and they have these big offices.

"Then there's a number of people like me — and there's law firms and all this stuff —

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but then there's other independent people like me who work on specific issues. I really focused on working for people who I knew or states that I knew. Right now I'm working for a private company, but it's not for earmarks. It's a San Diego company that's developed a product that has to do with transportation. I'm trying to introduce that product into some government stuff and some private-sector stuff. But on the earmark work that I've done, and the policy stuff, I've always worked for public-sector clients, and I've worked independently.

"I don't do *any* wining. The Duke Cunningham stuff, that's a whole different deal. Those are the guys who get these private earmarks. I don't know how to do that, and I'm not interested in that. The only area I really know about is transportation, and that's got to do with policy, and it's got to do with earmarks.

"Earmarks have become institutionalized. Every transportation appropriations bill has earmarks, every reauthorization bill has earmarks, and so there's an entitlement, almost, to the members of the committee and the members of the Senate on the right committees. When they reautho-

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rise, everybody gets something, and so, if you're interested, *someone's* going to get it, and it might as well be you.

"In San Diego County they have an annual process where they put together a request. It goes through this SANDAG staff and board, it gets shipped out to Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, all the congress people from San Diego County, a group of people — I was never among this group — the mayor, at least when Murphy was mayor.

"I met with him early on to talk about this project and, frankly, to explain to him what I was trying to do, which was to get even more. And, like I said, it became conflicts, and so we took what we could.

"See, the problem is, suppose objectively, all projects should be in the city of San Diego. You could probably argue that.

"But that doesn't work politically because the County wants something. And Carlsbad wants something. It isn't one for each, because there aren't that many projects. It becomes a complicated kind of political matter for SANDAG to work it out.

"So there are ways. If you can show that what you're getting is above and beyond, that's really what I was trying to do. First of all, to get what we were entitled to, and that wasn't easy either. But we got that. What I was trying to do was to get even more.

"I was trying to get three or four million.... I started to work with Patton Boggs. They had other — I mean, it's complicated. What you *want* is ten times more than you're going to *get*. I spent a whole lot of time because there's a special pot of money, a small amount of money for rail crossings, separate from everything else, that's discretionary by the Federal Railroad Administration.

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Bridge to nowhere?

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So I went to see them to see if we could do that, and, you know, they couldn't find a way.

"The Federal Railroad Administration, they have \$100 million for every railroad crossing in the United States, and it's designed for high-accident ones. You know, our argument was, 'This is unusual where you've got this.' You drive around here; it's very dangerous. These people get killed. Did you see that? Another one yesterday. Well, half of them are suicides. But did you see that kid yesterday, I think it was? It was in the paper.

"I know where the programs are. I know who administers them, I know the rules, and I know the process, which is kind of vague. Opaque, I guess. I mean, if you've never been involved in it.

"And there are key staff people who kind of really run it, and you've got to be able to either know them or have access to them. And there's a million people who want to see them, so everybody doesn't get to see them.

"In the Appropriations Committee, there are ten subcommittees. The chairmen of those committees in the House are known as the College of Cardinals. So if you're that subcommittee chairman, you're on the committee — especially if you're a senior member of the committee — then you get a little more every year.

"And the same thing in the Senate, although in the Senate it's different because there's the Environment and Public Works Committee that does highways, then you've got the Commerce Committee that does railroads, and the Banking and Urban Affairs Committee that does [mass] transit.

"You have the preauthorizing committee and then

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you have the Appropriations Committee. And, once again, if you're on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee or you're a senior member of the Appropriations Committee... It really comes down to the fact that, in the end, there's a bunch of political compromises that have to be made. If you happen to be in the room on that conference committee between the House and the Senate, generally your projects survive. And if you're not in the room, they might not.

"So, it's a matter of having the right person, and that's as much luck as anything else.

"A number of the lobbyists in Washington, the ones that are permanent, are the former staff members of these subcommittees who really know the process. They also know the guys or the women that were there, because they used to work for them. You've got to wait a year, but, you know.

"It really comes down to — I mean, these bills are *this* big, and no one ever reads them before they pass, so if you happen to be the people who write them, especially on the reauthorization bills... There's *one* copy of it. Everybody voted, and they went home. They kind of knew what was in it for them, but they didn't know the whole thing. And nobody — that was before they put them on the Internet. Now at least it's on the Internet, and you can see it and look at it. It's a very — you know, the old story about you don't want to see how sausage is made, or how laws are made.

"[An earmark is] an item where it says under a certain category, it describes the project, a little line or two. I forget how this one was described. I don't know if you've seen the paperwork, but it's some kind of pedestrian bridge at the

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crossing of Eighth and Harbor Drive in the city of San Diego. You describe what it is, there's hundreds of thousands of them.

"You know how a bill becomes a law: it passes the House, passes the Senate, and then they're different, and you get a conference committee. The staff works out all the details, and then ultimately there's a meeting where they say, 'Okay. This is what *we're* going to compromise, this is what *you're* going to compromise.' Everybody says, 'Okay.'

"Ninety-nine percent of the time it's done by the staff. The two staffs try to work everything out. They go back and forth. They say, 'this is what they want. Can we agree to that?' And then they have a meeting, most of the time.

"This is how people get bringing home the bacon for a district. This is totally different from the kind of stuff that Duke was doing. I don't know about that. That was private stuff. A lot of that stuff wasn't earmarked. He was convincing people, I guess, from what I read in the paper, within the Defense Department, to give contracts to these people.

"Because he was a powerful guy, he was able to convince the people [in government] to give people these contracts, and in turn, they paid him cash. I don't know anything about *that*.

"I don't think I've ever even bought lunch. Most of them don't want anything. [Ex-congressmen] can go on the floor, they can go in the gym, you know, it's a whole different deal. I've always liked to argue the merits, and I think this one had a hell of a lot of merits.

"There were some technical issues. They want to know how it's going to be built, all kinds of stuff. So, it's just a matter of, like I say, it's a fine line between being obnoxious. You call, and you send e-mails

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whenever something happens. Or, if the mayor is going to go there anyway, you give him a little thing and he goes, and when he meets with Senator Feinstein about something else, he mentions this.

"So there was this whole process that went on continuously anyway, and I was plugged into that. We'd have periodic meetings. And then when we got involved with Patton Boggs, we'd have meetings to make sure everybody was coordinated and talking to the right people.

"Begging is one way to characterize it. I would characterize it as you're asking for what you should be entitled to.

"Look at Robert Byrd. Every building in West Virginia's named after him. He's been there for 58 years, chairman of the Appropriations Committee — he used to be chairman, now he's the ranking guy. He gets what he wants. They moved the FBI to West Virginia! He's got tens of thousands of jobs up there.

"In the history of California, the senators haven't tended to stay long. These other states like West Virginia, he's been in there since '54 or something, '58 or something. Patrick Leahy in Vermont's been there since '74, you know?

"So, in the Senate it's how long you've been there. It's the most important thing. In the House they've changed a little bit, especially on the Republican side. It's more, they take in account seniority, but it's also they get elected by the caucus, so it's a little less.

"But even so, it comes down to who's on the committees. In general, I think it's money well spent. It's almost like — I don't know — like, if you don't have lobbyists, and other people do, they're going to get the money. I don't [know] what they paid Patton Boggs; I didn't get paid that. You know, a few thousand dollars a month." ■

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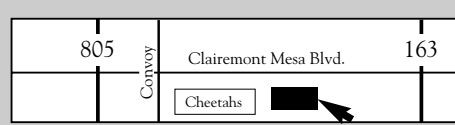
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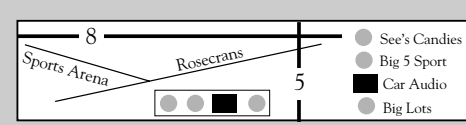


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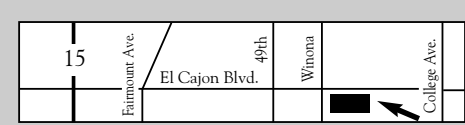
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Everlasting Issue

In re: “Women Think That Men Are Hairy Women” (Cover Story, July 27), Geoff Bouvier did a beautiful job of clarifying this everlasting issue. It brought tears to my eyes because I had a woman for 60 years who somehow *knew* all the answers without going to a seminar. In my opinion this particular seminar is a worthy effort. Men could use the same kind of thing, administered with a two-by-four to attract their attention.

John Toomay
via e-mail

Correction

In the July 27 restaurant review “From a Prince to a King,” the name of a bakery was spelled incorrectly. The bakery’s name is Con Pane. — Editor

Stop Mr. Sanford

Before I address the individuals (Letters, July 20) that seemed personally offended by my letter regarding Jay Allen Sanford’s article about drive-in theaters (“Field of Screens,” Cover Story,

July 6), let me first point out that the letter was intended to spark debate over Mr. Sanford’s skills as a writer. Personally, I believe those “skills” are poor. Of course, this is simply the opinion of one San Diegan, but the intent of the letter was to stop Mr. Sanford from writing in the *Reader*, not to elicit drive-in theater feedback. However, since that was the only feedback I received, I thought I would at least take the time to address the three gentlemen that like drive-ins and Mr. Sanford.

Mr. Clayton, yes, I do understand irony. I do understand that by calling the readers of the *Reader* fat and ugly, and signing the letter Loyal *Reader* Reader, that I am thereby calling myself fat and ugly. Trust me, I have been called far worse. You know what else I understand? I understand sarcasm and metonymy. By verbally thrashing the drive-ins, my intent was to verbally thrash Mr. Sanford. Oh, and for the record, I just received my B.A. in English. I graduated summa cum laude, which is another concept I understand. I hope your tiny paragraph made you feel better.

Mr. Huttinger, where else am I supposed to “vent” about a publication’s writers besides the publication itself? I understand your desire for cheap entertainment. I’d like some escape if I lived in the South Bay too. I’m not “ageist,” just Sanford-ist. I am against Mr. Sanford, not drive-ins.

Mr. Muldrow, it is not the fact that you are 41 which qualifies you as old. You are qualified as old because you look to drive-ins to mentally transplant you to a time that no longer exists, your childhood. The first sentence of your third paragraph started just like Mr. Sanford’s article did, old and slow. Your letter was just as rough to read as Mr. Sanford’s article, and I believe that Mr. Sanford is chronologically older than you. Maybe it’s a forty-something thing, I don’t know. Granted, some of my remarks may have been “terribly rude and disrespectful,” but they were more intended for Mr. Sanford. I know that I am turning this into a personal vendetta against Mr. Sanford, but if he started writing better, I would abandon my campaign. If stating one’s opinion and expressing distaste for a poor writer is “disrespectful,” then I am sorry to say that I truly am this disrespectful in person. Please, *Reader* readers, the point is to make Mr. Sanford stop. If I offended anyone with my drive-in comments, then piss off. I have a computer and my own mind and I can say whatever I want. It’s called America. I would suggest getting used to that.

Robb Ashton
via e-mail

Jell-O Island And Other Bum Ideas

Following deregulation, the airline industry, with its now-plummeting fares, is

also seeing the last of the “real aviators” leaving their posts, to be replaced by bean-counting CEOs who don’t know Shinola about the airline industry.

Does anyone on the current airport board hold any aviation credentials? A degree in airport management or maybe an aeronautical engineer or two? Okay, any pilots, or even mechanics? Come on — there must be someone. Okay, at least some board members were once kids with their faces pushed up against the airport fence dreaming of flight. Right?

Before I tell you where the airport should be — and unlike what’s his name (“City Lights,” July 20), I’ll tell you for free — let’s look at other suggested sites and the fact that we are basing this on the fact that someone looked into a crystal ball and decided we needed a new airport. That remains to be seen, but keep in mind that tourists and business people love Lindbergh Field. There aren’t many places left where you can deplane and be standing in the middle of downtown minutes later for ten bucks. Why is my gut suggesting someone wants to get their hands on that land?

North County’s Camp Pendleton was an early contender. Probably because Marines don’t vote locally or mount recall elections. That aside, the terrain there doesn’t lend itself to very long east-west runways. Camp Pendleton is also the last unspoiled part of coastal

SoCal and the only thing preventing San Diego from being just another town in Los Angeles.

Miramar looks like the top contender, but look at a map! While the approach end of the airport is still fairly clear, the departure end is full of mega-housing developments. It’s another Point Loma, with its attendant discontent and expense, in the making. And look at the distance from downtown. You can promise us a bullet train, and why don’t you? It’s all pie in the sky anyway.

North Island was also on the list. But forget it, there’s too much old money, and too many old connections, in Coronado for that to ever happen. And have you driven down the Crown City’s Orange Avenue lately? It’s close to gridlock, and when one little fender bender closes the bridge down for hours (like happens not too infrequently), we’ll be throwing a wrench into the entire nation’s airline hub and spoke system. So that means we are going to have to build a tunnel. Think “Big Dig.”

Okay, now we have the floating-island idea. Other than I always thought that was a dessert dish, think about the initial astronomical expense and the fact that landfills like Harbor Island and Shelter Island fare badly in earthquakes. Take a room in any of the medium-tall hotels there, and if the big one comes, I hope you understand you’re overnighing on Jell-O Island.

Okay, for the price of a

Reader, here’s the answer. It’s Brown Field. Being a former naval air station, Brown Field has a runway that’s already almost 8000 feet and could be made longer. The approach and departure ends are barren or industrial. It’s a lot closer to downtown, and an already-in-place rail line can be extended to reach it. The two distracters are raising terrain to the east, but that direction isn’t used for departures that often, and on approach it wouldn’t be as evil as Lindbergh. In bad weather, pilots call that one “the Cardiac Corridor.” The other issue is that Brown Field is three miles from Tijuana International Airport. Not a problem. Multiple-runway airports operate the world over, and while it’s two countries, the aviation system is uniform throughout the world, and it’s only a quandary in the minds of nonaviators.

I’ll miss Charles Lindbergh’s mysterious Mona Lisa smile adorning the side of Terminal One, but, hey, at least now we’ll have a Wal-Mart Superstore mere minutes and just ten bucks from downtown.

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Get A Clue

I’m so glad to see my favorite band, Crime in America, finally profiled in the *Reader* (“Blurt,” July 20)! I always thought it would be their music that got them famous, but the

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- *Dumbfounded in Dallas*

Dear Dumbfounded:

It means they want to go out of business. Actually, I have no idea. Are you sure it was a bank? Maybe you only thought it was a bank,

but it was really your next-door neighbor’s garage sale. I can’t imagine any God-fearing bank manager offering services for no cost and actually meaning it. Hogwash!

Dear Bankers Pen:

I’m in a real pickle here! I’m a bona fide cat lover, but my husband has severe cat allergies. He starts to sneeze and his throat closes up if he’s within 200 yards of a cat, bless his heart, so I’ve learned to live without felines in the house. But my sister, who lives across town, just adopted the most adorable

pair of kittens ever. After antiquing on weekends, I’ll follow her to her house and play with her kitties. Then, as soon as I walk through the door at home, my husband goes into a sneezing fit and accuses me of bringing cat hair into the house. I don’t want to hurt him, but I can’t help my love for these adorable little creatures. Is there any help for me?

- *Hopeless in Houston*

Dear Hopeless:
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Mule Racing Part II

Continuing with Don Jacklin, president of the American Mule Racing Association. He is, by the way, *the* Jacklin of Jacklin Seed, “one of the world’s largest national and international grass-seed research, production, and marketing organizations.” Jacklin is a big-game hunter and Idaho kingpin who, after coming across amateur mule racing in Bishop, California, back in the ’70s, saw the light, the light that makes a man get in line and follow.

In 1980, Jacklin authored a bill to allow pari-mutuel wagering on mule races in Idaho. Montana fell before the power of the mule in 1981, then Oregon, then Nevada, then the money mother lode of California. This gladsome development caused mule-race purses to climb up from the \$500 badlands of Idaho/Montana to the nutritious and healthful \$5000 pastures of the Golden State.

California legalized pari-mutuel betting on mule races, but only on the California fair circuit. There is one loophole: the state legislature or the California Horse Racing Board may, by special permission, allow mules to race in hoity-toity race tracks such as Del Mar. Four years ago, Jacklin’s champion mule, Taz, raced against the Muhammad Ali /Lance Armstrong/Babe Ruth racing mule of all time, Black Ruby, in a \$10,000 match race at Del Mar. Black Ruby won.

Pari-mutuel wagering on mule races is only one part of the mule-cloning story. Turns out, cloning mules may lead to a noticeable step forward in understanding how some forms of cancer develop.

Do you remember the first cloned mammal, the sheep-swamp-thing named Dolly? Dolly was manufactured in 1996. By then, Jacklin had been funding research into animal reproduction for almost ten years. After Dolly, cattle, pigs, mice, rabbits, goats, and cats have been cloned, but no one had successfully cloned a horse.

The question becomes, “So what.”

Well, horses have significantly lower cancer rates than humans. In fact, male horses do not get prostrate cancer. Attempts to clone horses failed, but those attempts generated clues as to why horses have such low cancer rates. Somebody thought, “The next best thing to cloning a horse is cloning a mule.”

You’ll want to know where mule babies come from, and I will not withhold that information. A mule is the sterile lovechild of a female horse and a male donkey. Mule cloning began primarily to aid cancer research.

Thanks to \$400,000 from Jacklin, the University of Idaho and Utah State University opened a joint venture, “Project Idaho,” to clone the world’s first equine.

To be brutally brief, they pulled it off. Idaho Gem was born on May 4, 2003, followed by Utah Pioneer and Idaho Star. Cloned triplets.

So, there you are, and while you’re up, kindly fetch me a beer from the fridge.

Put the gun down. All right, there is more to the story. Another Project Idaho participant is Gordon Woods, University of Idaho professor of animal and veterinary science. Woods founded and is president of CancEr2, a cancer-research biz. He is a principal in EquinE2, in business to commercialize horse reproduction (thoroughbred horse-racing establishment beware), and also a principal of ClonE2, a company formed to offer horse cloning to the public (thoroughbred horse-racing establishment be very afraid). Don Jacklin is a principal in ClonE2 and...

The foregoing mean nothing. It’s Idaho. You could not be involved in such esoteric science for ten years without knowing every other human being in Idaho who was working in or near the same field. These people had to get together.

Anyway, the clones are born. Three years pass. Project Idaho leased Idaho Gem to Don Jacklin. Jacklin, AMAR president, begins to race the clone, starting at the Winnemucca Mule Races. Project Idaho leased Idaho Star to Roger Downey, an AMAR Board member, at the same time. Project Idaho wants publicity, hopes that their dancing mule clones will cause strangers to come forward and rain money on their project. Follows are the clones’ records to date.

June 3. Both mules won their qualifying race at Winnemucca and in the final, Humboldt County Mule Futurity, Idaho Star finished 7th and Idaho Gem finished third.

June 21 at the San Joaquin County Fair. Idaho Gem won and turned in the fastest time of any three-year-old this season. Idaho Star scratched after his rider was kicked by an equine who will not be named.

July 5 at the Alameda County Fair. Idaho Gem finished fourth, as did Idaho Star in another race.

July 20 at the Solano County Fair. Idaho Gem finished second, .0017 of one second slower than the winner, Out of My League. Idaho Star did not compete.

July 26 at the Sonoma County Fair. Idaho Gem finished second. Idaho Star did not compete.

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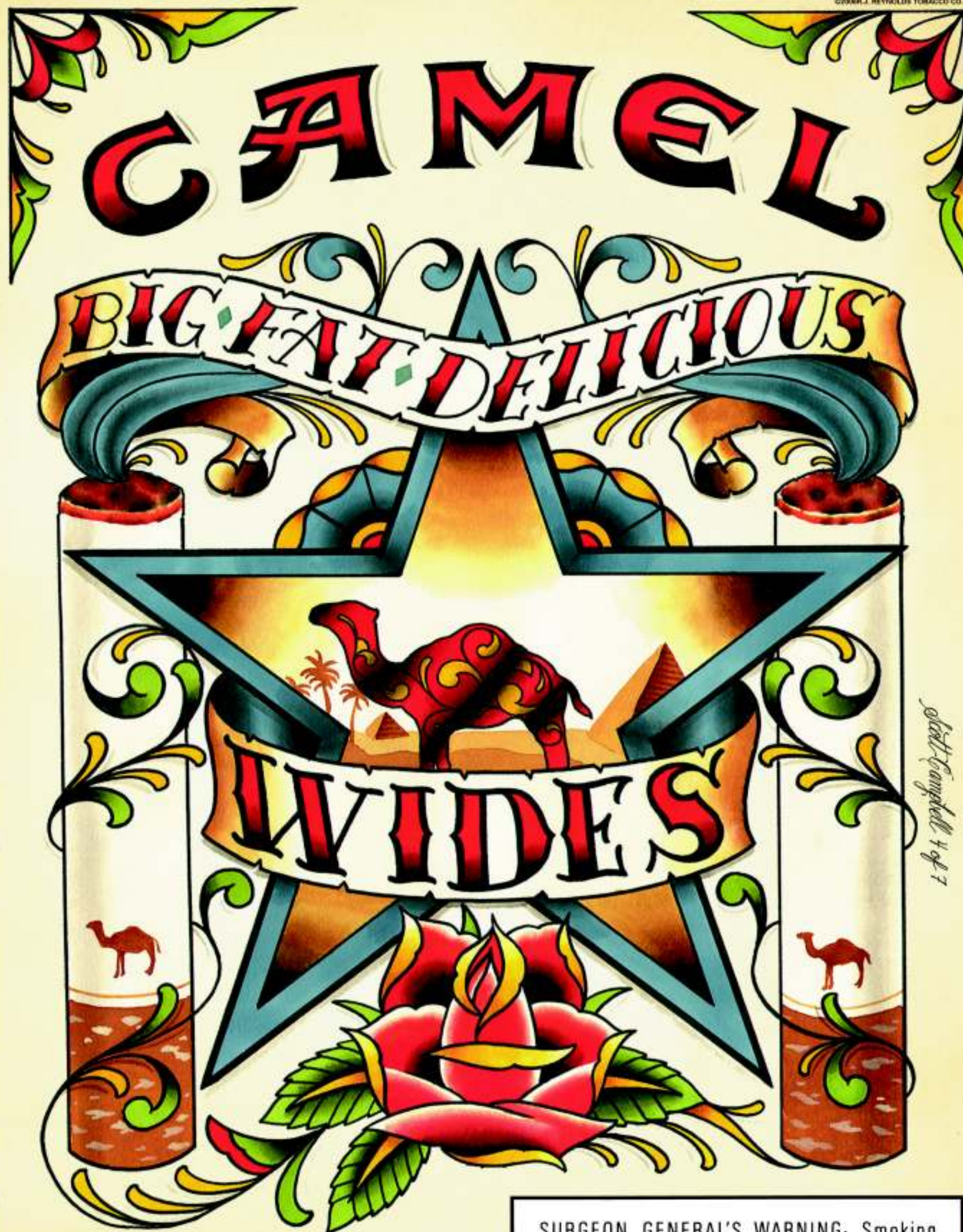


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For my nine-year-old, choosing a vocation is all about the gear. Now it's an astronaut, now a cowboy, now a fireman — whatever equipment strikes him as cool that day. Last week while we were at Point Loma Seafoods, he led me down the pier and pointed at two divers in full gear, getting ready to swim alongside a 40-foot yacht. "Whatever they're doing, that's what I want to do," he said.

What they were doing was cleaning the boat. Marlan Hoffman, CEO and co-owner of California Marine Services (619-222-3483), told me what it was they were scrubbing. "Divers perform a valuable service, both to boat owners and the environment," he began. "They remove bio-fouling — marine growth. It contributes to boat wear. Also, since a boat burns fuel, if it has a heavy buildup on the hull [then] there's no streamlining effect. That means the boat burns more fuel, which means more emissions."

Hoffman went into detail about our particular forms of marine growth. "There are many different types, and divers need to know how to remove them. You have things like mussels, and soft and hard algae. The hard algae looks like a sore, but it's actually three-dimensional. And we're getting barnacle clusters en masse this year. Another big problem is the South China sea coral worm. It's an invasive species that migrated from Vietnam. The worm floats around while it's small until it finds a hard surface," like a boat. "Then it colonizes. It secretes a calcium-sulfite tube around itself, and an acid to attach itself to metal. It's very aggressive; it grows an inch every month. If you had full coverage on your propeller and shaft, you would lose the majority of your speed. If you did nothing about it, then in a few months, the boat would not be able to navigate."

There are two ways to fight bio-fouling — one preventative, one therapeutic. For prevention, there's "anti-fouling paint for the hull of the boat. That's put on as an invertebrate repellent. The toxin in the paint is copper. The problem is that it's not only toxic to the critters that you want to keep off but also to the environment. So there are legal standards about how much copper can get into the water. Right now, there is a mandate in San Diego to reduce the copper level in the water. So divers are becoming more critical" — diver-cleaners being the therapeutic method. And even with anti-fouling paint, said Hoffman, you still need to clean your hull "every three to four weeks. Without any paint system, a diver would need to clean every week to ten days."

California Marine Services does do haul-outs and painting, but first, "If we get the opportunity, we'll do an in-water cleaning. We want to remove the organisms that are on the boat, so that we don't create more pollution on land. In the water, we're just putting the organisms back in the water. Some die, some float to the nearest pylon, some float to the bottom. On

"On a boat with a new paint system, the diver can use a commercial-grade carpet."

land, we have to dispose of the stuff."

Hoffman said that a "good, well-trained diver can do between eight and ten boats a day. The average boat takes 30 to 60 minutes, though large boats could take hours. He wears a suit for protection — you don't want to get pushed up against the docks — and uses a typical SCUBA system. He'll either wear the tank on his back or set it on the dock and use a longer hose. That's called a hookah system." The actual nitty-gritty of cleaning "is a really basic manual system, done with a series of pads. The California Professional Diver's Association has what are called Best Management Practices. They're designed to guide the diver and reduce environmental impact."

For instance, "if a paint system on a boat is very old, it will have lower toxicity. It won't repel fouling as well, and the diver will have to scrub harder and use a heavier, coarser pad. Or even a plastic scraper." But because of the low toxicity in the paint, that's okay — the scrapings won't add much copper to the water. "On a boat with a new paint system, the diver can use a commercial-grade carpet. It's cheap and it cleans really well." And it doesn't scrape off the copper-laced paint.

Areas that are usually unpainted, such as the propellers and running gear, require steel wool and/or a scraper. Hoffman estimates that only one percent of boats get paint on these areas. ("While the diver's out there," he said, "he's also doing general maintenance, such as corrosion protection. He might be putting a sacrificial coating of zinc on the exposed metal.") Different parts of the boat are made from different metals, "and when you put two metals in a saltwater solution, it creates a battery — a current draw. That's going to give off ions, just like any other battery, and one of the poles is going to go away. The zinc is a really inexpensive sacrificial coating — it's the one that goes away. You just replace it every so often. There's an entire industry built around that type of protection."

A trained diver "can make anywhere from \$150 to \$250 a day, with four to eight hours in the water. The cost to the owner is between \$1 and \$1.50 a foot. That's been our rate for the past ten years. This is an extremely tough job; it requires a lot of physical stamina. But it's also very transient, and there's no regulation other than voluntary regulation. You don't need anything but a business license, and you can get access to boats in many different ways. That drives prices down, because there's a lot of competition. It's a good thing in some ways for the boat owner, but it can also drive the quality down." While all Hoffman's divers take the Best Management Practices course, some companies "can't afford to create training programs that would make a diver more professional and effect a positive increase in quality."

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by Josh Board

during last year's Comic-Con, I got a call informing me about a party at a hotel downtown. The agent from New York rattled off an A-list of stars who would be there but finished saying, "I can't let you into the party, but you're welcome to stand outside the hotel and write about the celebrities you see."

I'm sorry I missed that. Nothing like standing outside of a party yelling, "Over here, Charlize!"

This year I received a call from Dean LeCrone of the Southern California Cartoonists Society. They were hosting a party with well-known cartoonists the day before Comic-Con would begin. I was invited inside this time.

The party was in a North Park warehouse that former newscaster Jack White owns. White performs magic and has his space set up with a stage and curtains for his magic shows. The walls are filled with magic posters and props, some dating back a century. There were movie posters from westerns and display cases filled with old cars, toys, and soldiers.

The smell of popcorn was in the air from an old-fashioned machine that was cranking it



out. Several appetizers were set up on a countertop.

They had a contest involving the invitations sent out by LeCrone. He had drawn several cartoon characters on the invites, and you had to name them. I got excited, having flashbacks to when I won a contest naming most of the people on the *Sgt. Pepper* album. However, I recognized less than ten of LeCrone's characters. The guy that won named 55 of the



Top: Ashley and Dan Piraro, Michael Aushenker, Stan Yan, and Matt Lorentz in front; Bottom left: Dan Piraro, drawing on a kid's shirt; Bottom right: Dean LeCrone, right

The Norm. An older cartoonist named Brian Walker draws for *Hi and Lois*, and he is now the guy behind *Beetle Bailey*, which his dad created.

I knew of Greg Evans, who draws the *Luanna* strip. I fig-

ured he was a local resident, which is how, I suppose, they all tie in together.

I was telling a woman named Vikki that I'd donated over 13 gallons to the blood bank over the years. She pointed to a guy named Greg, a retired CHP, and said, "He's donated over 50 gallons."

Evans was handing out a postcard he had drawn of an American family and how they look to others...and how they *think* they look.

I noticed that nametags were creative when you throw a party for cartoonists. A few did self-portraits next to their names.

One kid wore a white T-shirt and had everyone draw something on it. Dean said, "He wanted tattoos, and his mom said, 'No, but you can get your shirt tattooed.'"

Another cartoonist said, "You're really scoring with all these drawings we're doing." He started a picture and realized it was hard not being able to turn the shirt around the way you can with a piece of paper.

Another guy asked the kid, "Do you have any hobbies? What sports teams do you like? Are you a Lakers fan?" The boy finally mentioned liking badminton, and that gave the artist an idea of what to draw on his shirt.

One cartoonist looked a bit like Elvis Costello, and I asked him who he was. I freaked when I found out it was Dan Piraro, who does *Bizarro*. I told him I loved his strip, and that I think he's funnier than Gary Larson (*The Far Side*). I said I thought Larson was overrated, and he replied, "I agree with you. I enjoy reading his stuff, but it just seems like a lot of it just has...mass appeal."

But Larson has millions. We don't.

Piraro got up to speak and said, "I didn't even know I was going to be a guest speaker

"He wanted tattoos, and his mom said, 'No, but you can get your shirt tattooed.'"

characters.

I don't read many comics and wasn't familiar with a few of the people there — Andrew Feinstein, who does the strip *Girls and Sports*, and Michael Jantze, who does a strip called

ured he was a local resident, since he often does promotions with the San Diego Blood Bank, the one where cartoonists do caricatures for blood donors. And Jack White's wife of many years works at the blood bank,

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until I saw it listed on the program." He talked about marrying his wife after only dating for three months. When I saw her arms had tattoos, I asked if Piraro drew any of them. She pointed to two that he did (one being a heart, a real heart, which looked freaky). I said, "Your parents must love the fact that you married a cartoonist." She laughed and said, "My dad is a cartoonist — Ralph Smith, who does *Through Thick and Thin*. And my stepfather [Chris Browne] does *Hagar the Horrible* [his late father Dik Browne's creation]. I was always around people in

this business, so it was no surprise I married a cartoonist."

When Piraro was drawing on the kid's shirt, I asked what the weirdest thing was he's ever drawn on. "A pregnant woman's belly."

One amateur cartoonist was asking a few of the pros for advice. I heard her get excited when she recognized one guy and said, "I finished second place in a contest back in high school. And he was the judge!"

There was a woman who was eating peanuts (not the comic strip), and she told me about putting two of the white, packaging

peanuts in her eyes once to be funny. While running around for laughs she said, "I ran into a stool and fell. I still have the dent in my leg."

I responded, "If you would've died, they could've left them on your eyes...kind of like pennies."

We joked about incidents like that being the reason warning labels are on everything.

I listened as cartoonists talked to each other about their creative processes. Piraro said friends often give him ideas that he rarely uses. A few cartoonists were trading

sketches with each other.

People were excited that Jeff Keane, who does *The Family Circus*, was there. I wasn't familiar with that strip. Nor did I know Stuart Rees, who does a law cartoon called *Stews Views*.

Raffle tickets were given out, and there was an opportunity to buy more of the tickets. I overheard Jack White telling someone, "When they announced you could buy more tickets, one guy said, 'I'll sell mine to someone.'"

When Dean started giving away prizes, he proved to be a funny and entertaining host. And 75 percent of the attendees

walked away with something. Two people claimed to have ticket number 909, and a controversy ensued.

A guy named Matt Lorentz, who does artwork for No Fear, showed me his portfolio. He did a cool graphic that had the name written in barbed wire.

I got into an interesting conversation with one guy about street signs. I told him I saw Penny Lane in Liverpool, and that they stopped printing the sign after hundreds of thefts. They now paint the street name on various walls. He said, "I live on Good Karma Lane. That sign has been stolen three times."

I asked him if he thought the person who stole it realized he was risking bad karma.

I debated having a piece of cake. I saw about eight flies land on it. I did some fuzzy math, involving the area of the frosting with the dimensions of a fly and calculated the odds of me getting a tainted piece.

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You might think, after you read what I'm about to share, that I am a horrible person. But we cannot live our lives in fear of judgment and, however terrible the truth may be, it is the truth, and all truth is indifferent. So I reserve even my own opinion of myself as I admit that, at 7:30 p.m. on a warm Thursday evening three weeks ago, it took nearly five full seconds for me to remember that my grandfather was alive.

When I search within myself and attempt to name the emotions I feel toward him, I come up with the same feelings I have when I see an old person at a bus stop.

I was standing on the sidewalk outside of the gallery showing David's work in New York's artsy neighborhood of Chelsea, taking a break from the throng of free-wine-loving-art-gawkers, when my cousin Cyndi asked, "Are you going to visit Pop Pop while you're here?"

For five seconds, the only response she received was my

blank stare. Then, "Pop Pop? No, no, I wasn't planning on it. I mean, I'm only in town for a few days; there's really no time." Remembering Cyndi's super X-ray power of seeing through bullshit, I added, "And there are a zillion things I'd rather do on this coast than trek an hour to Jersey to spend a day with a nice old guy I hardly know."

We've all felt this way before; there is someone in each of our lives — a distant relative, a tangential acquaintance, a vague coworker — to whom we do not feel close and therefore do not wish to make a priority in our lives. When we do prioritize these people, it is because we feel obligated to do so — obligated by society (I'm *supposed* to visit this person), obligated by others with whom we are close (*someone wants* me to visit this

person because this person is important to that someone).

I last saw my only living grandparent four years ago, when he came to San Diego to visit with his daughter, my mother. As we sat in Mom's living room, I imagined the glint in my grandfather's eyes was made from pain and longing. He sat in silence, a sad smile on his face, and stared at us as we spoke, the girls he didn't get to watch grow up.

When I drove down to Mom's house earlier that day, I wasn't prepared for the mountain of emotion behind those old eyes. The only reason I showed up at all was because of the potential drama I would face if I declined the invitation for dinner with the family. Because she'd moved 3000 miles away from her parents, my mother felt guilty for their absence in our lives, though she needn't have — if my grandparents had been truly interested in the lives of their granddaughters, they would have found a way to forge those bonds, which require more than annual, obligatory birthday cards.

I have all the respect for my grandfather that is due my one-step-removed creator, though I feel no need to try and bond with him or fake an intimate sort of granddaughter-like love. When I search within myself and attempt to name the emotions I feel toward him, I come up with the same feelings I have when I see an old person at a bus stop: Here is this old person, and he seems sad and alone, and I wonder about all of the hardships he's suffered; I wonder if he

was ever able to appreciate moments of pure joy. I feel tugs of sympathy when I look at his face, eyes distant, head cast down, someone who seems to be carrying out the rest of his sentence on this earth rather than joyfully soaking in the last few minutes of recess.

When I see an old man at a bus stop, I try to read the contours of his face; I look for a spark of light, a hint of wisdom, or even a smile. If I see these things, I hope to be that lucky when I get old, and then I wonder about all of the life-lessons I could learn from that one, knowing, little spark. But when I do not see it, when my search ends with that faraway look, that lugubrious stare, I am sad for him in the way you are sad for a bird with a broken wing. This is how I feel about my grandfather; when I see him, he is as strange and puzzling to me as any of those aged creatures adorning the streets where I live. The only difference is I embrace him in a hug before I tear my gaze away to think of other things.

We're not supposed to feel this way about our family members, and we're certainly not supposed to admit that we think these things, but we do, we have, and if I hear someone say she hasn't, I am sure she is lying. Too often our actions are based on what we feel we are "expected" to do, and not what we "want" to do. This line of thinking is detrimental to our happiness and, more importantly, to our ability to be honest with others and ourselves. There are plenty of distant relatives with whom I feel a strong connection that I *want* to prioritize — I

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would rather spend my time with these people than pretend to enjoy the company of someone with whom I'm "supposed" to feel a connection.

I once worked with a woman I detested on so many levels that her voice alone could give me stomach cramps. One morning, after she'd been out for a few days, I was told the woman was in the hospital and that I should sign the get-well card circulating through the office. I deftly avoided the card at every turn and, noting it had gone out without my signature, a "thoughtful" coworker suggested I send a separate card to express my well wishes.

I struggled with guilt until I told myself, *Nothing has changed that would make me suddenly like this person. Does someone's illness make him or her more likeable? No. Should I pretend to like her because that's what everyone else is doing? No. Does this make me a bad person? No! It makes me consistent.*

My other coworkers, people who constantly

bitched about the ill woman, poured out their false sentiments in writing, and some even went to visit her. If I were sick, the last people I would want to see would be those who visit out of some kind of obligatory guilt. It's the same when someone you didn't care for dies — sure, you feel bad for their family because you're not heartless, and you may question your own mortality and be struck by the cruel randomness of life. But death does not make one a better person; it just

makes one no more. Sickness did not make my coworker more likeable; it just made her ill.

I try to resist being swayed by the expectations of others and the temptation of feeling obligated to do what other people think I should do. Instead, I work on doing what I feel is right. It all comes down to this: Mine is the only life I get to lead, and I intend on leading it. This doesn't make me horrible, it doesn't make me cold or ruthless — it makes me honest. ■

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Rendering of new temple in Escondido

I first met Robert Morrill in 1979. He was 27 and had moved the year before to San Diego with his wife and two young children. The family had settled into a modest apartment on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach, a few doors down from the Hare Krishna temple, where Morrill served as president.

I was writing an article about the local Hindu religious group, which then was thriving. About 60 young Americans

lived on or near the temple grounds, their lives dedicated to serving the god they referred to as Lord Krishna. Several hundred more temple supporters were scattered throughout the county. San Diegans saw a lot of the devotees. They ventured out into the streets every day, chanting the movement's mantra. They solicited money at the airport and tourist attractions. There was talk of passing laws to restrain their aggressive exuberance.

The women with whom I lived took cold showers — and they showered every time they had a bowel movement.



Statue of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Pacific Beach Temple

Badrinarayan dasa (the Hindu name Morrill assumed when he was initiated into the religion) struck me as being down-to-earth and smart and funny, in a streetwise, self-deprecating way. He charmed me with a quote from Srila Prabhupada, the Indian mystic who had sailed to the U.S. in 1965, at the age of 69, to found the Krishna-worshipping sect in America. “Prabhupada said there’s no such thing as bad publicity,” the young temple president reassured me, explaining that any dissemination of the words *Hare Krishna* was beneficial. In that spirit, he welcomed my request to spend 24 hours living with his flock, getting to know them. I would see they weren’t the brainwashed cultists that ignorant outsiders often made them out to be.

And that was more or less what I concluded. The austerity of the devotees’ lives amazed me. They arose at 3:15 a.m. every morning, then headed for the temple and hours of chanting. (“The ether” was very pure then, one informed me. “The demons aren’t around.”) Even married couples could only have sex for reproductive purposes. The women with whom I lived took cold showers — and they showered every time they had a bowel movement. Talk of the “material world” repulsed them. Still, the reasons they gave

for joining the movement made as much sense to me as those of any convert to a more familiar religion: they were seeking a higher purpose in their lives. They had come to believe that the creator of the universe deserved their full attention.

After my initial story ran, I expected to visit the temple from time to time. The theology didn’t entice me, but I’d been dazzled by the beauty of the services. I loved the throbbing interplay of the drums and the cymbals and the devotees’ frenzied songs. Somehow, though, I never found the time. Decades passed.

One day, I couldn’t remember the last time I’d seen the Krishnas out chanting. When I stopped by the temple to ask why, the polite young man behind the counter suggested I talk to Badrinayan dasa.

He has since moved to another little house in Pacific Beach, I discovered, and is long divorced, his children grown. He is no longer the temple president. Instead, he serves as regional director for the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), in charge of overseeing the Hare Krishna temples not only in San Diego, but also Los Angeles, Laguna Beach, Las Vegas, Denver, Boulder, Boise, and Salt Lake City. He’s one of the half-dozen Americans who

represent the United States on the religion's international governing body, which meets once a year in India. Badrinarayan thus spends a lot of time on airplanes, and he wades through mountains of e-mail. But when I asked if I might get an update from him on the local religious group, he promptly agreed to meet me at the temple.

If it had changed since my visit in '79, I couldn't see how. Built in 1932 by the Army Corps of Engineers, the structure first served as a barracks, then later became an Elk's Lodge. When the Krishnas acquired it 30 years ago, they transformed the interior into something so opulent it seems like a trick of Hollywood. Awash in creamy tones — ivories and peaches and pale baby blues — and illuminated by six chandeliers, the hall gives way to three recessed altars bearing doll-like representations of the Hindu deity, surrounded by flowers and gilded statuary and heavy, glittering fabrics. Elaborate friezes carry the lavish exoticism into the main section of the room, where Hindu arches frame paintings of religious scenes. Along one wall, a canopy shelters a life-sized likeness of



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Temple kitchen

the movement's founder. Startling in its realism, the figure sits cross-legged, serene and age-

less, as if some Vedic spell had frozen the gnomish Indian in time. Time has wrought

subtle changes in Badrinarayan. A tall, lean man, the skin under his chin has loosened over the

years, and some gray has stolen through his short, dark hair. He's less dogmatic in his pronouncements than he once was. But he's still a cordial raconteur.

He was eager to tell me stories about the new temple the local congregation is planning to build. In 1999, when the leadership decided the need for a larger facility was "unavoidable," Badrinarayan was dispatched to Tirupati, one of the most famous of the holy cities in India, where "there are scholars who are very learned in Vedic sacred architecture, going back for generations." He says he gave them the San Diego congregation's wish list: a temple that would be twice the size of the existing one, a 7000-square-foot cultural hall, a couple of classrooms, a dormitory for the monks. He asked the scholars to help design the basic layout. "They asked me if we had the land yet," he recalls. "They said, 'Get the land first, because from the land comes the design.' " That made sense, the San Diego religious leader agreed. He asked if he should look for anything in particular during the search for property. "And they said, 'Well, there are a few things. Like, oh, it has to

be cow-shaped, not lion-shaped. It has to be high in the south and slope down to the north. Single road in front. Open to the west. Open to the east. Five types of fruit trees growing spontaneously. Water flowing over it.' "

Badrinarayan says that when he returned and began giving realtors this shopping list, "I had people hang up on me. One guy said, 'This isn't funny, Charlie,' I guess I sounded like one of his friends, and he thought it was a practical joke.

"But here's the beautiful part," he continued. "One of our senior monks was visiting. He's an old friend of mine, and he said, 'How's it going with the land?' And I said, 'Well, we're not finding anything.' " When his friend asked for a car and driver to help with the hunt, "I thought, well...maybe. We believe in miracles. And it'll keep him out of my hair for a while." The first day his friend had no success. "Second day, they got lost out in Escondido. Instead of going down Country Club, they were going down Rincon, and they ran up against these hills and realized their error." Getting out to stretch his legs, the visiting monk noticed a sign

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announcing that a 24-acre site was for sale. "He said, 'Hey, wait a minute. High in the south. Slopes in the north. Single road in front.' He called me, and I said, 'Hare Krishna! Just stay there!'" When he saw the shape of the property, he realized it conformed to what the Indian pundits had ordered. "Lion-shaped means wider in the front," he explains. "A piece of property like that will cause you difficulty. They will gobble; they will eat. It will cost you money. And cow-shaped means it's thinner in the front and wider in the back, and it'll give milk.

It'll be sweet."

When Badrinarayan later toured the land with a real-estate agent, "I didn't see any water flowing across it." Although he knew building a pond would rectify this, he thought he might negotiate a better price by pointing out the deficiency. "But she said, 'Come with me.' We went over these small hills into the back of the property, and there was a flume from Lake Dixon that runs across it there. So then I thought, 'Well, that didn't work.' And I said, 'There should be five types of fruit trees growing spontaneously.' She

said, 'Well, check it out.' There were avocados. There were olives. There were persimmons. There were oranges. There were lemons. Five types of fruit trees growing spontaneously."

Later, in accordance with additional Vedic instructions, Badrinarayan and some of the other temple members dug a hole on the property to the depth of an elbow. "You pour a little less than a liter of milk into the hole, and you chant the first line of a sacred prayer called the *gayatri*. And as you're finishing that mantra, the milk should have drained

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away. Not before. Not after. And it did that." He sent maps of his find off to India, and the pundits e-mailed him back: "Land all auspicious," it read. "Perfect for temple. Get at all costs."

Badrinarayan says ISKCON acquired the Rincon Avenue property for \$560,000, and "The escrow papers were stamped and signed and recorded on Krishna's birthday in 1999. That was in August." The group then sought a conditional-use permit from the City of Escondido, and an extended battle ensued, with community critics complaining that the mass and scale of the project would change the rural character of their neighborhood, and increased traffic going to and from the temple would harm the environment. In June of 2000, however, the council gave the Krishna devotees a green light, and the architects in India began pro-

ducing detailed drawings. They came up with "great elevations. Great floor plans. Great site plans," Badrinarayan says. "But, as they say, the devil's in the details. I'll give you an example of the kind of thing we went through. You have to do a complicated ingress/egress study that shows how the handicapped will have access to everything." The Indian architects' plans did this for all the changes in elevation that were more than two feet high. But for obstacles under two feet, "Nothing was detailed; it was as if they had never looked at it. So I called them in Delhi, and I said, 'You know this isn't going to work?' and their response was, 'Won't their friends help?' Which is kind of sweet, you know? And in India, it's true. There's no question. If someone is in a wheelchair, there'd be 15 people ready to help him. But I said, 'You know, it's a little colder

here in the West. It doesn't work that way.' And there were just so many things like that, where they didn't quite put Tab A to Tab B."

Realizing, at last, that having the Indian architects design the new temple wasn't going to be practical, the congregation embarked on an extended search for an American firm. Early in 2005, they hired Hyndman & Hyndman, the Cardiff architects who oversaw the construction of the Mormon Temple on Interstate 5 and won a Grand Orchid award for the design of St. Gregory's in Scripps Ranch. "They're very competent. We couldn't be happier with them," Badrinarayan told me. Another delay in the project resulted when problems with water pressure caused the City of Escondido to impose a building moratorium. That has since been lifted, and the city has

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signed off on all the site plans. The religious leader says final construction drawings will be submitted to the City by the end of the year, and “We *hope* by the grace of Krishna to break ground by the spring or summer of 2007. But,” he rolled his eyes, “it’s a spiritual building. And sometimes Krishna has his own way of doing things.”

When the new temple opens, the one in Pacific Beach will continue to operate. “There’s already a congregation big enough to support this,” Badrinarayan says. “We have a lot of people who live in South Bay or La Jolla or downtown. There’s a lot of kids there — college students. They come to the temple. You’ll see people on their way to work or school. People just stop in, offer some prayers, and go on.” As if to confirm his words, a young Indian couple who had entered the temple and knelt before the altar rose to leave, greeting Badrinarayan as they passed him. They were tourists from India, the young woman said, but they loved visiting Hare Krishna temples on their travels. “Wherever you make a trip, you feel like your family is there,” she enthused.

“Srila Prabhupada said it’s like a spiritual embassy,” Badrinarayan agreed. “In any country you visit, you have a little embassy from the spiritual world. Okay, you guys, stay out of trouble. Don’t do anything I wouldn’t do. That’s a long list too!” The couple looked puzzled, but Badrinarayan assured them he was joking. “Hare Krishna,” he bid them goodbye.

Fewer than two dozen devotees live in and around the Pacific Beach temple today — a fraction of those who once made it the center of their lives. But the number of names on the local Hare Krishna mail-

ing list has burgeoned over the years, according to Badrinarayan. That list now contains almost 2500 households, including everyone from daily worshippers to those who might only drop in once a year for a big festi-

val. Badrinarayan says the zip codes on the mailing list have revealed that more than half the temple’s supporters live along Interstate 15 in the North County. That’s why the group was looking for building sites in

Escondido. The leader says economic forces helped to drive the population shift, as home prices in Pacific Beach skyrocketed. Another factor has been the influence of local East Indians.

From a handful at

the end of the 1960s, the number of immigrants from India living in San Diego County has exploded. According to Raj Chadha, many have been drawn to Poway and surrounding communities by the good

reputation of the Poway school district. Born in Jullundur in the Indian state of Punjab, Chadha came to San Diego by way of Winnipeg, Canada. There he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in chemistry and

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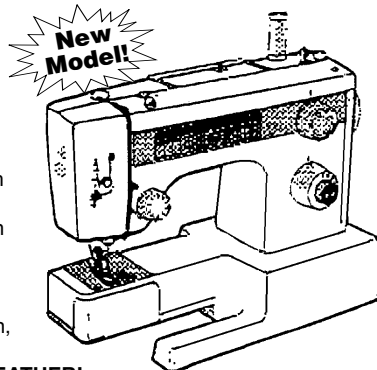
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joined the University of Manitoba faculty before accepting a job at UCSD in 1988. The family now lives in a large, gracious home in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Chadha spends his days analyzing various compounds with X-ray crystallography at the Scripps Institution. He worships at the Pacific Beach Hare Krishna temple.

A short, balding man with deep-set, expressive eyes, Chadha says the



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Pacific Beach temple

Pacific Beach facility was the only Hindu worship center in the county when he moved here. On his very first visit, it captivated him. "I saw this beautiful deity, and the people were chanting hymns, and I loved that." Moreover, it seemed clear to the professor that the temple's religious practices "could not be more authentic. The deity worship is just as they do in

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Although the Hare Krishna movement began in the United States, Chadha says it was never viewed with suspicion in India.

Prabhupada’s movement belonged to the Vaishnavite religious tradition — the one to which the majority of the 800 million Hindus in India adhere. (“Vaishnavism” means the worship of Vishnu, of whom Krishna is one incarnation.) Monotheistic and personal, this tradition has roots going back thousands of years. It contrasts with the polytheistic form of Hinduism popularized in the United States in the late 1800s by Swami Vivekananda.

Chadha says his own father was a devout Vaishnava. “He used to get up at four o’clock in the morning, when we were all asleep, and all we would hear was the chanting of the hymns.” When Prabhupada took some of those same devotional practices to America, “A lot of people in India were really appreciative that somebody had gone outside to give the message of our culture.”

Today Chadha is involved in several aspects of the Pacific Beach temple life. Twice a month, he sings or plays the tabla at the devotional music program that takes place from 6:00–7:00 p.m. every Saturday. He also often attends the Sunday evening services that run from 6:00–8:00, and he sometimes drops in to pray on his own, since the temple is not far from his workplace. He and his wife have talked about one day taking initiation — a more serious level of religious commitment that requires, among other things, chanting 16 daily

“rounds” of the Hare Krishna mantra. (*Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare. Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.*) Each round consists of repeating the 16-word incantation 108

times, a practice that the devotees keep track of with a set of wooden *japa* beads. “My wife chants more than I. She does 10 or 12 rounds a day. I just started. I’m at 2 now.” Chadha cackled and added, “When we’re both

at 15, then we’ll take initiation!”

Chadha pointed out that besides serving as his spiritual home, the temple also had influenced his social life. He met most of his friends there. By 1991, links forged in

the temple had connected him with the majority of the 500 Indian families who were living in the county. Since then, however, the number of Indian immigrant families has multiplied by an estimated tenfold.

“The influx has been so fast, I haven’t been able to keep up.” To serve them all, two more temples have appeared on the scene. One on Black Mountain Road opened in the mid-’90s, while another on Arjons Drive

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opened four or five years ago. "They also follow the mainstream Hindu culture, but they're more for socializing," Chadha says. "People who really want to do their serious spiritualism, they go to the Pacific Beach temple. It's the only one that does the *puja* [worship] in the strict, authentic way."

The man who presides over the Pacific Beach temple also is an ethnic Indian. Known as Sikhi Mahiti, his calm and serene demeanor contrasts with Chadha's animated friendliness. Now 36, Sikhi Mahiti lives with his wife Karuna in one of the little bunga-

lows that adjoin the temple on Grand Avenue.

"Generally, we arise at four in the morning," the president told me. About 4:30 a.m. every day, devotees begin to gather in the temple. "We sing songs of praise to Krishna, and then we also engage in *japa* meditation — the quieter chanting. This can be done individually. But when we sit together, we encourage each other," he said. A reading and discussion of sacred scripture consumes another hour or so, then the devotees disperse to attend to various chores. "We have the temple to

maintain. It has to be cleaned. Someone needs to cook." Assisting the congregation requires attention. "Like today, someone passed away, so we have to give support there and perform the rituals and the ceremonies."

Sikhi Mahiti says some of the full-time temple residents work on outreach programs — approaching people on the street and offering to explain the religion. But whereas street solicitation and sales of Hare Krishna literature once generated most of the temple's income, financial support nowadays mainly comes

from tithing and member donations. A Krishna-run program that sells vegetarian food on the campuses of UCSD and San Diego State also brings in some funds, but the temple no longer operates the two "Govinda's" restaurants that were open for many years in North Park and Leucadia. They had trouble breaking even, Badrinarayan says. Serving food that's "prepared with love and devotion in a mood of offering to God" is part of the spiritual teaching, according to Sikhi Mahiti. So every Friday night the devotees set up tables and chairs

and screens within the temple. They light candles on the tables. Within this café-like setting, for six dollars visitors can fill up on Mexican or Italian or other vegetarian offerings. Another meal served after the Sunday evening worship service always features vegetarian food from India. Food has proven a powerful magnet for interested newcomers, the temple leaders say.

I asked Sikhi Mahiti how he first learned about the Hare Krishnas. That happened in South Africa, he told me. Born in Durban of Indian parents, he was studying sci-

ence and business at the University of Capetown in 1989 when he met some devotees who were running a yoga club. They taught him about the movement's beliefs. Through his parents, he'd had some exposure to Vaishnavism "in a general sense," but that felt more like a family tradition than a rigorous philosophical enterprise. "Especially if you're exposed to a very scientific skeptical tradition in the educational system, you're not going to do something just because your parents did it. That's not good enough. But if you really go deeply into



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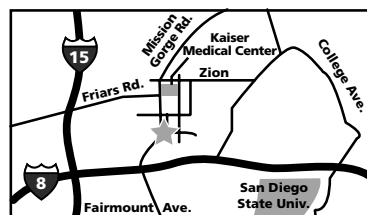
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what Srila Prabhupada presented, then you see that the core of the Hindu tradition is very, very deep and very, very appealing." To him, it seemed cohesive and practical and even scientific.

After graduation Sikhi Mahiti went to work for a company that had given him a scholarship, but he found himself getting more and more involved in the Capetown temple life. He says he came at last to feel he had a calling as a monk. "I felt it more fulfilling to be completely involved," he says. But for "the vast majority of our members," a less drastic form of commitment is just as legitimate.

If I wanted to talk to someone who had moved the other way — going from full-time temple immersion to careers in the secular world — I should contact Malcolm and Sylvia Perey, Mahiti suggested. I

met the couple one evening at their home near Mesa College, where Sylvia served up tasty little cheese balls and her husband poured tall glasses of wild blueberry juice. Both look fitter than average for Americans in their late 40s, Malcolm a powerfully built man with a thick head of dark, gray-flecked hair, Sylvia a petite blonde with a high-wattage smile. A photographic print on the living room wall bears witness to a younger Malcolm in what looks to be another lifetime. In this photo he's shaven-headed and dressed in saffron robes, kneeling in a crowd of other monks a few feet from Srila Prabhupada. Sylvia's not in the picture, but she too once wore nothing but saris. The clay *tilak* painted on the forehead to signal devotion to Krishna was once her only makeup.

It was her father who

first took her to the Los Angeles Hare Krishna temple; she was in junior high then. "He'd been a disciple of Paramahansa for about 12 years, and then my brother introduced him to Krishna consciousness. He immediately took it up." On those occasions when Sylvia accompanied her parent to the temple, "I'd see my dad dancing in the middle with them all." As much as she loved the music, "To tell you the truth, what I was really attracted to was the philosophy — the stories my dad would read to me. I used to read Kahlil Gibran and all those philosophical books."

Despite that allure, she didn't fully embrace the Hare Krishna lifestyle until four years after she'd graduated from high school. She was married to her first husband by then, with two daughters, one six months old and the other approaching her second

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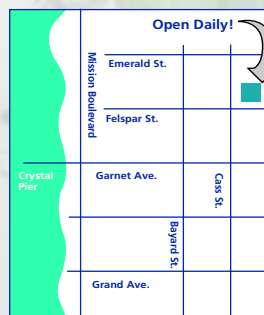
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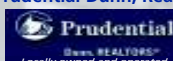
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birthday. "I looked around, and I said, 'I've got to raise them in a little bit better situation.'" She and her husband moved to San Diego in 1980, renting a small home on Thomas Street in Pacific Beach. Even though she wasn't living within the temple itself, "Everything I did revolved around it. Everything." She helped run the temple's nursery and worked at the evening dinner programs, made garlands and distributed books, and dressed the deities. She attended multihour worship sessions before dawn and after sunset, and she worked her way up to the two hours of daily chanting. In 1983 she was initiated. Her guru gave her the name of Jayasri devi dasi ("servant of the goddess of fortune").

Sylvia's marriage didn't survive her spiritual odyssey, and she says that for a while the tem-

ple helped support her and her daughters. By 1987, she was earning a small salary from her work as the hostess at the Govinda's restaurant in North Park. That's where she met Malcolm. He too had a child from a failed marriage. His daughter was three in 1988 when they got married. Sylvia's two girls were about eight and nine.

Malcolm had been raised in Phoenix as a Lutheran. An avid reader, by 16 he'd developed "an unquenchable thirst" for works on yoga and philosophy and mysticism. When a friend stopped by his house with some literature he'd gotten from a Krishna devotee at the local food market, Malcolm suggested the two go and learn more about the sect. "I found out they had a small center in town, about three or four miles from my house." He became a regular visitor, and by the time summer rolled

around, he was spending many nights in the *ashram*. He stopped eating meat.

I asked Malcolm how his mother and stepfather greeted this transformation. She was a devout Christian, he a retired dairy farmer from upstate New York. "Both were very supportive," he said, an attitude he helped to foster by keeping them informed about his soul-searching. "Even though I was young, I tried to communicate with them. I'd come home after the Sunday programs and bring them some of the nice foodstuffs." He tried to make sure they knew where he was.

He returned to his senior-year high school classes in the fall of 1975, but by early spring of the following year he'd decided to make a pilgrimage to India with the other local devotees. "I even went to some of my family members and

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said, 'Hey, can you pitch in to help me go?' "To make up the difference between what he collected and what he needed, he sold his bicycle and other possessions. The Indian travels lasted six or seven weeks and introduced him to Srila Prabhupada, and when he came back, Malcolm dropped out of high school, promising his mother he would later finish his studies. (He says he did eventually take some college classes after getting his GED certificate.) "I then joined up with some devotees who had a mobile home and different vans. We would travel to different places."

Monastic life suited him at first. "I was very young, and I had an appetite for study and the spiritual practices." He says he imagined he would spend his life living with other devotees and finding useful things to do. "I've always been a very ambitious and applied type of individual, so even within the Krishna society, I was always busy working on some project." He toiled on a Pennsylvania farm for a while, then moved to New York City and gained experience at both a Krishna-operated restaurant and a printing press. Eventually, back in Phoenix, he heard from another devotee about a new restaurant being planned in San Diego, so he traveled west and moved into the Pacific Beach temple. "We opened up the Govinda's in Leucadia. Later we expanded to North Park. I was the head cook there for a long time."

He started to think about moving out of the temple, a prospect that Malcolm said caused him no anguish. "You have certain aspirations when you're a teenager, and then in your early 20s, your mind starts maturing." Marriage begins to look appealing. "You start thinking, 'Okay, I've got

to get settled in. I've got to get a good, solid occupation.' "Temperament also played a role in his decision. Life in a temple is austere, "And you're more dependent on the circumstances. I found that I wanted more inde-

pendence." When he finally moved out, "It felt like it was the right thing to do. There was no feeling that I had failed or was stepping out of the inner circle or anything like that."

The transition to sec-

ular life wasn't traumatic either. "Sometimes people think, 'Oh, in the Hare Krishna movement you don't work.' But actually, I've always been pretty energetic, and I've always liked doing something. I think on my feet.

I'm good with my hands, and I love interacting with people. And a lot of things you learn in a devotional life are transferable" to the workaday world, Malcolm argues. "You're on time. You treat other people respectfully.

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another devotee. One job brought him to the attention of the Family Fitness Centers (now 24-Hour Fitness), and the company hired him to help maintain its facilities. That was 15 years ago. "I'm a divisional director," Malcolm told me. "I take care of 72 locations. We've got approximately 50 technicians and 7 supervisors who report to me. It's a great company to work for!"

Sylvia also sounded enthusiastic about her job as the assistant manager for a San Diego-based publication aimed at chiropractors. Maintaining the trim little house she and Malcolm bought in 2003 also keeps the couple busy, as do their commitments to the Pacific Beach temple.

"He's there a lot more than I am," Sylvia said.

"I try to help out where I can," Malcolm acknowledged. He's tried to structure a program

for maintaining the building on Grand Avenue, and he says he and his wife also contribute money to the temple's support. Both chant, although Sylvia says she sometimes only manages a couple of rounds a day. Her husband, in contrast, still devotes two hours daily to reciting the mantra. He rises at 5:00 a.m. and at the little altar to Krishna that he's set up in his living room, "I'll offer some flowers and some incense and maybe a little dried fruit and water. I try to chant a little before we work." He chants when he's on the road and his cell phone isn't interrupting him. At night he chants some more.

Both Sylvia and Malcolm told me they don't go out of their way to tell strangers about their religion, but they're happy to discuss their spiritual practices whenever the topic comes up. "People

like it, almost," Sylvia said. Years ago, Malcolm said, the news that he was a Hare Krishna devotee would sometimes repulse people, "but I haven't encountered that for a long time."

Someone who does run into open hostility from time to time is Tota Gopinath, whose full-time job is "outreach" for the local temple. Five or six days a week, "We go out. We distribute books. We do different college programs," he said.

"Probably a good 75 percent of the people say, 'No thank you.' They refuse very politely." Only a "small percentage" are aggressive or negative in rebuffing him. Another "very small percentage" accept the religious literature with alacrity. "They'll say, 'Great! This is something I've been looking for.'" Those sorts often donate money, he says.

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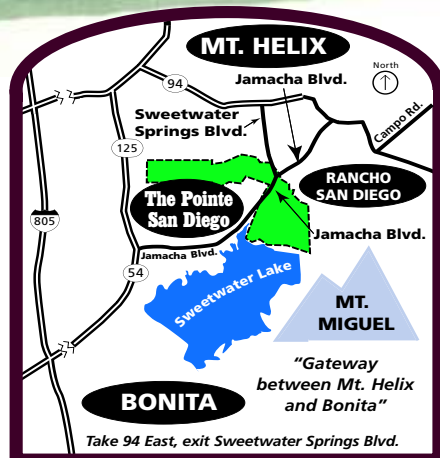
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heritage, that's deceptive. Tota Gopinath was born 23 years ago in the Utah Valley, a bastion of conservative Mormonism. "My parents were not on the very, very strict side," he recalls. "But a lot of my friends were. You grow up in that kind of environment and the influences are there, no matter what your family's like." Baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints when he was 8, he attended Mormon services every Sunday until the age of 11 or 12.

By high school, he had lost his faith. "The dynamics of the culture

there is that there's always a mood amongst the youth of rebellion. So yeah. I guess you could say I hung around with the wrong crowd — not very religious people." He remembers talking with his teenage friends about why they didn't believe in God. The lack of direct contact with a Supreme Being fed Tota Gopinath's skepticism, he says. "I thought, 'If there is a God, there must be someone who has had contact with Him. Or I should be able to see or realize Him in some way.' Lacking such evidence, why should I believe there was such a thing? I

saw a lot of hypocrisy in my surroundings — people who professed to be very religious but acted in an irreligious way. That also made me cynical."

His life changed when he was about 18 and he spotted a Hare Krishna devotee passing out books at a punk-rock concert. He knew something about ISKCON because of the festivals mounted by the Hare Krishna temple in Spanish Fork, about an hour south of Salt Lake City. In the monochromatic cultural landscape of the Utah Valley, the temple's annual Festival of India

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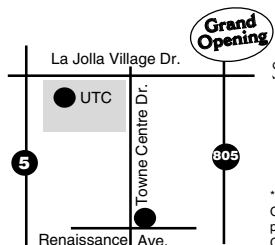
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stood out like a Moroccan bazaar, and Tota Gopinath's parents had taken him to it at an early age. "A lot of the people who live there just go and enjoy the entertainment, although they don't agree with a lot of the beliefs," he recalls. "They think it's an interesting thing to do." When he spotted the devotee at the concert, he approached him and said he had visited the temple. "He said, 'Wow, that's great.' He gave me a book and I made a donation." Later, reading it, "Everything just clicked for me. Everything made sense."

The book presented a series of conversations with Srila Prabhupada. The movement's founder sounded to the young ex-Mormon like someone who *had* experienced God directly and was able to put what that felt like into words. "Even though I was brought up with a religious background, I had never encountered that in anyone else." The guru seemed to know what the absolute truth was. "And that's another thing I didn't find growing up. No real analytical knowledge of who we are and why we're here." The young man followed up his reading by attending the next temple festival. "There I met all the devotees, and they killed me with kindness," he says. "I felt a big connection, a big awakening within myself."

He says he made a point to share with his family the direction of his evolving thoughts. "I would read to my mother different things, and she appreciated it." She'd been worried about the crowd her son had been drawn to, "So she was relieved to see me finding some kind of solace."

When, a few months after his high school graduation, he announced that he wanted to move into the temple and start down the path to monkhood, he says his parents had some practical questions.

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They wondered what he would eat, how he would dress. But the son says they came to agree that some people need to dedicate themselves to God.

He acquired the name Tota Gopinath two years later, when he was initiated into the religion in Los Angeles. The ceremony "takes place in a temple, and there's a fire sacrifice. There were a group of us. It's quite a joyous occasion. When you see someone dedicating their life and making a vow, it inspires you, so a

lot of devotees come and watch."

Since then he'd worked in the Utah temple, then in December of 2004 he moved to San Diego. A sense of compassion had convinced him the proselytizing was important. He could see how embracing the religion had transformed his life. "And I can see how that kind of change is required for everyone. You shouldn't spend your life in illusion." He had come to think it was "a form of torture...a suffering condition not to

know who you are and what's going on around you." If he could help alleviate that by enlightening people, that was satisfying.

His favorite spots for approaching people were Balboa Park and downtown, though Ocean Beach and La Jolla were also frequent haunts. In shopping malls, he'd found that "people are less inclined to hear some transcendental knowledge." They have their minds on shopping. "However, if you go to a university and say something like, 'What do you think about spiritual awareness?' they'll talk to you for hours. Actually, it's something that's on most people's minds. It may become covered over from time to time, but I think it's something everyone thinks about."

I asked Gopinath if he thought he would ever get married and move out of the temple. "If I had my way, I would prefer to just remain in the ashram forever," he said. He loved "the simplicity of things," and he felt he

was missing out on nothing. "I have sufficient relationships with the people around me. I'm totally satisfied. That's a strong statement, and I probably shouldn't say it, but I do feel I'm where I'm supposed to be."

He allowed that "We have seen a lot of people in the movement who have thought the way I think now and have still gotten married later." If that happened to him, his training in the ashram would nonetheless serve him well. But it might not come to that; history had demonstrated that for some individuals, "It is possible to remain in a monastic life and be satisfied."

Badrinarayan appears to be such an individual. Monkhood was "a natural calling for me. I enjoy the simplicity and the austerity. I think it keeps a sharp edge on my consciousness." It also gives him a great sense of freedom. "[It] comes from not being controlled by one's senses. Like, I saw a T-shirt the other day. It said, 'Instant

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Raised in the Christian tradition, Badri-narayan by his mid-teens was wrestling with doubts about that belief system. “How do you explain evil?” he won-

dered. “How do you explain that somebody is born blind while someone else is born with sight? Why do good things happen to bad people? If God is all-powerful and all-merciful, then how do you

explain the suffering of this world? Either He's capricious, or He's doing the best he can but he's not omnipotent.” The brevity of one's worldly life within the Christian perspective also troubled him. “We only had one

life, but how much of it did we spend conscious, but unconscious; you know, reading the back of the cereal box? And then if you didn't become a full lover of God, you would burn forever in hell? That didn't seem

very fair.”
He searched for answers in mystical sources ranging from the Rosicrucian manifestos to the teachings of Krishnamurti. But he says it was only when he read Prabhupada's translation

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of *The Bhagavad-Gita* that “everything fell into place, and I thought, ‘This is what I’m looking for.’” The whole concept of karma — “that there’s a progression, and each life is a lesson, and people pick up in their next life where they left off in their last one” — made sense to him. And if that was true, then cultivating one’s consciousness and spiritual advancement was the natural purpose of life.

“But at first I didn’t connect the *Gita* with the devotees,” he recalls. Laguna Beach (“a wild place in those days”) was home to some Krishna worshippers. “The first ones I ever saw were on a motorcycle. I’d been surfing, and I almost stepped across a red light and *zoop!* The devotees flew by me: saffron robes, shaved heads, ponytails flying. I said, ‘Oh my God, I’ve been in the sun

too long.’” He claims he would later cross the street to avoid groups of them out chanting. But one day his brother persuaded him to attend a feast at the little Hare Krishna temple in town. “He said, ‘They’ve got a great vegetarian dinner. And we can go shoot pool afterward.’” Badrinarayan relented. “I thought, ‘I can sit through anything for an hour. It’ll be a sociological survey.’”

At the temple, he noticed a copy of Prabhupada’s translation of *The Bhagavad-Gita* — “which I loved! So I said, ‘Oh, do you teach from this?’ I thought maybe they used *The Book of the Dead* one day, this the next. But they said, ‘Oh, no. This is the cornerstone book of our tradition. It’s written by the founder of our society.’ And I said, ‘Oh! I’m saving my money. I want to

go to India to meet him.’ And they said, ‘You don’t have to go to India. He’s on a writing retreat in Los Angeles.’”

Sixteen at the time, Badrinarayan says he wound up offering to drive a carload of devotees up to visit the movement’s founder. That first meeting remains etched in his memory. “Before he even spoke, I thought, ‘This is someone whose consciousness is deeply moored in something profound.’ There was no question about it. And he had a wonderful sense of humor. He didn’t like gossip. But he loved a great joke. Here was somebody who was definitely fully God-conscious.”

Within a year, the young seeker had horrified his well-to-do parents by announcing he wouldn’t be going to college but instead planned

to devote his life to the movement. “If I’d been more intelligent and more mature, I would have dealt with them in a much different fashion,” he says today. “But you know, I just renounced everything, and it broke their hearts.” They in turn disowned him. “I got a letter from my father’s attorney, saying, ‘You’re out of this trust. You’re out of this will. You can’t step foot on any of the properties.’” One line his father wrote in his own hand: “If I could take away your last name, I would.” Badrinarayan comments, “That’s fried.”

In the decades since, he says his parents have become reconciled to his eccentric career path. “I think it’s the trajectory of life,” he speculates. “They’ve seen how other people have turned out. They see that I’m happy. That my kids turned out

all right. And they think, ‘Well, he’s doing something worthwhile with his life.’”

Badrinarayan declined to talk about what had happened in his marriage. “It was a long, sad story, and it’s sufficient to say that I got custody of the kids.” He added that he didn’t want to embarrass them or his ex-wife but agreed to ask his son and daughter if they would talk to me about what it had been like to grow up within the religion. Both assented.

I talked to Nila Morrill and his older sister Anasuya in separate phone conversations, but the two echoed each other’s feelings about a number of things. They concurred that some of their earliest memories were of the Pacific Beach temple and its inhabitants. A major event in both their young lives

occurred when they were sent away at the ages of seven and eight to the Hare Krishna boarding school nestled against the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. That “was a mix of some good and some bad aspects,” Nila said. “At that age, it was really difficult to be so far away from my parents.” The regime was strict. The children rose at four every morning. “We prayed,” Anasuya recalled. “We did chores. We went to school Monday through Saturday,” and religion and Sanskrit were required along with more mundane subjects.

“I know there were a lot of times that I probably hated it,” Nila told me. “But at the same time, there was a lot of fun kid stuff too. We were up in the mountains, and there were some camp-like aspects. That was cool.” Furthermore, all their friends were at the

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school. "It definitely didn't feel like I was being sent off to this unknown thing. There wasn't anything strange about it to me."

Both Badrinarayan's children remember their entry a few years later into public schools as being a far more traumatic passage. Anasuya was in sixth grade when her parents' marriage broke up. For a while, she attended Orange Glen Elementary in Escondido. "That was a really huge shock, because I'd been so sheltered." Her lifelong vegetarianism

made her eccentric, plus, "I didn't understand all the different dynamics, like how boys and girls relate to each other." For a year or more, she struggled. "And then, to be honest with you, I kind of merged in." She spent two years living in Florida with her mother, then returned to San Diego and attended Mission Bay High School, where she says she thrived.

Her brother didn't fare as well. The kids in public school seemed "harsh" and wild, Nila said. "Like, I didn't swear.

There were a lot of things I didn't know about." Always a quiet boy, he remembers "being really shocked at the way people behaved and feeling, 'Oh my God. How am I going to handle this?'" He says his father asked him if he'd feel more comfortable changing his name to something that sounded more American. "And definitely, I didn't have any desire to do that. I think I felt that, 'I'm in this situation now, and I'm different, and yeah, it's not great. But I don't want a different name. I'm not going to

become a different person.'" Nila sank into a depression and struggled with feelings that he'd "kind of been sold out. It was, like, 'Whoa, this is not how I was raised. Why, all of a sudden, am I here?'"

Nila followed his sister to Mission Bay High School, where he says he fell in with "kind of an outsider crowd. I hung out with punk rockers and whoever." After two years, he dropped out. His sister, on the other hand, was accepted to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and pledged with Kappa Kappa Gamma. "I'm as mainstream as it gets," she said. "If you met me, you'd have no idea that that was my background." But by the time she got to college, she'd

neither lost nor had any desire to hide her religion. She never stopped being a vegetarian. She took boyfriends to the Los Angeles Hare Krishna temple. She decorated her apartments with pictures of Krishna.

After graduation Anasuya got a job as a consultant for Arthur Anderson for about five years. Now she works for Oracle on long-term sales strategy and planning. It's "a really cutthroat, challenging business environment," she said, "and the ability to believe in karma and reincarnation and the soul and a lot of the fundamentals of the Hare Krishna religion really helps." She married in 2005 (in both a Hindu Vedic ceremony and a standard American one) and says she carries a bag

for her *japa* beads in her computer bag. "It's a cute one. You know, not necessarily as obvious as other people's. But I chant, and before I go to bed, I listen to Prabhupada's prayers and chanting." She never wears a sari to work, because "I don't think that would be appropriate. But when I go to the temple, I definitely wear a sari." In that setting, a sari is "socially appropriate and respectable attire." She's now more involved with the San Diego temple than ever before. "I actually volunteer on the strategy council where they're trying to figure out key issues and topics that are relevant for the [temple's] long-term direction."

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He eventually got a GED credential and today lives in South Park with a young woman he's been involved with for four years. A former Catholic, she too has become a Krishna devotee. "We're pretty average," he said. "We have a couple dogs. We have a pretty chill lifestyle. We have our jobs, and we pretty much hang out at home and spend time with friends when we can."

But, he confessed, he sometimes feels as if he has a split personality. "I can't sit here and say I don't want money in my savings account, and I don't want my car to run properly, and I don't want to be able to pay my rent. Of course I want those things, because this is partly the world I'm living in. But at the same time, I would love it if I didn't have to worry about any of that and I could just chant and read books. I have this real intense spiritual drive, deep down." He told me he once overheard someone ask, "Whatever happened to the Hare Krishnas?" and it made him laugh. "I thought, 'Oh, little do you know! You're standing right next to one.' Not all of us are wearing orange robes.

But in a lot of ways, I feel like I could be an Indian from a village somewhere."

Even though his childhood might have been a bit "fanatical or unbalanced in some ways," he wouldn't trade it for anything. "I think a lot of people might say, 'Oh God, I wish I'd been just like a normal kid.' But that's one thing I've never felt. I think, really, this is who I am, and this is who I was supposed to be. And the philosophy is so important. I think if I didn't have that, I would feel really sad. It really is something very meaningful and very fulfilling." His sister used almost the same words. "I would never trade having the experience that I had. I love my beliefs, and I think they've given me a structure that I don't think a lot of people have. It's given me so much balance and perspective and faith and just overall feeling of direction of what I'm doing with my life and who I am."

Not everyone who grew up within the religion feels that way. Some of the children at some of the Hare Krishna schools came away bearing chilling tales of abuse. "They

emotionally abused them, humiliated them," an ex-devotee named Nori Muster told me. "Punished them with really strange punishments, like locking them up in trash cans, scaring them, making them lick up food from the floors, making them wear signs that said things like, 'Kick me. I'm a dog.' " The children's caretakers "also physically abused them," Muster says. "Like, they'd line them up and slap them all across the head. Or they would beat them. And then they also sexually abused them. It was a whole range of sexual abuse."

Muster didn't experience any of this firsthand. She became involved with the Hare Krishna movement in 1978, while a senior attending the University of California at Santa Barbara. After her initiation in Los Angeles, she worked for the movement, first as a public-relations secretary, then later as an editor of the *ISKCON World Review*. In both those roles, she was supposed to help deflect criticism of the movement whenever it surfaced. And some of the bad news that developed during her tenure was pretty

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sensational, according to Muster's 1997 memoir, *Betrayal of the Spirit*.

In November of 1979, federal Drug Enforcement Agency agents disclosed an undercover operation that had implicated several of the Laguna Beach temple leaders in a drug-smuggling operation; the *Orange County Register* later described the ring as one of the largest in Southern California history, according to Muster's account. A few months later law-enforcement officers seized "ammunition and clips, rifles, shotguns, and a grenade launcher" at the Northern California ranch of one of ISKCON's highest leaders. In her memoir, Muster writes that she told herself these and other scandals were isolated aberrations. But struggles over the leadership of the organization in the wake of Prabhupada's death continued to disillusion her, and by the time Muster broke with ISKCON (in 1988), she was critical of everything from the organization's high-pressure fundraising tactics to its treatment of women.

She says she wasn't aware of the child-abuse

allegations until the early 1990s, by which time she'd gotten a master's degree in youth counseling. Hearing about some of the alleged mistreatment at schools in West Virginia, Dallas, and India, Muster says, "I really went insane. I had never had any kids myself because the cult told me having kids was materialistic. So some of these [other] kids were like my own. I got in there, and I did everything I could to make sure this came out in the open." By 2000, she'd lost hope that ISKCON would do what was necessary to prevent future abuse. So she and two other ex-devotees contacted an attorney about filing a lawsuit against the organization.

A \$400 million complaint resulted. It was filed in 2001, and a year later some of ISKCON's temples and other organizations were seeking bankruptcy protection. As part of the negotiations that ensued, the religious order agreed to advertise widely in an effort to identify additional victims beyond the 95 named in the lawsuit; more than 430 individuals responded. By May of 2005, both sides had worked out an agreement

in which almost \$10 million would be divided among various parties, with victims to receive a range of payments depending on the extent of the abuse they'd suffered. Besides publicly admitting its guilt, the Hare Krishna organization apologized and asked for forgiveness, a step that many observers lauded.

At the time I talked to Muster, she sounded less than impressed by the organization's response to the child-abuse debacle. She also said she thought the children of Hare Krishna devotees were probably no longer the subject of large-scale physical or sexual abuse. Living in Arizona and pursuing a real-estate license, Muster was still expressing a lot of anger and bitterness toward ISKCON. Among other complaints, she voiced rumors that had been circulating among some disaffected ex-devotees about Prabhupada being poisoned by a few of his early disciples.

"I'm very disinclined to believe those rumors," Larry Shinn told me. A religion scholar and president of Berea College in Kentucky, Shinn wrote the forward to Muster's

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memoir as well as his own book about the movement (*The Dark Lord: Cult Images and the Hare Krishnas in America*, published in 1987). He says one reason he's skeptical about the poisoning talk is because it didn't surface in the years immediately following Prabhupada's death. ISKCON was "a charismatic movement centered around a guru that became a religious institution. When you have that, you're also going to have a mythology that begins to grow up about the miraculous birth of your founder — or the miraculous death. From my point of view, it's sort of a natural outcome of those who, for other reasons, are not happy with the institutionalized form of ISKCON."

Shinn says he respects Muster's perspective, but he points out it's a limited one. After "hundreds of hours of interviews with almost 200 devotees over a period of ten years, I honestly believe there are wonderful people who have found a religious path in ISKCON that they did not find [elsewhere]. I think some of them are wonderful human beings.... And the number of people in any church that would fit that description is not very many." As for the other recent problems, "I think in ISKCON right now there's a very clear seriousness about dealing both with the issue of child abuse and also the role of women.... They now have training sessions that they developed with external psychologists and other trainers for how [temple] presidents should work with women in the movement. And they have a whole set specifically for people who are going to teach children." Those are important structural changes, Shinn contends.

When Badrinarayan and I talked about the child-abuse scandal

within ISKCON, he looked pained. "The idea that a devotee — a monk! — would abuse a child was..." He groped for words. "It was like expecting a Martian to land." In hindsight, that

lack of awareness of the potential for tragedy was "completely stupid. We should have seen the signals, and we can be faulted for that. But all I can say is it was pervasive across the culture. And I

think the real test is how we responded to it."

Over the years, the movement has become more realistic in many ways, he asserted. Back in 1970, when Badrinarayan first joined, "A senior sea-

soned person was 24 or 25. If they were 30, they were over the hill." The youthful zeal of the early joiners inspired some energetic missionary work, but "as you get older, you tend to see

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the degree that's comfortable for me, for what fits my life. We have a little more of that flexibility."

"What about chanting?" I asked.

"We're for it," Badri-narayan said with an impish grin. If the devotees no longer make daily forays into the streets the way they did during their early years in San Diego, they still venture most Friday nights into the Gaslamp Quarter. "You know, it used to be a dive," the temple leader said, "and now it's a great place. Your tax dollars at work. Wide sidewalks. It's great for us."

One recent clear, warm evening, I joined the devotees there. By 8:20, a small cluster had assembled on the eastern end of Horton Plaza, and a van was disgorging several more. All but one were men, ranging in age from 20s to 50s, the sole woman a grandmotherly

figure who wore her sari over a blue cotton T-shirt. The group didn't loiter but headed south on Fourth Street, then cut over to Fifth, singing as they went.

The devotees call this kind of group activity *sankirtan*, a Sanskrit word that sometimes gets translated as "chanting." But that's misleading. "Chanting" suggests something repetitive and monotonous, whereas the swelling, surging sound produced by the Krishnas out on the street is as musical in its own way as the output of a Baptist gospel choir. On the night I accompanied them, they carried a small accordion and two long drums and pairs of cymbals and tam-bourines. One monk pulled behind him a compact rolling amplifier attached to a microphone. This the lead singer used to issue the

calls that were answered by the rest of the 18 participants. I was startled by the impact of their combined efforts on the street scene. Fifth Avenue on a Friday night is a noisy place, with car engines and laughter and conversation and music from the bars, and occasional police sirens contributing to the cacophony. But the pulsing interplay of melody and rhythm emanating from the devotees blossomed out, bigger than all that surrounded it. From the center, the Krishnas' music seemed to blot out the noise of the world.

It was a happy sound, and the devotees looked as if they were having a good time producing it. From time to time, they stopped to dance as well as sing, some merely swaying from side to side but others jumping up and down or wiggling or

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skipping or whirling each other around in circles, childlike, creating a joyful little vortex of turbulence on the sidewalk. It wasn't a sight that anyone standing nearby could have failed to notice, so it amused me to see how some passersby pretended otherwise. Their faces betrayed no reaction to the singing, dancing monks. They trained their eyes elsewhere, as if the mere act of seeing the devotees could strip them of their coolness.

More onlookers, though, looked glad to witness the passing spectacle. Some gazed on with goofy smiles. Some waved or raised a saluting palm or thrust a fist into the air. Some moved their bodies, and a handful joined in and tagged along. Among the latecomers was the white-robed Badrinarayan. He'd been parking one of the group's vans at Horton Plaza. He waved a bottle of water. "For 99 cents we can park there," he said. "We've learned a trick or two over time."

I teased him that I had thought perhaps he was too advanced in age or seniority to take to the streets at night. "Not at all," he said. After more than three decades, he still looked forward to it. "It's our way of keeping it real."

Once in a while the Krishnas miss a Friday night downtown because of bad weather

or other commitments. When that happens, Badrinarayan told me people the next week will often ask, "Hey, where *were* you guys?" I got the impression he finds this gratifying. It's nice to be missed. And if you plan to be around forever, there are pleasures in demonstrating that — despite the occasional interruption — you will persevere. ■

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For Christmas, we bought my mother a Dyson vacuum, thinking that cleaning was a form of therapy for her. My father and I ended up being the victims of our Christmas splurge, and we spend more time with "The Purple People Eater" than she does.

The second I was old enough to read, my mother put me to work. Every day she would leave little sheets of paper on the mantel labeled with a giant "E" for me and an "A" for my sister. These lists consisted of several abbreviated commands: "MT Trash" (empty trash), "MT DW" (empty dishwasher), and "PU DP" (pick up dog poop). Clever as they were, these lists would have been more useful if my mother had not put them next to the TV.

As the television became more of a distraction, she began taping the lists to the TV. As it neared dinnertime, I'd lower the volume of the TV in order to hear the rumble of the garage door and the roar of my mother's car pulling up the driveway. The second I heard that garage door open, I would jump off the couch, grab the laundry basket, chuck the folded clothes into the drawers, and barrel back down

the stairs to greet my mom.

In the hours before my mother's arrival, my sister Aimee would nag me about doing my chores and by the time my mother was on her way home, Aimee had finished half of my list, a sacrifice she made in order to save ourselves from the yelling prompted by unfinished chores. After ten years, the roles in my family have reversed. I am now the one cleaning the bathroom and making the beds as Aimee avoids her chores and makes excuses ("I have exams to study for" or "I couldn't find the list").

As I get older, I realize that I have inherited the neat-freak gene. I spend hours training to succeed my mother as the Queen of Clean. My weapon of choice is the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser and I have a tendency to tell my sister, "You missed a spot."

— Erin Bradley,
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My earliest memory of doing chores is when I was five. My parents, my older brother, and I had just moved to the United States, and we were living in a small apartment in Detroit. My mother had delegated to my brother (two-and-a-half years my senior) the task of vacuuming the house. Because it wouldn't have been fair for him to have a chore and not me, I was enlisted to help. So, as my brother pushed around the vacuum, I had to hold the vacuum's cord so that it would not get tangled. That was back in the good old days, when holding a cord was the extent of my chores.

Now, chores include everything from cleaning my room to watering the plants, which happens pretty much as often as an eclipse because I figure if they can't han-



dle the arid California climate, they aren't fit for our garden. Usually, I allow two weeks to pass until a build-up of clothes and papers in my room makes it look like a small, tornado-swept country. During the school year, my only duty used to be homework, but now that my brother is away at college, I have to walk our dog after school. I am generally exempt from chores such as doing the dishes and laundry on weeknights due to excessive amounts of homework.

The most housework is necessary when we are expecting guests — essentially every weekend — and my mom goes into crisis cleaning mode. This is a highly volatile state that's impossible to avoid. There is the zealous scrubbing of floors, a frantic dash to Ralph's for more Swiffer pads, and the stuffing of all newspapers and magazines into small crevices. The frenzy is concluded when the house is so sparkling that one needs sunglasses and a five-course meal for the guests is on the dining table.

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in the form of clothes and, especially, shoes. I am not a shopaholic, as friends may categorize me; rather, I appreciate the feeling of a new pair of strappy, towering wedges or velvet, bow-tied flats.

— Jennie Matusova,
La Jolla H.S.

I often refer to myself as the modern-day Cinderella. Instead of soot all over my clothes, I have dog hair. It seems I can't get

out of the house without having to lint-roll my clothes. My miniature American eskimo, Mollie, and our two cats are the main reasons for all my hard work. I have to vacuum our two-story house once a week or else we are

at risk of attack from the army of hairballs and dust-bunnies that my animals create.

My other weekly chores include trash duty, cleaning my sink area, and laundry (of course, doing my own laun-

dry and keeping my sink area clean benefit me more than they do my parents). On a daily basis, I am responsible for getting the mail, setting the table, and cleaning the dishes. I can't complain too much about these

chores because they only take about 30 minutes or less, compared to the grueling two-hour task of vacuuming. Then, there are the every-so-often chores that I must complete every couple of months or before we have company: I wipe down the windows, clean the porch, polish the mirrors, dust the furniture, and any other chores that happen to pop up.

Compared to my friends, I seem like a housemaid. I'm not sure if any of my friends help around their houses. For my labor, I receive \$20 per week, whereas my friends only receive money from their parents for a particular purpose or items such as school supplies. If I am lazy, I don't get the money and am occasionally not allowed to go out with friends until I do what I'm supposed to do. Even though I hate chores, as I'm sure most people do, they have helped me become more responsible and mature.

— Marion Finocchiaro
Grossmont Middle
College H.S.

As much as I'm tempted to portray myself as a suffering slave to an evil stepmother and stepsisters, I have to admit that my life (at least regarding housework) is pretty much a walk in the park, a piece of cake, and any other cliché for easy. I don't have a stepmother, but my mom has always had minimal demands. Besides tidying our rooms, my younger sister and I began our introduction to housework with a weekend ritual. My sister was supposed to empty the trashcans in the house and I vacuumed. For these little chores, my parents paid us a few dollars a week (which was pretty much a joke, considering that they bought everything for us).

These days, I usually do a bit more housework than my sister...and I've always helped her with her own chores. Yet, I don't think that I do an unreasonable amount of housework. I usually help a little with meals, dishes, laundry, and tidying of the kitchen and family rooms. My favorite chore is dusting bookshelves; I find immense satisfaction with eradicating dust from surfaces until I give myself an asthma attack. I now receive \$20 a month in allowance,

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but my parents still pay for many things. I make a little spending money on my own from babysitting and writing articles.

Compared to my friends, my workload is probably average. I have some friends who complain when asked to lift a finger, but I know others who toil daily with cooking and cleaning. I'm impressed with the efforts of anyone who works more than me because, often, after school and homework, chores seem impossible.

I'm pretty much a disaster at keeping order, and my only hope for the future is either to make enough money to employ someone to maintain cleanliness in my living space or to marry someone adept at housework. Knowing my own difficulty with cleaning guilts me into helping my parents with daily chores because I will someday need a lot of help from my own family to keep my home livable.

— Megan Zapanta,
El Capitan H.S.

Looking back to when I received my first chore leads me to remember those dreaded words: "Lexie, can you sweep the walkway?" I know, I know, sweeping the walkway does not seem like a toilsome task, but when asked on a frequent basis to perform this duty, it is. (Maybe I was too good at it, which is why my younger brother got away with doing nothing.) I received no pay for my work, but at 11, 12, and 13, I did not have to pay for car insurance or gas, so it didn't bother me as much as it could have.

At 13, taking the trash out every week earned me \$5. If I didn't do it, I earned no money. These small tasks did not prepare me for the working world, but they did teach me about responsibility. Also, I have come to realize that cleaning creates a better living environment.

The help I lend around the house nowadays remains all voluntary, but not consistent. Occasionally, I put the dishes away, throw a load of laundry in, and tidy up around the house. I don't depend on my parents anymore for money because I realize how hard they work to earn it.

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by
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AQUA-CHARGERS, PADRES-NAUTS? In 1963, San Diego had a winning pro football team, and major league baseball was headed this way. Balboa Stadium, even with proposed improvements, including a turn-around route for buses, was too small. The city needed a 50,000-seat, multi-purpose arena. The \$15–\$20 million price tag was a goodly sum for the time. City Manager Tom Fletcher searched centrally located, city-owned properties. He would make recommendations to Frank L. Hope and Associates, the architectural firm appointed to choose the site and submit a plan. Since Mission Bay was under renovation at the time, Fiesta Island looked like a prime location.

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THE RELUCTANT GOVERNADORA. Many of the first Spanish settlers, hired to work in Alta California for specific periods, bolted back to Mexico the minute their contracts expired. Masons and carpenters, convicts and their families, even Eulalia Callis de Fages, wife of Governor Pedro Fages, hated the new frontier.

Fages (1730–1796) led the seagoing phase of the 1769 “sacred expedition” to

San Diego. As governor, he became Father Serra’s scapegoat for the early missions’ lack of success. “Common sense, laws, and precedents,” Serra complained to the Viceroy, “mean nothing to him.”

Fages responded: “The compliance and meekness of the Indians in the missions” stem from “fear rather than affability and goodness.”

When reappointed governor in 1782, Fages asked Eulalia to join him. She would become *La Governadora*, the governor’s figurehead wife, example to all.

Eulalia flat refused. Later she sailed north, says Charles E. Chapman, and “became the first lady of rank” to visit the province. But Alta California turned out to be much worse than she imagined. She gave naked Indians so many of her and her husband’s clothes, Pedro ordered her to stop. Their closet was running bare.

Eulalia found Alta California too barbarous, too dangerous, and too slow. Her complaints, in letters home, took two years for a reply. She wanted her whole family to return to Mexico. But how, as a governor’s model wife, could she arrange the impossible?

In 1784, after their second child was born, Eulalia told Pedro she was taking the children home. When he said no, she locked him out of the house for three months and wouldn’t speak to him.

She took a new tack in 1785: she ran through the streets shouting that her husband was having an affair with a Yuma Indian girl.

Another ploy, Fages shot back, to undermine his status as governor. Friars took the case. Even though Eulalia had a province-wide reputation for charity, they arrested her as an upstart. During her imprisonment at Carmel Mission,



Barron Hilton

she still refused to submit, even threw a tantrum at a church service. Chapman: “Indeed, the friars became so much out of patience with her they threatened to flog her and put her in chains. They did not yield to the impulse, however.”

Husband and wife reconciled in September, 1785. (He “desired it all along,” says Chapman, “for he was in fact devoted to Dona Eulalia.”) The next month, she petitioned the governing body at Guadalajara: Pedro was quite ill and should be removed from office.

No go. Fages was “devoted to Alta California,” writes Chapman, “and not eager to get away, as his predecessors had been.” In 1790, however, he stepped down. Eulalia and their two surviving children (two others died) took the San Blas boat home. A year later, Fages joined them, to stay, in Mexico City.

LA JOLLA: WHAT’S IN A NAME? Rose Canyon, and the Roseville section of Point Loma (between Talbot Street and Nimitz Boulevard), got their names from Louis Rose, the first Jew who lived in San Diego, and who owned substan-

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In Spanish, "la joya" means "the jewel." The word also became the Spanish translation of numerous Native American terms for people of mixed-genders, such as "halfman-halfwoman," "man-woman," "would-be woman." Miguel Costanso, engineer with the Portola expedition of 1769, remarked that, throughout Alta California, there were "men who lived like women, wore the same dress, adorned themselves

with beads, earrings, necklaces." Costanso also mentioned women who dressed like men and performed "male" duties for the tribe.

Writes Virginia M. Bouvier: "The Spanish translation *joyas* conveys the esteem in which these 'non-men' and 'non-women' were held by their communities."

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William Maxwell founded the *Carlsbad Champion* in 1925, a weekly newspaper that vowed to be "inde-

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Not only that: during daylight he couldn't sing a lick. Wouldn't attempt a tune, in fact. But at night, Yount swears, Burton

didn't just talk in his sleep. "He was one of the most melodious musicians. In vocal music his somniloquism was most exquisit [*sic*]."

One Sunday morning, Yount and Burton awoke to such clear skies and gentle breezes they decided to hunt, even though it was The Day of Rest. "We must be early in our boats and no time must be lost," they told their Kanaka (Hawaiian) crews, eager for a good catch.

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always carried small canoe effigies and “charm pebbles” to ward off Yuyungviwut, a malevolent water spirit. After a close call or two in angry seas, Hawaiian Kanakas learned to do same.

The craggy, northwest end of San Clemente Island looks like a hammerhead shark. The crews climbed into their “bull boats” — 300-pound craft made from stretched sea elephant skins — and rowed off. They reached the point just in time to see black clouds gather. “Soon the water was thrown into convulsions, and the waves rolled most terrific.”

A savage current swept the boats out to sea. Then, as quickly as they came up, the winds died. Kanakas rowed to shore with rapid, stiff-armed strokes. They beached at Wilson Cove, rubbed effigies and baby canoes, and gave thanks to the force, whatever it was, that spared their lives.

From tempest to doldrums calm: *this was no ordinary storm.* Yount and Burton talked it over. Okay, Burton did most of the talking. They became convinced that the sudden fury was a warning from above not to hunt on Sunday. They “resolved never more to violate the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue, but ever thereafter to remember the Sabbath Day and to keep it holy.” ■

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For more than 45 years, scientists from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the Southwest Fisheries Science Center have been studying the current that sweeps down the California coast. They are seeing changes — surface warming, population declines — that may be cause for alarm. After 250 cruises in five decades, some 32,000 samplings, more than 90,000 hours of analysis, the California Current has become the most intensively studied large-scale ocean ecosystem in the world.

It was a lovely July night, with a star-filled sky, the sound of seals splashing in the harbor, and the occasional cries of pleasure from those fishing off the pier at Port San Luis, south of San Luis Obispo. Kenric Osgood and I were waiting for a ride out to the *David Starr Jordan*, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research ship. I had come along to meet scientists with CalCOFI — California Cooperative Fisheries Investigation. CalCOFI had recently received national attention following an article in *Science* magazine stating that zooplankton levels off Southern California had dropped by 80 percent in the past 40 years, possibly due to ocean warming.

Kenric Osgood was there to continue his study of one of those zooplankton organisms, *calanus*, the “sea cow,” which grazes on floating plant life and accumulated oils, and, small as a grain of rice, serves as an important food for many fish. Kenric was particularly interested in the 11th of 12 growth stages of *calanus*, and he would be using an optical particle counter to come up with numbers of *calanus*-sized animals in the waters off Santa Barbara.

Together we had spent six hours navigat-

ing the freeways from La Jolla through the metropolitan snarl to get to Port San Luis. When Kenric called the *Jordan* at 7:00 p.m., he was told the ship would arrive at 10:00, a three-hour wait that bothered him but didn’t bother me. I ate at Fat Cat’s, a diner-style restaurant by the parking lot, and would have eaten at the fancy place at the end of the pier if I’d had a chance. But then a Zodiac streamed in, two tousled-looking scientists disembarked, Kenric loaded his gear, we jumped aboard, and Chico Gomez, chief boatswain, raced off, circled the *Jordan*, and with a figure-eight flourish, pulled alongside. Kenric and I were helped up the ladder, the Zodiac was hauled aboard, and the *Jordan* headed back offshore.

The California Current is part of a huge clockwise flow of water that circulates through the north Pacific — westward through the equatorial Pacific, turning northward near the Philippines, bending eastward as it brushes by Japan and is pushed by prevailing winds along the westwind drift. Joined by subarctic currents, the stream divides as it nears Washington, one branch curling off into the Gulf of Alaska, the other branch, the California Current, flowing south before turning west again off the tip of Baja.

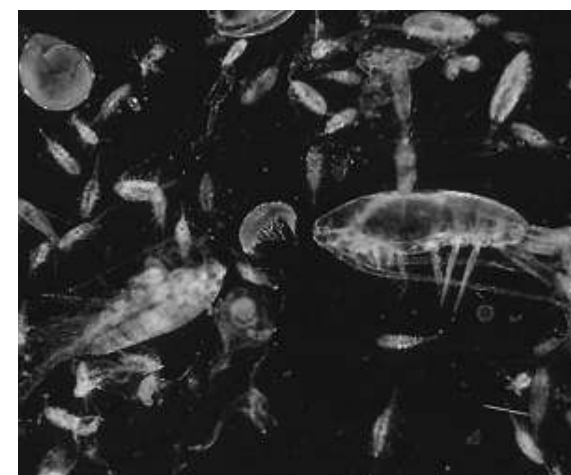
Like California the state, California the current is a vibrant mix of many origins — five, in fact: 1) waters from the westwind drift merge with 2) cool and nutrient-rich waters from the subarctic Pacific, which join 3) warmer offshore waters coming from the west and 4) even warmer equatorial waters coming from the south by means of a counter-current, all of which, as they move horizontally, are affected from below — vertically — by 5) highly fertile waters welling up from the deep.

The California Current is no Old Man River; the character of the water is complex and ephemeral. Narrow meanders switch back and forth at high speeds. Eddies and whirlpools spin like ball bearings, sending off “squirts” and “jets” and “filaments” that rapidly pull water away from shore. Temperature gradients pile up and

tilt like tectonic plates. There are shifting density layers and salinity layers moving with the flow. These “thermoclines,” “pycnoclines,” and “haloclines” often act as fences and pathways for marine life.

All five sources of the California Current bring their various life-forms, and these mix with species native to the California coast. The ecosystem that forms has been described in one Scripps bulletin as “a succulent seafood stew, with ingredients that vary according to Chef Neptune’s whim.”

Over the centuries, two predominant ingredients of the stew have been anchovies and sardines, vast schools of them feeding on the zoo-



Zooplankton

plankton and serving as important prey sources for larger fish, mammals, and birds — and in this century, commercial fisheries. Populations of sardines and anchovies have exploded and collapsed according to the natural ebb and flow. At about A.D. 575, the anchovy population in the southern California Current was 5 million metric tons (11 billion pounds) but then nearly disappeared shortly before 1300. Since 1970, populations have ranged between 1.6 and .3 million metric tons.

Sardines and anchovies have tended to alternate in abundance. In the 1940s, the sar-

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dine fishery in California was the largest fishery in the world until the population plummeted. Many thought the cause was overfishing — it seemed an obvious conclusion — but others, particularly those in the fishing industry, thought the cause might be natural, part of the ebb and flow. The California Department of Fish and Game recommended a closure, but fishermen appealed to the legislature for a tax, per ton of sardines, to finance scientific study of the fishery. Thus, CalCOFI was born.

The "Cooperative" part of CalCOFI is an important element of its success, as three agencies came together to do the work: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (later the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, an arm of the National Marine Fisheries Service), and the California Department of Fish and Game. (Recently the cooperation has extended worldwide, with the database accessible on the Internet.)

The scientists who

organized CalCOFI knew that the issue was larger than sardines, that the problem was a multi-species one and linked to the environment in a broad way. It was a unique view in 1949. Those "visionary-type scientists" (according to John McGowan, a Scripps biologist who, as a graduate student, went on a CalCOFI cruise in 1951 and who co-authored the *Science* article) exploited the sardine fishery collapse, pursuing a vision for a big study of a big area, with monthly cruises sampling sea water at hundreds of stations. They did this for ten years, running three ships in zones from southern Baja to Oregon. But as time passed, costs increased and funding diminished, and CalCOFI eventually settled down to one ship, four cruises a year, with off-shore stations from Del Mar to Purisma Point (south of Port San Luis), 40 miles apart on lines that run as much as 350 miles out to sea. In the process, the science of fisheries oceanography came into being.

Though sardines have

returned (the spawning biomass was estimated at 116,200 metric tons in 1993) and the commercial fishing has resumed (landings in 1993 were 13,848 metric tons), the vision and the study continue. In 1989, the 40th anniversary of CalCOFI and the year that sardines reappeared off Monterey, there was a celebration at Scripps.

Coincidentally, 1995, the year of publication of McGowan's *Science* article based on the accumulated CalCOFI data, is also the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Cannery Row*, which depicted the fishery that sprung the study.

Forty-five minutes after leaving Port San Luis, the *David Starr Jordan* reached Station 66, on Line 77. It is the station closest to shore on the most northerly line, the last sampling of the cruise. Sherry Cummings, an oceanographic technician who works at Scripps, had suggested that the crew save a station until I came aboard so I could see how the work was done. It was a generous gesture, considering they'd

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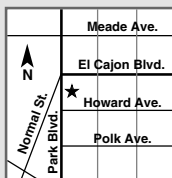
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been at sea for two weeks, the two crews working round the clock on watches from midnight to noon. Together they had sampled 65 other stations and wanted to get the work done. But they agreed to wait because the weather had been nice (unlike the cruise in April, when they tossed and thrashed about for three weeks, holding themselves in their bunks while they slept, holding everything still while they ate, holding their emotions in check), and they were a few days ahead of schedule, and there was an easy weekend ride to the dock at Point Loma yet to come.

To look at Sherry, you'd never think she'd been going to sea for 12 years, four times a year, three weeks at a time. You'd never suspect that she worked hundreds of miles offshore, 12 hours a day, much of it spent hauling and dropping a big water collection device called a rosette, which, when full of samples, weighed 1600 pounds. If you saw Sherry onshore, and she smiled and quietly said hello, her green eyes lighting up,

you'd never know of how sometimes, as they were bringing in the rosette, the ship rocked with the big waves and water poured over the sides and they had to hold on so as not to be swept away. And of course you wouldn't know about the stress of being offshore for long periods, the mail piling up, and the bills coming in — one time her car was stolen while she was at sea (and the news arrived, "Oh, by the way..."), and she had to deal with it while continuing to work the stations on the noon-to-midnight shift.

Station 66 is a few miles off Purisma Point. There the ship idled while Sherry, with the help of Chico Gomez and Anthony Assaro, who ran the winches, lifted the rosette over the rail and down into the water. The cable played out behind it.

The rosette is basically a ring of four-foot tubes attached to a stand, like a circle of organ pipes. Each tube holds ten liters of water. The caps at top and bottom are spring-loaded and triggered shut from a computer ter-

minal, so samples can be retrieved from any depth within range. Normally the rosette is lowered to 550 meters, and 20 tubes are triggered at 10- to 50-meter intervals on the way up. But Station 66 is a shallow one, about 90 meters deep. Sherry decided to fill eight tubes at ten-meter intervals.

We watched the water column on a computer screen and the course of colored lines that corresponded to temperature, salinity, water clarity, and the presence of chlorophyll, or plant life. That line, the green one, was way above the others. "There's a huge phytoplankton bloom now," Sherry said. She triggered a tube, and another. Down below, caps snapped shut as the rosette ascended.

"Last station," she said with a smile, though a tired smile, in a voice with a faint note of stress. This was when I asked about life at sea. Sherry said she liked her job, and she was happy to have gotten it in 1983. But after 12 years she thought the time had come to move into a position that was land-based, analyz-

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ing the CalCOFI data perhaps, which involves only occasional cruises.

The rosette surfaced and was hauled over the rail and fastened to the deck. Sherry went about filling sample jars and labeling them. Some would undergo tests onboard, and others would be stored ashore. Storage has become a problem, though. CalCOFI has the most extensive library of its kind in the world, but the boxes of samples, going back to 1949, have filled storeroom after storeroom.

While Sherry worked with the rosette on the starboard side of the *Jordan*, doing physical oceanography, Ron Dotson and Amy Hayes, working for the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, did their work on the port side. They used nets and practiced fisheries biology.

The first net went down for a vertical tow immediately following the recovery of the rosette. A long sock of fine mesh, a "paiovet," was lowered like a bucket into a well, down to 70 meters, and then pulled straight up. The catch consisted of a brownish-green slime — the primordial ooze — along the sides of the net. Ron sprayed it down to the tip of the sock, and then Amy gathered the contents into a jar. She walked off into the lab and held it up to the light. "Full of goodies," she said, and there was a lot floating around — a tiny diaphanous flounder, a larval rockfish, shreds of plant life, and fish eggs. This was the succulent California Current seafood stew, a ladleful of it.

The second tow was done with a manta net (wide and flat and like a manta ray) pulled through the upper five inches of the water column for ten minutes. The target was surface neuston, or small, swimming zooplankton (the manta also picked up insects that lived in the interface between water and air). Again the catch was a brown slime, sprayed, jarred, and filed away.

The third tow, the last sampling of the cruise, was done with the somewhat spectacular bongo net, two rings that look like the heads of bongo drums and from which proceed long, conical socks. Held up, it looks like a double-breasted windsock. The bongo nets were used to make an integrated tow, which started down deep,

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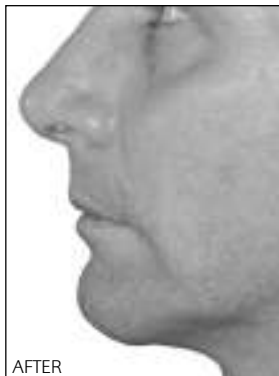
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Ron Dotson is an old biological hand. Sunburned, slightly weather-beaten, bearded, he's been working with CalCOFI since the early 1970s and has made dozens of voyages. He has intermittently worked on other government fisheries studies, for hake and swordfish and other species, usually off California, but occasionally getting as far north as the Gulf of Alaska. Ron spends 180 days a year at sea. It is the life of a fisheries biologist and brings the rewards the profession has to offer — the beauty of oceanic surroundings, the time and place to think. But he pays the price too, the consequences that come from any decision. Life moves along without you.

Ron's grandson had been born on the first day of this trip. Relationships can become strained — you need a partner who is independent and can be on her own for weeks at a time.

Up came the bongo net, dripping and smeared brown. The contents were jarred and the collection work of CalCOFI, July 1995, was done. The 198 jars collected by the Southwest Fisheries team would be transported to La Jolla. There, total volumes for each haul would be measured. Using single-hair brushes, plankton sorters would separate fish, eggs, and larvae from the rest of the samples. This ichthyoplankton would be identified, as many as 500 species in 150 families of fish. The results would be published in an atlas and used in formulas (numbers of sardine eggs per unit of water, for example) to determine spawning biomasses, and from there, commercial fishing quotas.

Even before the *Jordan* reached home, analysis of the physical state of the Cal-

ifornia Current was already under way. In an office perched above a high cliff overlooking La Jolla, Arnold Mantyla had begun assembling a profile. Mantyla is an expert in deep-sea currents, and, using the data sent from the *Jordan's* computers, he can read the California Current like a riverman reads the river. Now a major jet had formed from a meander and was shooting straight ahead. There was a body of "heavy," cold water tilting up from the west. There were abrupt temperature changes close to shore, going from 12 degrees centigrade on the beach to 18 degrees five miles offshore, though that hot spot was a "thin skin," the temperatures below dropping off quickly. Off Point Conception there was a chlorophyll bloom four times greater than normal and an extremely high level of chlorophyll near the Channel Islands. This bloom could have resulted from some very deep layers of water, rich in nutrients, that had started coming to the surface in January.

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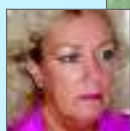
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Those assertions, explained in the *Science* article, were based on a simple principle: The temperatures of the surface waters in the California Current had risen in the past four decades, by one to two degrees centi-

grade. This caused the surface waters to expand and become less dense. As a result, the difference, or gradient, between upper and lower waters was greater. This meant that water upwelling from below — the vertical factor in the California Current — was coming from shallower depths. The upwelling waters are to phytoplankton as soil is to the garden, providing phosphates and nitrates drawn from decomposed life floating down from above. Thus, the deep upwelling waters are the source of fertilization for the phytoplankton — the green garden — of the California Current. If fewer nutrients were rising, and less plant life was being generated, then it could be said, as in *Science*, that the 80-percent drop in zooplankton, which feeds upon phytoplankton, is a result of the increase in surface temperature.

There is speculation on the cause of the temperature increase. El Niño could be a factor. Human civilization — global warming from increased carbon in the

atmosphere — could be the cause, which carries a bleak prospect if the trend continues (the disappearance of an elemental part of the food chain). But there is also the possibility that the temperature change was part of a natural decade-scale fluctuation. Climatologists at Scripps are claiming that temperatures in the eastern Pacific are dropping back to cooler levels of the 1970s.

Whatever the cause, as John McGowan has stated, if there is such a thing as global warming, it will look like what has happened to some populations in some parts of the California Current over the past 40 years.

At midnight the shifts changed. David Griffith, chief scientist for this cruise, and Dimitry Abramenkoff, an SWFSC fisheries biologist, replaced Ron and Amy. The next morning, other technicians from Scripps were at work testing water samples. In one lab, Barry Nisly, a mechanical engineer by training, tested for the presence of nitrates, nitrites, silicates, and phosphates on a device

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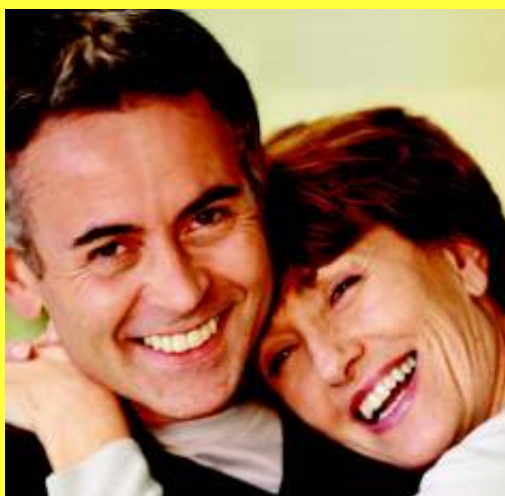
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During lunch, Noah Gomes, the first engineer, offered to give me a tour of the ship. Noah and I had an acquaintance in common. When he was young, Noah had been a commercial fisherman working in the San Diego tuna fleet on the boats of Salvatore Ingrande and his son Leonard. I knew Leonard Ingrande because I had written a book about the bluefin tuna fishery in New England. In 1963 Leonard had taken his purse seiner through the Panama Canal to Massachusetts, and during the 1970s he and his two partners had developed the Japanese markets for giant bluefin tuna. Leonard now owned shares in three of the five purse seiners working in New England. Noah Gomes had gone out once on

a boat with Salvatore Ingrande in the early 1950s, and the caulking had come loose 200 miles offshore, and they'd barely made it back.

After lunch I followed Noah up the stairs to the third deck. He told me the *David Starr Jordan* had been built in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, in 1964, that it was 171 feet long, that there was a climate-control system ("We try to keep it at 72 degrees; we don't always succeed, but we try"), and that it had a helicopter pad, making it the smallest aircraft carrier in the US.

In the control room we met Captain Jim Herkelrath. Out the windows was an extraordinary view of two of the Channel Islands, Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz. The ship was passing between them. How wild and untouched they looked.

Captain Herkelrath also pointed out a man standing at an observation area on the flying bridge on the second deck — Dick Veit, a research scientist from the University of Washington. Veit studies birds, and he has

a passionate interest in the Sooty Shearwater, which feeds at night on zooplankton and dives as deep as 200 meters to find high densities of food. By day the birds rafted up, and Veit got his counts then. The Sooty Shearwater had been the most common bird in the Pacific Ocean during the 1970s, when there were as many as 10 million. But since 1987 their numbers had rapidly decreased, by 90 percent, a decline coinciding with the warming trend and the zooplankton depletion. Oddly, other populations of birds, such as the Storm-Petrel, were increasing offshore. This spring, with the phytoplankton bloom, there had been no noticeable increase in Sooty Shearwaters, though there could be a response in time, Veit thought, since they had a life span of 30 to 40 years.

Noah Gomes took me through the computer room and showed me the officers' quarters and the infirmary, the library, and the movie room, and he took me through various store rooms and tool rooms. In one, just

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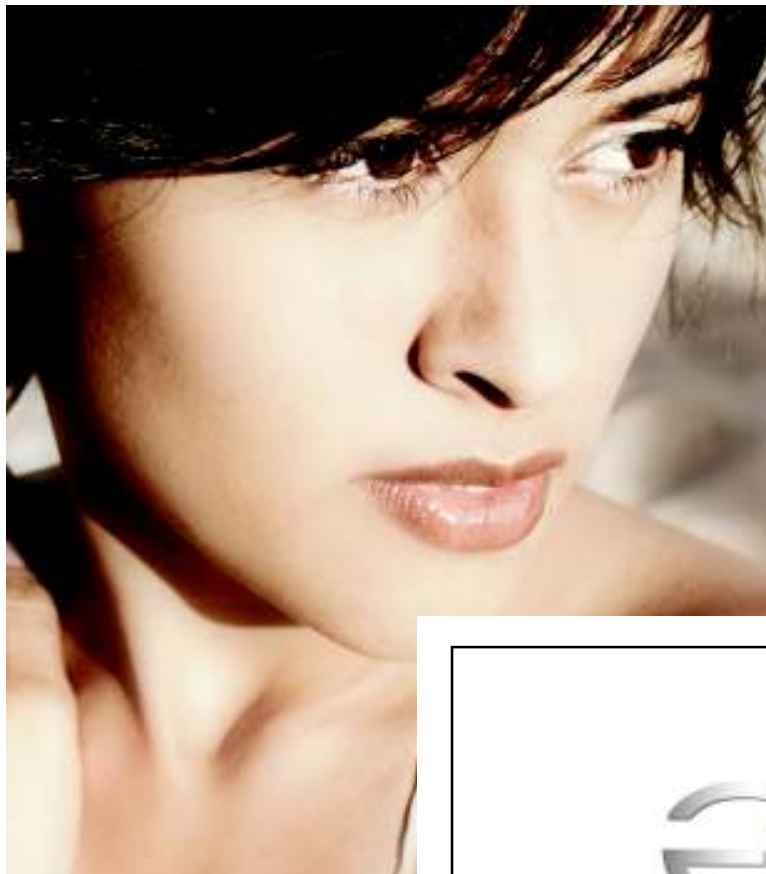
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over the bow, he said he wanted to show me the "bow bubble" and opened a hatch in the floor. "Stay here," he said, "and when I open the next hatch, you come down." He disappeared down a ladder, and then I heard the call. I went down through the hatchway, hand over hand, and then down through another, below into a dark chamber.

Noah was crouched down, and smiling, in a bulbous room, nine feet long

and five feet wide, projecting off the bow. There were five portholes, each a foot in diameter. One faced straight ahead, two were straight to either side, and another two were angled downward. The green light in the room was from the sea water — we were moving through the plankton bloom, like a misty underwater jungle.

I tapped the walls. "Three-eighths inch," Noah said, "reinforced." I kneeled on a mattress covered with

a white sheet. "Lie down and take a look," he said. I did, and looked out. I could see the bow wake peeling off overhead. I wondered what it would be like to see a blue whale from this room.

"Sometimes dolphins come right up and look through the windows. They can see right in." There was a light in Noah's eyes that I recognized, that I had seen among Portuguese fishermen in New England. "You can see schools of fish from here too," Noah said. And when phosphorescent plankton were in the water, they looked like snow.

Lying there and looking out, hoping a dolphin would turn up and peek in, I remembered another time, when I'd been a student in Europe and had gone to Egypt for Christmas and taken a trip to the pyramids. Another energetic and enthusiastic man had led me up a stairway into the central chamber of Cheops and spoken to me in English about the pharaohs and their tombs.

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vision and even of generosity (the fact that it was there) and also of eccentricity, that odd and important quality we find in humans and other creatures (there are eccentric honeybees for instance, which read the dance directions wrong and find new sources of nectar).

This was about vision, this looking into the green water; and taking part in it myself, thinking that as a citizen I was somehow connected to this, I thought — this is what's good in government. In a time that often in the public realm seems to be mean-spirited, and lack-

ing in vision, when politicians seek to appeal to the ungenerous, judgmental, and cruel parts of us — this was a reminder of the capacity for generosity and vision.

Oceanography itself was about vision. Dick Veit, standing at the flying bridge and scanning the water for Sooty Shearwaters, that was about vision, as was Kenric Osgood, looking for *calanus* — and the fact that this government-research ship would take them aboard, include them in an informal way, that was about generosity of spirit. Sherry Cummings, using the rosette, that was about vision,

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as was Ron Dotson's drop of the net into the planktonic realm. CalCOFI itself was both visionary in concept and visionary in fact — a broad, long, considerate look into the sea with a concern for how things were going. This bow bubble, that was the quintessence of vision — to look, to regard, to take things in, to contemplate on that seen, to report the findings.

Isn't this what the ocean has always given us, vision, a way of seeing, a far-reaching sense of possibility?

Noah and I ascended through the first hatch and the second; if the ship did collide with anything and the bubble did break, no water was getting through. Then we went to the engine room, which was Noah's office. Two 534-horsepower diesels thrummed with a roar that was deafening here and a background vibration in the rest of the ship. We wore headsets, and Noah yelled through mine — I heard a

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That night, just before sunset, Ron Dotson found a fishing spot on the fish-finder. The ship stopped east of Santa Barbara Island, and out came the fishing poles. About ten people lined up, crew members, biologists, technicians, and even the captain, who stood off to the end of the line, smoking a cigar. It was calm and warm. Everyone watched while the sun dropped below the horizon.

One fisherman was doing quite well. His name was Pedro, and he worked as a crew member. Pedro had a rod holster and used shrimp flies, and he was hauling in

starry rockfish at a rate of four-to-one to everyone else combined. He had a dry sense of humor with an ethnic tinge, an irony of assumption. Each time Pedro pulled in a fish, he glanced about and quietly said, "The kids. Now I can feed the kids." When he pulled in a small one he said, "The little girl. This one is for the girl." When all was done and the ship moved ahead, Pedro bagged up his fish to take home. "The kids," he said a last time with a wry smile. "They'll eat another day."

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The ship steamed through the night, scheduled to arrive at Scripps's Nimitz Marine Facility at 8:00 a.m. Friends and family were waiting; for many it had been 16 days. The ship docked, reunions were made, and people began to drift away. I left to take a walk on the beach at La Jolla. The next morning, some of them returned with vans and trucks, and within a few hours they had everything loaded — the computers, the nets, the rosettes, the samples, the notebooks. They would return in October, when the next CalCOFI cruise was scheduled ■

— Doug Whynott

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inconvenience of not being able to load in their gear through the back door of Scolari's Office is their real claim to fame! How dare a local venue not allow my favorite band to do whatever they please? When they asked for beer on the mike, that bartender should've brought it on her hands and knees! That bar should get a clue and do things just like my friend Jay-Jay does

when Crime in America plays in his back yard!

Richard Larson
via e-mail

Bad Bet

I read with interest your story regarding the former Pechanga Resort and Casino controller who was sentenced to four years in prison after embezzling nearly a half a million dollars to pay his online gambling debts ("Can't Blame Sin City," "City Lights," July 20). Your story is timely because gambling addiction is growing in San

Diego County and across the country, thanks to the proliferation of online gaming websites as well as Indian gaming facilities.

We see evidence of this trend at A Better Tomorrow, a Murrieta-based clinic that provides treatment to people suffering from drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction. We started our clinic two years ago, focusing solely on the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction, but later had to develop a separate treatment program for gambling addicts after we noticed that some of our clients were replacing their drug or alcohol addiction with an addiction to gambling, either online or at the local Indian casinos.

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One Of A Kind

I only learned today, two and a half months after the fact, of Judith Moore's death. I've been traveling, and if there was some mention of it or memorial for her in a previous issue of the *Reader*, I must have missed it. But when I read in Frances Kuffel's column ("Down and Up and Down Again," July 27) that she "grieve[s] not having the chance to debate with her" a statement that Judith made in her wonderfully honest and beautifully written memoir *Fat Girl*, the past tense had an ominous sound, and when I Googled Judith's name, I discovered she had died of colon cancer on May 15.

Judith was one of a kind — a wonderful editor and a writer's writer. I worked with her over the years on a number of stories for the *Reader*, and I will miss her sharp insight, the contagious love of books she conveyed, and her commitment to truth and clarity in writing that set the bar for her "stable of writers" quite high.

I just wanted to acknowledge the gift of her presence in my writing life. I think she

knew how much I appreciated her pressing me to go further with an essay than I had already gone, to hone and sharpen the writing, and she knew, too, how much I enjoyed and appreciated our conversations about contemporary poetry, but like Frances Kuffel, I grieve that I never really expressed these things to her as fully as I might have. So let me say them here, although sadly she's not around to hear or read them.

Fred Moramarco
via e-mail

You, Me

"Down and Up and Down Again" by Frances Kuffel pisses me off so badly. She sure expects the general public to be sympathetic. Sorry, you are wrong.

What if you do not have time to take a dog walk because you work six freaking days a week just to support your child all by yourself? What if you do not have health insurance to see a doctor and take Zoloft, even though you are suicidally depressed? What if you cannot have money to buy ice


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cream and think about eating? What if you do not even have time to sit down and eat, because you work your butt off just to survive every day? Have you ever thought about those like me who just survive every day for the child they love?

If you stop thinking about yourself, you cannot be so selfish thinking about "you" only all the time. Yeah, if I eat and sit around saying "poor me," expecting others to feel sorry for me, I surely will gain 100 pounds easily. I

work out every day, even though I do not have time/money to be healthy. You have to try and be considerate of other people who have better problems than thinking about calling their sponsor every day and thinking "poor me." Talking about your "luxurious" problem in the paper won't help all the people who are suffering the daily life struggle, who do not even have time to think about eating. You get that?

I really hope she will

read this message and think twice before she starts bragging how much she is suffering. Heck, I wish I could go to the meeting, have time to call people, have time to think about buying ice cream, eating ice cream, and think "oh poor me"! If you start working every day, raise kids, if you have a real life, then I might be a bit compassionate. She really pisses me off.

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Landlord's Lament

"Hung Up Thinking" (Feature Story, July 13) grabbed my attention. My cfirst tenant was a single mother with a seven-year-old daughter. A door-to-door saleswoman, her only reference was a picture of herself in Catholic school. I rented her the house, rent due on the first of the month. She gave me a deposit and moved in. Three months later she had paid no rent, and the neighbors had complained of many men coming to her house, fights, and shouting at night. She left suddenly, leaving her dog, cat with kittens, and a wrecked house.

I vowed never to have another tenant and put the house for sale. Then I heard that there was an urgent need

for sponsors of refugees. I agreed to provide a house, food, and clothing for the refugees for two years and help them get schooling and a job. As a single man, I had no idea of the cost of food and clothes for a family of five. Luckily, they were intelligent and hard-working and soon learned English and got jobs. They saved their money and bought a house.

My last tenant before I turned the house over to a property manager was a family of five — two adults and three children. The parents were recovering drug addicts. He had a job. She worked at home. They had lived in a one-bedroom house in an alley, so a move to a three-bedroom house

with two baths was better for the kids.

At first, they paid the rent and then asked me to drop the price of the rent. I agreed. He volunteered at his church; he counseled drug addicts and alcoholics. He started visiting other cities, preaching and counseling other addicts and then stopped paying any rent at all. I turned the property over to a property manager, and he evicted them.

As a landlord and small-property owner for some 36 years, my impression of tenants is that half of the tenants who would never rob someone with a gun think it's okay not to pay the rent to the owner. Tenants who rent a \$500,000 house for \$1400 a month



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think it's okay to kick holes in the door or walls, rip the screens, tear up the linoleum, or stain the rugs. These same people scream and holler when someone scratches their \$24,000 car.

As a landlord, I realize how hard it is for some tenants to pay the rent, and I do sympathize with them. To evict a tenant, make repairs, and rent the house again may take three to four months. Meanwhile, there is no income coming in and you still have to pay the cost of a lawyer, contractor, and, of course, taxes, insurance, and worse, the worry, the sleepless nights, the loss of weight due to the stress of paying the bills on time. At the age of 76, it does take its toll.

John Avila

Perfect Place To Die

I just reread the story about David and Lauren ("Suicide and Me," Feature Story, July 13), and although I'm hesitant to send this, I believe it is part of the forever-ongoing healing process. I feel for the anonymous author over the loss of his friends. And for the awkwardness of those around him who don't know how to respond when he speaks of his loss.

In his story he says that children bury their parents just as they will be buried by their children. This isn't always the case. Our daughter was born on February 25, 2002, at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage. To our great sadness she had been dead within her mother for over six hours. If there is such a thing as the perfect place to die, then knowing the comfort and warmth of your mother must be it.

There are as many ways

to grieve as there are people. As with the anonymous author of the Dave and Lauren story, mine has been through writing. If it is true that every woman should have a poem written in her honor by a man who loves her unconditionally, then this is my poem for Danielle. I've entitled it "The Others." A teardrop fell in the forest today. Where it fell, the parents know the way. The pain of grief to the mothers is a pain that is unknown to the others. And a father's grief to the others is brief. Sadness is no good the others will say. Move on, let go, tomorrow is another day. Life is too short to linger in pain. But our lives will stop again and again. A teardrop fell in the forest today. Where it fell, I know the way.

Thom Hogan
College Area

Bad Dog Or Bad Dog Training?

Re: the July 13 letter to the editor with the oxymoronic title "Pit Bulls Can Be Loving," why do people so frequently want to blame the dogs' bad behavior on lack of training? How often do you hear of a golden retriever mauling a child? It just doesn't happen. The

breeds have different temperaments and different capacities for violence.

Remember the 18-month-old girl who was killed by her grandmother's pit bull earlier this year? That dog was a family dog with no previous history of violence. Unprovoked, it raced from another part of the house to kill the child!

Pit bulls, and a few other breeds such as rottweilers, share a disproportionately large percentage of the attacks on humans. Unfortunately, each pit bull owner feels that their particular pet is incapable of such action. I'll bet that grandmother did too.

Ann H.
via e-mail

Won: Lost Fan

Re: "Field of Screens" (Cover Story, July 6).

I just wanted to compliment this article! I haven't picked up a Reader in a while, but the cover story perked my interest. Kudos to you! You've won back a lost fan. Thank you!

Loree Kay
via e-mail

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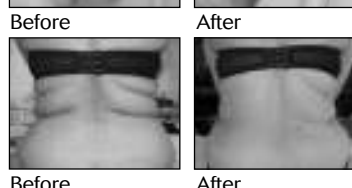
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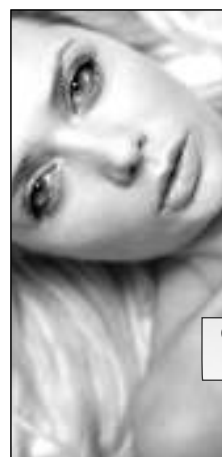
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many happy memories from when I was a young kid and my family and I used to live in California, in the late '60s through the mid-'70s. We would go to the drive-in almost every week, and it was a very exciting day for us. We'd fill up two or three brown grocery bags with popcorn, stop at the local A&W drive-in (how many people remember *that*?) and pick up a couple of gallon jugs of their root beer, Dad would buy a milk carton of malted milk balls, and off we went. Mostly it was the old Vincent Price horror flicks, the Poe and Lovecraft adaptations, the Sinbad movies, and even some classy ones like *The Boston Strangler* or *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Yeah, the sound from the speakers was tinny and distant, distorted and crackly, but in retrospect that added a certain quaintness to the entire atmosphere of the evening.

I'm sure a lot of the youngsters today won't be able to appreciate the experience, but it's one that I'm so glad to have in my memory, and Mr. Sanford's wonderful article brought out all those forgotten memories and put a wistful smile on my face as I recalled those good times.

Thank you again for your article, and I hope to read more about the pop history of San Diego. It really is a shame that we don't have more actual existing places and things from back then, but you provide us with a splendid window to the past that increases the value of San Diego's current culture.

Randall M. Silverman
New Hampshire

Always A Blast!

I just finished reading your feature article "Field of Screens" (July 6), and I must say I enjoyed it immensely! I have attended the South Bay Drive-in on numerous occasions and have always had a blast! It is nice to see that although these wonderful theaters have greatly diminished, they are not dead. It is always a privilege and a special treat to take my nephews out to watch a movie under the stars! Kudos to all the dedicated owners who are maintaining these wonderful American institutions.

Kathy Beyers
via e-mail

Not Only Old People

I have found that the people who are going to the drive-in movies these days are not only old people but younger families with children who cannot always afford to go to indoor movies ("Field of Screens," Cover Story, July 6). They also enjoy the fact that the mood at a drive-in theater is more upbeat.

Laura Daly
via e-mail

Smoke And Drink And Share

I want to commend Jay A. Sanford and his wonderful story, "Field of Screens" (Cover Story, July 6).

It was a very nostalgic trip down memory lane. I am 43 years of age. I was very fortunate to attend the majority of the drive-ins here in San Diego County, starting at age 7. It was exciting as a kid to pile into the station wagon with Mom and Dad, my two bros and sister, as well as a couple of neighborhood kids and head down to

the Harbor Drive-In or the Frontier or the Campus Drive-In. There were plenty of choices to make.

And as a teenager, the drive-in movies to me meant total freedom and independence with your friends, enjoying the flick from the privacy of a car, enjoying the snacks and homemade popcorn and a couple of cold beers. It was much cheaper to pack your own munchies. Sunflower seeds were always a priority.

It is true that the Ace Drive-In in Lemon Grove was a party zone, and in fact the employees at the Ace didn't mind the smoke and drink as long as you shared. I can't recall if there was security at the Ace. If there was, they were partying with us.

The South Bay Drive-In was always a trip. The back rows were reserved for the lowriders. Somewhat intimidating, they did draw attention. However, everyone got along. The whites and Hispanics showed mutual respect, and we were on their turf, but the drive-in was for all to enjoy. No racial barriers. We all got along very well.

It was a great moment that I cherish, and I'm sure others have similar stories they share. With only two surviving drive-in theaters left in San Diego, I suggest you pack up the car with family, friends, whoever, and enjoy a few hours of nostalgia at the South Bay Drive-In or the Santee Drive-In before they all become extinct. There will come a day when they were once upon a time here in America.

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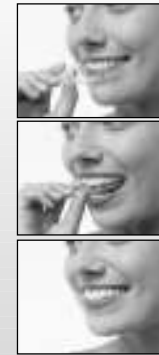
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Warhol Changed the Way We See

I loved his art, I loved his image,” says Cristina Favretto, director of Special Collections at San Diego State University. “And I loved that he would go places and people would speak for him and interpret things for him. And yet he said all these interesting things that have become part of our culture. You could go to anybody, from a nun to some guy drunk on the street, and they would all know the phrase, ‘Famous for 15 minutes.’”

The San Diego Museum of Art has on display 110 of Andy Warhol’s screen prints, including images of Jacqueline Kennedy, Mick Jagger, and the Campbell’s soup can. The exhibit runs through September 10.

Favretto has been interested in Andy Warhol and his work for most of her life. “I was an English major in college and wrote what amounted to a senior undergraduate thesis on Pop Art literature and its portrayal of women.” As a graduate student she interned at the Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, the city where Warhol was born and grew up.

Favretto continues, “Women were virtually nonexistent in pop culture, and I was always trying to find out who the women were and where they fit in. There were people like Audrey Flack, who did realistic art, and Surrealist women like Frieda Kahlo, who portrayed the wildest and best kind of Pop Art.

“I knew that Andy Warhol was influenced by women and images of women. As a young boy he collected film magazines

with studio articles written about the latest starlets they were trying to promote, and he would put a sheet of very thin paper over them and trace the faces. He was completely obsessed with feminine beauty.”

During the ’60s, Warhol had a coterie of followers who surrounded him, worked for him, and fed his creativity. In *Famous for 15 Minutes*, one such devotee, who adopts the name Ultra Violet, recalls a trip to a thrift shop with Warhol: “I select a vintage dress in violet velvet, priced at ten dollars, and try it on. I pirouette in front of Andy. He nods his approval. ‘Buy it,’ he says.

“It’s great,” I tell him. ‘But look, it’s torn at the bottom.’ I lift the hem to show him the ragged area. ‘That’s the torn look,’ he declares — and a new fashion is born.”

“Although Pop Art used the images of women and the symbolism inherent in women’s lives,” says Favretto, “it was more of a reactionary movement, because it didn’t really include women except to exploit them. My final conclusion was that Pop Art was male art, in so many ways. Yet Andy, the biggest proponent of Pop Art, was always surrounded by his ‘superstars,’ women like Edie, Viva, Ultra Violet...”

Art-appraisal site *Biddingtons.com* defines Pop Art as “a 20th-century art movement that utilized the imagery and techniques of consumerism and popular culture.... Pop Art favored figural imagery and the reproduction of everyday objects such as Campbell’s soup cans, comic strips, and advertisements. The movement eliminated distinctions between ‘good’ and ‘bad’ taste and between fine art and commercial art techniques.”

Or, as Warhol himself once observed,



Andy Warhol’s Marilyn Monroe

“Everything is beautiful. Everything is pop.”

“If someone asked me who Andy Warhol was,” says Favretto, “I would probably say he was one of the most interesting people in the 20th Century. I’d explain who he was as an artist but also add that he was his own art piece. He was someone who could have had a conversation with Stalin and then have a conversation with Mother Teresa.

“Was there a story threading through Andy Warhol’s work? Yes. It’s a story of someone who couldn’t believe he had gotten away from Pittsburgh. The persons he related to towards the end were people like himself, wounded creatures who died young. So I think disaster, sadness, and escape threaded through his life. I think most of Andy’s life was escape, even from the people who said they loved him. What did he escape to? To being another person.”

While viewing one of Warhol’s screen prints of Marilyn Monroe, Ultra Violet once asked Andy, “When did you first paint her?”

“The day after she died,” he replied. “I ordered a silk screen made from her photograph when I heard about her death on the radio.”

“You didn’t waste any time.”

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Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on several occasions, with more of the same expected at times during the next two or three weeks. Usually this kind of activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the coast and the more lively and unpredictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast."

Watchers of the Dawn Sky This Weekend (August 4-6) will notice the bright, so-called winter stars (especially those in the constellations of Orion, Taurus, and Gemini) rising just above the rosy glow of morning twilight. Venus is currently amid this group, hovering low in the brightening eastern sky. A few bright meteors, belonging to the annual Perseid shower that climaxes Saturday, August 12, may be seen as well. By the time August 12 rolls around, the moon at just past full phase will spill much light across the predawn sky and largely spoil the show.

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park planned, Saturday, August 5, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-341-1746. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Special Birds make birding at Salton Sea worthwhile at this hot time of year. Head out to search for wood storks, black terns, yellow-footed and laughing gulls, lesser nighthawk, and migrant phalaropes with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, August 5, 7 a.m.-noon, beginning at Salton Sea National Wildlife Headquarters. Free. 619-692-3246. (SALTON SEA)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, August 5, 8-10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

"Hark! Outdoors Calling!" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads moderate 2.75-mile hike utilizing four trails in Daley Ranch on Saturday, August 5. Gather at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, August 5, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk the Balboa Canyons — Florida Canyon fault, Cypress Canyon, Cabrillo Canyon — with Walkabout adventurers, Saturday, August 5. Outing starts at 10 a.m. in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Free. 619-231-7463. (BALBOA PARK)

Friends of Ruffin Canyon are looking for help cleaning up the canyon, maintaining native garden

on first Saturday of each month, including August 5, 2-3 p.m., at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Drive). Free. 858-560-8327, 858-268-0106. (SERRA MESA)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including August 6, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park Dis-

trict center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, August 6, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

August's Full Moon rises plump and coppery in the east just after sunset on the evening of Tuesday, August 8. The following morning, if the coast is clear of the marine layer, you can see that same moon sink into the Pacific Ocean. Some folk names for the August full moon include "corn moon," "barley moon," "moon when cherries turn black," and "harvest moon" — though the latter is most often applied to the full moon nearest the September equinox.

Highest Tides this month (+6.8 feet), associated with the full moon, are predicted for 8:56 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, and for 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, August 9. The month's lowest tide (-1.3 feet) will occur Wednesday morning at 4:06 a.m. By early October, minus-tide levels will begin occurring during certain afternoon periods, a far more convenient time for exploring tidepools.

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Crossing Borders and Cultures, Hip-Hop Is Everywhere presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre through 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 act-

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one 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)

No Excuse Not to Dance! Head to Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard) for dancing this week. West Coast swing and nightclub dance parties planned Thursdays, August 3 and 10, 8 p.m. Latin and ballroom dancing on Saturday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.; tango lesson at 8 p.m. Sunday's better for you? Jitterbug and swing dancing, Sunday, August 6, 7 p.m. Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

Contradance to music by Hey Wire, calling by Martha Wild, Friday, August 4, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dance and lesson, August 6, at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Waltz lesson at 2 p.m., general dancing

2:30-4 p.m. DJ is Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sunday Swing Dance with Doctor Swing playing "best digital dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s," Sundays, 5-9 p.m., at Cask n' Cleaver (3757 South Mission Road). No cover. 760-728-2818. (FALLBROOK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Ellen Riley is caller on August 6. \$8. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

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

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

FILM

Screen on the Green, San Diego Museum of Art hosts outdoor film series in conjunction with "Andy Warhol's Dream America" exhibit. Series commences with Billy Wilder's classic Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and

OUT & ABOUT

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Jaguar car show, Sunday, August 6, Spanish Landing Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Marilyn Monroe romp *Some Like It Hot* (1960), Thursday, August 3. Enjoy *A Day at the Races* with the Marx Brothers on Thursday, August 10. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. on east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Back When Harrison Ford Emoted... enjoy *Raiders of the Lost Ark* when it's shown on Friday, August 4, 8:30 p.m., at La Jolla Cove (1100 Coast Boulevard). Free. 858-454-5718. (LA JOLLA)

"The Search for Heaven: A Scientific Examination of Our Final Destination" screens when Association for Near-Death Studies gathers, Saturday, August 5, 1:30 p.m., in community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla

Drive). Discussion follows. Donation: \$5. 619-244-8495. (LA JOLLA)

The 2005 Australian Film Somersault by Cate Shortland screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 7, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Lomax the Songhunter," documentary screens Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Lomax devoted his life to recording the world's folk tunes before he permanently disappeared. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Airplane!" Parking Lot Pictures series commences with this zany flick, Thursday, August 10, 8 p.m., on AstroTurf-covered parking lot at Museum of Contemporary Art

"30 Years of Oklahoma Film," short films from "legendary Oklahoma film directors" showcased on Friday, August 25, 8:30 p.m., at Whistle Stop Bar (2236 Fern Street). See work by Gordon Holmes (*Be a Clown*), Nate Foll (*Flash Pants*), Bradley Beesley (*Okie Noodling, Fearless Freaks*), and world premiere of Kurtis Strange's "new comedy short blockbuster," *ParkGrubbs*. Filmmakers on hand for discussion following screenings. Between screenings: music by Spindrift. Free. 619-281-3456, 619-606-1541. (SOUTH PARK)

LECTURES

"Having a Financial Future" is topic for Family and Youth Council meeting, Thursday, August 3, 6 p.m., at Roundtable office, 3320 Kemper Street, suite 201. RSVP: 619-546-5852. (SAN DIEGO)

Self-Defense is topic when fifth-degree black belt Shotokan karate teacher Ken Osborne shares techniques, Thursday, August 3. Sisters in Crime meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

The Process of Building "Lightsculptures" illuminated by William Leslie for San Dieguito Art Guild, Thursday, August 3, 7 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Natural forms inspire most of Leslie's designs. Free. 760-942-3636. (ENCINITAS)

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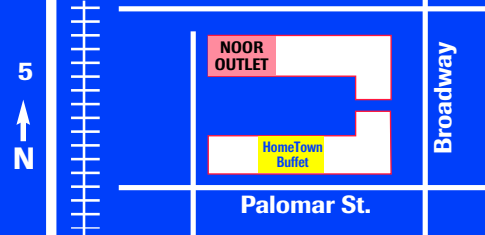
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Good Puppy! San Diego Humane Society and SPCA events for pups “too old for standard puppy classes” but not quite ready for adult dog classes, Sundays, August 6 and 13, noon. Behavior help and training, calming signals, using cues, more. \$39. Humane Society, 5500 Gaines Street. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

Local Artist Norma Soule presents demonstration for Pastel Society of San Diego, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Can Nepalis Build a Peaceful Democracy?” A Young Journalist’s Perspective” offered by activist Santosh Shah, Tuesday, August 8, 12:30 p.m., in conference room A of Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

Professional Genealogist Joan Lowrey presents “Exploring Steve Morse’s Website: A One-Step Portal for Online Genealogy, Part 2” for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, August 8, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Ring of Fire wine series continues with “Australian and New Zealand Wines” on Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m., at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). \$25. Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Andy Warhol’s Dream America” examined by Ramón Hernández for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, August 13, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

“Mad Merlin Disease,” staged by a group of Carlsbad High School alumni, continues Thursday–Sunday, August 3–6, at Patio Playhouse (201 East Grand Avenue). Written by Jesse Kapp, directed by Tess Team. Performances begin at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$10. (ESCONDIDO)

Nice & Easy Jazz plays early jazz and swing-era music for First Thursday Concert on August 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library’s Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Music and Dance, Damaru performs with guest drummer Lamine Dibo Camara and bellydancers Sabrina and Shalimar, Thursday, August 3, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

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“Downtown Summer Sounds,” Blues Fellows plan free concert, Friday, August 4, 6 p.m., at gazebo parking lot (at Main Street and South Indiana). Bring chairs. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Summer in the Park concert series features jazz and blues tunes by Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Friday, August 4, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue). 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks boasts swing music by Big Time Operator, Friday, August 4, 6 p.m., at Calavera Hills Park (at corner of Carlsbad Village Drive and Glas-

gow Drive). Shuttle service, 5–9 p.m., from Hope School (4100 Tamarack Drive). 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

“Red, White, and Bluegrass” with Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder with San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$16–\$70, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“An American in Paris” provides theme for Gay Men’s Chorus of San Diego concerts, August 5 and 6, at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Pieces by Stephen Foster, Copland, Cole Porter, Jacques Brel, others. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sun-

day. Tickets: \$20–\$25. 619-57-GMCSO. (HILLCREST)

CD-Release Concert by Randi Driscoll and Noah Heldman, Saturday, August 5, 8 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). 760-753-5786. Guests: producer and guitarist Larry Mitchell, songwriter and performer Shyla Nibbe, artist Erik Wahl, others. \$15. 760-753-5786. (ENCINITAS)

World Music Concert Series 2006 features *ney* musician H. Omoumi, Saturday, August 5, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). *Ney* is the traditional reed flute of Iran. \$30 general, \$15 students. 619-688-0688. (LA JOLLA)

Hornswaggle Horn Ensemble, featuring members of Coastal Communities Concert Band, performs Saturday, August 5, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music

(5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Author Karen Tate discusses, signs *Sacred Places of Goddess: 108 Destinations*, Saturday, August 5, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Baseball Fans Beckoned, Bucky Fox signs and discusses *The Highflying Angels: Their 50 Greatest Hits, Pitches and Plays*, Saturday, August 5, 2 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Book covers team’s 2005 American League West championship season. Free. 760-435-5575. (OCEANSIDE)

Creative Fantasy Author Elaine Isaak signs, discusses *The Singer’s Crown*, Saturday, August 5, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Texas Swing and Honky-Tonk promised when the Working Cowboy Band performs for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn Streets) on Saturday, August 5, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

“Fate’s Child (A Decision in Destiny),” theatrical urban/musical drama presented by Wordical Productions and an all-teen cast, Saturday, August 5, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). It’s a tale of Esther, “with her heritage hidden” and a “decision in destiny.” Tickets: \$12, \$14, \$16. 858-220-9293. (ROLANDO)

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and discusses *Fall Into Freedom: An Affair Inspires One Woman's Search for Truth*, Sunday, August 6, 11 a.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Mystery Author Michele Scott visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign and discuss *Murder by the Glass*, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Latin-a-Go-Go performs salsa, merengue, Latin jazz and more for Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park (on Lamont Street), Sunday, August 6, 4–6:30 p.m. Free. 858-483-6666. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Quail Botanical Gardens Summer Concert Series continues with Ken Schoppmeyer and the King Biscuit Revue, Sunday, August 6, 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)

Trummerflora "Summer Ideas Concert," Sunday, August 6, 7 p.m., in courtyard at Point Loma Hostel (3790 Udall Street). Performers: Ellen and Bob Weller and the Phunquai Meditation Blitzgrube. Donation: \$5. 619-223-4778. (POINT LOMA)

"A Salute to the Seven Seas" is planned by Mathew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert on Sunday, August 6. Program boasts pieces by Korngold, Rimsky-Korsakov, Debussy, Horner, Broughton, Rodgers, Sousa, Lowden. Free concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Folk Musician Ramblin' Jack Elliott performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Sunday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$18, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County" signed by Donna Lawrence, Sunday, Au-

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Indians called it "Mountain of Moonlit Rocks," an appropriate name for a landmark visible, even at night, over great distances. Early white settlers dubbed it "Cobbleback Peak," a name utterly descriptive of its rugged, boulder-strewn slopes. For the past 100+ years, however, it has appeared on maps simply as "Woodson Mountain," in honor of a Dr. Woodson who homesteaded some property nearby well over a century ago.

The looping route for hikers described here, approximately 5 miles long up and over Woodson's summit, takes advantage of the newer, semi-rough Fry-Koegel Trail along the mountain's bouldery north slope. For the duration of this month and next, don't try this route in the midday heat; but rather try visiting either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Even so, at this time of year, the hike is a two-water-bottle effort.

Park alongside Highway 67, 3 miles north of Poway Road, near the entrance to the California Division of Forestry fire station. Follow a well-beaten path south



Woodson boulders and Ramona Valley

past the fire station to where it hooks up with a paved service road (closed to vehicular travel) that curls up the mountain's east slope. The road underfoot is at times very steep, but offers excellent traction.

On most week-ends, the sounds of nature along the road will be accompanied by the clink of aluminum hardware, plus the

shouts of "On belay!" This east slope of Woodson offers the best bouldering practice for rock climbers in all of San Diego County.

When you reach the top of the mountain, at 1.7 miles, you'll walk amid a forest of radio antennae rising from the outsized boulders. Walk west, on dirt now, along the narrow summit ridge to reach a vantage point overlooking Poway, north San Diego County's coastal region, and the great blue expanse of the Pacific Ocean. Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands are visible on the clearest days. Nearby you'll spot an amazing cantilevered "potato-chip" flake of rock jutting from a large boulder outcrop, the result of exfoliation and weathering.

On ahead, you quickly pick up a narrow, eroded trail which tilts downward, steeply at times, along Woodson's boulder-punctuated west ridge. After about 0.5 mile, there's a fork. Ignore the left branch, which is the Mount Woodson Trail coming up from Lake Poway, and continue west, down-ridge. The two next trail intersections on the right are two alternate versions of the Fry-Koegel Trail,

which will take you on an oblique dive down through wildly tangled, mature chaparral, bound for the Mount Woodson Estates subdivision at the north base of the

spot cars on the nearby Highway 67. You can take a short cut over to the highway shoulder and walk the short distance back to your car.

This article contains

WOODSON MOUNTAIN NORTH LOOP

Climb Poway's Woodson Mountain via pavement, and loop back via a primitive north-side route.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 32 miles

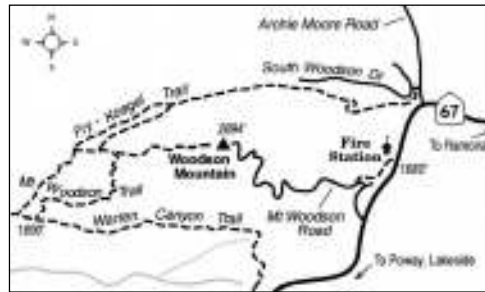
Hiking length: 5 miles

Hiking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

mountain. Near the bottom, the trail meanders through spooky clusters of coast live oaks. Watch out for copious growths of poison oak through here.

Back in the open air again, the trail skirts some homes; then it's a straight shot to Archie Moore Road, near Highway 67. Just before reaching that, you'll hear and

information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



gust 6, 4 p.m., at Dog Beach Dog Wash (4933 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-523-1700. (OCEAN BEACH)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series features Sun Harbor Chorus barbershop singing on Tuesday, August 8; U.S. Navy Band Alumni on Wednesday, August 9; and Sounds Divine on Thursday, August 10. Concerts run from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

"Industrial-Strength Comedy Show," Comedy Grill perform-

ers include Mark Christopher Lawrence, Deborah Monterossa, Warren Hendon, and improv by Comedy Under Construction, Tuesday, August 8, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Featured Poet is Jackleen Holton when Magee Park Poets gather for reading, Wednesday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Open reading follows. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Geologist R. Gordon Gastil and Janet Gastil sign *Follow the Sun*, Wednesday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Surfing Legend Mike Doyle discusses his book *Morning Glass: The Adventures of Legendary Waterman Mike Doyle*, Friday, August 18, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800). Doyle is credited with "inventing the first snowboard and the soft surfboard." Free. (LA JOLLA)

Sid Brooks Dishes on Chargers in his book *Tales from the San Diego Chargers Locker Room*. Hear the stories in person, Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m. when Brooks appears at Barnes & Noble, 10775 Westview Parkway. Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Messages of Brotherhood and Freedom, Richie Havens in concerts hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, August 25, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$30; din-

ner packages available. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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. Common Sense performs on Friday, August 4, following the last race.

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)

San Diego Padres host Houston Astros at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, in Petco Park. The Washington Nationals arrive for games August 4–6, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Padres head to New York for games Mets, August 8–10, at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:10 a.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for future games: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Rocks, Rips and Reefs, in-water education and site-orientation program for divers and snorkelers, Saturday, August 5, at Hospital Point (meet at 400 Coast Boulevard). Participants learn of interaction of surf, swell, and tides on underwater rocks and reefs, then enter water and tour dive sites with local lifeguards. Bring mask, fins, snorkel; full wetsuit and gloves recommended. Scuba gear is not used. Registration at 8 a.m. Free. Details: 858-418-3889. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Surf Cup XXVI soccer competition continues August 5–7 at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Field this year includes 336 teams. Games begin at 8 a.m. each day, end at dusk. 760-944-7176 or 760-815-9343. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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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)

Shakespeare's “King Lear” is topic when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group convenes, Saturday, August 5, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-440-5625. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate Barbecue and baseball during KPBS event, Saturday,

August 5, at Jsix/Jbar (fourth floor of Hotel Solamar, 435 Sixth Avenue). Pregame barbecue demonstration by Steven Raichlen, author of *Raichlen on Ribs*, 4 p.m.; reception, book signing at 5 p.m.; Padres versus Washington Nationals game, fireworks. Tickets: \$85. 619-594-3830. (DOWNTOWN)

Djembe Drumming Workshop for all levels of drummers with Lamine “Dibo” Camara of Guinea, West Africa, Saturday, August 5, 6 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$15. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6, 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)

Concours d'Elegance, 42nd annual car show hosted by San Diego Jaguar Club, Sunday, August 6, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Spanish Landing Park on San Diego Bay. Judging begins at 9:30 a.m., awards at 2 p.m. Free for spectators. 858-638-0011. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

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DAN CAMP:

Watercolors from 1975 to 1990 opening reception, Sunday, August 6, Earl and Birdie Taylor Library

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Deep-Pit Barbecue benefiting volunteer fire department, Sunday, August 6, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Camp's Grove (17087 Highway 94, 500 feet east of Dulzura Cafe). Horseshoe tournament (10:30 a.m.), kids' games and activities, music, entertainment, dinner. \$10 general, \$5 for those ten and younger. 619-468-3633. (DULZURA)

Berkley's Bohemian Art and Treasures Show, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Tioli's Crazy Burger (4201 30th Street). “Trained and untamed artists, poets, composers, foodologists, potters, experimentalists,” others offer their “wares and inspirations.” Admission is free. 888-662-8733. (NORTH PARK)

The House of Peru offers lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages on Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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Can There Be a Winner in the current/ongoing Middle Eastern dilemma? Present your opinion on Wednesday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Wednesday, August 9, 7–9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for those 9–13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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

Calligraphy and Lacquer Objects created by Ayako Stott are on exhibit through Sunday, August 27, at

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

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

"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 reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"The Art of Making Molas," Geralyn Hoffman teaches about the artists of Panama during 12 O'Clock Scholar family program, Thursday, August 3, at San Diego Museum of Man. Make a souvenir paper mola. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

Ease on Down the Road! *The Wiz* is presented by actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre through August 13 in Casa del Prado Theater. Music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls. For ages ten and up. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on August 12 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9–\$12 adults, \$7–\$10 seniors and chil-

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Pet Pals Kids Club convenes Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m.–noon, at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Kids 6–13 have “fun with other animal-loving kids.” \$15 per meeting. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Introduction to Film and Video Production activities led by YonkeArt for family day events, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Hand, Shadow, and Rod Puppets from Asia used when Big Joe Productions explores *The Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World*, August 9–13, at 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)

“Godspell” presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian

Youth Theater, August 10–26, 8 p.m., at Mt. Helix Amphitheatre (just south of Interstate 8 and between Bancroft Drive and Avocado Boulevard). Tickets: 619-588-0206. (LA MESA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, “Proudly She Serves: Women and the Military,” continuing through September, chronicles the careers of women from Revolutionary War through current conflicts in Middle East. Women’s experiences in the military, as well as contributions of civil volunteers, support staff, war industry workers presented. Many Coronado residents are represented in exhibit.

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

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

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The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden



William Alexander

By William Alexander
Algonquin Books, 2006, \$22.95, 288 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

William Alexander had a simple dream of having a vegetable garden and small orchard in his back yard. It was a dream that would lead to life-and-death battles with groundhogs, webworms, and weeds; midnight expeditions in the dead of winter to dig up fresh thyme; skirmishes with neighbors who feed the vermin (i.e., deer); the near electrocution of the tree man; and the pity of his wife and children.

When Alexander decided to run a cost-benefit analysis, adding up everything from the Havahart animal trap (\$60) to the Velcro tomato

wraps (\$5) to the steel edging (\$1,200), then amortizing it over the life of his garden, it came as quite a shock to learn that it cost him a staggering \$64 to grow each tomato.

A gardener with an existential bent, Alexander gives excellent advice about everything from peaches to leeks, while tackling such questions as *What do our gardens tell us about ourselves?* *Do we get the gardens we deserve?* And *Why does the groundhog have to take one bite from half a dozen tomatoes when any gardener would gladly grant him six bites of just one?*

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: When the author of this hilarious horticultural memoir plants a large

vegetable garden and a small orchard on his Hudson Valley farmstead, he finds himself at odds with almost all creation. At the top of the food chain are the landscaping contractors, always behind schedule, frequently derelict, occasionally menacing. Then there are the herds of deer that batter the electrified fence to get at Alexander's crop, and the groundhog who simply squeezes between the wires, apparently savoring the 10,000-volt shocks. Most insidious are the armies of beetles, worms, maggots, and grubs that provoke Alexander, initially an organic-produce zealot, into drenching his entire property with pesticides. He braves these trials, along with hours of backbreaking labor and the eye-rolling of his wife and children, for the succulence

of homegrown food. He also manages to maintain a sense of humor, riffing on everything from the ugliness of garden ornaments to the politics of giving away vegetables to friends. Alexander's slightly poisoned paradise manages to impart an existential lesson on the interconnectedness of nature and the fine line between nurturing and killing.

Booklist: It began innocently enough. Now that Alexander and his formerly city-dwelling family had a little bit of suburban property, why not plant some vegetables and put in a few fruit trees? After all, any costs involved would be more than offset by the joys of slicing fresh peaches on his morning cereal or drizzling virgin olive oil over juicy beefsteak tomatoes from his own

plants, right? Not exactly. Recounting all of the things that could, and did, go wrong, from abandoned tractors to marauding groundhogs, and menacing handymen to ravaging beetles, Alexander wryly reveals how his well-intentioned experiment in back-yard agriculture ended up being a lot more frustrating, not to mention expensive, than he envisioned. In this appealingly witty memoir of one man's battle with nature, Alexander weaves a cautionary tale for those who have ever tasted a grocery-store tomato and vowed to grow a better one in their own back yard.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

William Alexander has been gardening and small-scale farming

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Alexander's slightly poisoned paradise manages to impart an existential lesson on the interconnectedness of nature and the fine line between nurturing and killing.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and

"New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age

China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of

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

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Reading

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for over 25 years. He lives with his wife and their two children in New York's Hudson Valley.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

"You've had a busy year with this book."

"It was my first book. I was 53 when it came out, and I thought maybe my family would buy a few copies and that would be it, but it's taken off. We're very pleased. I've just been invited to the National Book Fair on the Capital Mall, so I'm having breakfast with Laura Bush."

"Congratulations, I think."

"Yeah, I'm not so sure. I'm trying to keep art separate from politics."

"Did you grow up around gardens and gardening?"

"We had a very small house. I mean, the plot was maybe a

tenth of an acre, but my dad always had a garden. Tomatoes, of course, were his main thing. He was a guidance counselor for the school system. I remember him not being satisfied with the tomato seedlings he could buy at the garden center, so he and a teacher would put in an order for seeds and share it. When you get a packet of seeds, you only need about nine of them.

"Unfortunately, as a kid, I couldn't have been less interested in the garden. I paid no attention whatsoever. I can't tell you how many times I've rued that fact. I could have used a lot of help when I started to garden on my own."

"Where was that first garden?"

"On St. Thomas. It was my first time being far from home. I think the garden was a way of putting down my roots — no pun intended. It set the scene for why I still garden today. Even on St. Thomas you couldn't get decent

fresh food. Half the time, the vegetables you found you didn't want to eat. It was shocking to me."

"Did you call your dad for advice?"

"You know, I don't remember doing that. In 1978, you didn't call anyone from the Virgin Islands. I may have written some letters."

"When you've been asked to give advice to gardeners, you always say, 'start small.' It sounds to me like you learned that lesson the hard way. Why did you begin with such a large garden?"

"Now, I do tell people to keep in mind that the garden you build today is the garden that you have to tend tomorrow, but we didn't think about that at first."

"I think where we really got into trouble is once we realized this plot of land was ours, we spent a full two years just staring at it, trying to figure out what to do. During those two years we gave each other garden books. These beautiful, large,

glossy garden books with titles like, *Monet's Garden*, *Giverny*, and *Great Victorian Gardens*. What we failed to recognize, of course, was the fact that one of the things that made great Victorian gardens great is they came with great Victorian gardeners.

"I can take people into my back yard, to a spot down by the pool, where I have what looks like a field of creeping thyme. If you were to dig under it you would find there's actually a patio there. I can see the book as clear as day, even though it must be ten years ago, where we saw this wonderful patio with creeping thyme in the cracks. What I didn't realize — what they didn't tell you in the book — was that they must have had a gardener coming in every single week cutting that thyme back, because it grows like a weed. In no time at all, I lost the slate I had put in, and the patio was completely overwhelmed."

"So, we didn't realize what we were getting ourselves into. And

"I do sometimes wonder, though, if I have a garden because I cook or if I cook because I have a garden."

we were very romantic about it.

"Yet, even with my bad neck now and with tendonitis in both elbows, there is something about being in touch with the earth and being part of that harvest tradition."

"I was doing an AARP interview the other day. They have no sense of humor over there. But they asked me 'What advice would you have for aging gardeners?' No, they don't use the word 'aging,' they said 'mature' gardeners. Anyway, I said, 'Don't plant anything that's growing tall

faster than you're growing shorter.' They refused to print it!"

"Are you going to be canning peaches again this year?"

"That's a good question. We didn't last year. I've been more attentive to thinning out, trying to keep the number of peaches down. We had said we would never can again. But to show you what a sucker I still am, I was just reading in *Cook's Illustrated* that there's a new serated peach peeler out."

"The hardest part of canning is peeling the damn peaches."

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include orig-

inal telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St.

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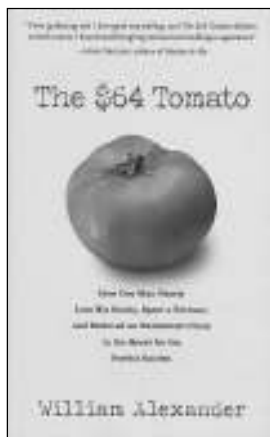
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You dip them in boiling water, but then you've got that steam — it's messy, and gloppy. But, I said to my wife, 'Wow, if there's a new peach peeler that can make peeling easier, maybe we will can peaches after all.' She just kind of shrugged, and said 'Sure.'"

"Can you walk me through the process you use?"

"First, you have all these

wicker baskets full of peaches.

"You have to sterilize the jars. We have a new dishwasher which claims to have a sterile cycle on it; we've just been trusting that it really is. That makes things a little easier. You still have to do the tops and the rings and so on.

"I dip the peaches in the boiling water for a bit and then draw two full circles, from north pole to south pole, around the peach with a sharp paring knife, and peel off the skin. Then, you have to slice them. Our peaches are not freestone, so you have to kind of fiddle with the stone in the middle.

"Then, you jam the peaches into the jars and fill them with the syrup just to the top, but not quite to the top, and wipe the rim clean. I find it nerve-wracking because I'm always convinced that I'm going to poison us. I never have that sense that I'm really doing it right because no one has ever shown me how. I

just learned from books."

"Do you have one of those old blue and white speckled canners to process them in?"

"We sure do. We don't have one of the newer steam ones, we have the old enamel kind."

"How do you avoid mushy canned peaches? About every three years I get it right and the other two years they're mealy or mushy when I'm finished canning them."

"Well, it seems that the slightly underripe ones, or just barely ripe, can the best. But the flip side of that, maybe this is where the peeler will come in, is that they are impossible to peel."

"Between now and the big harvest, you're going on vacation?"

"We're leaving the house for a week and, to be honest, the garden is the reason why we're leaving for such a short time.

"One year we went to Spain, and actually went in June, figuring that was safe. When we

came back, my positive and negative electric wires had twisted in a windstorm and had shorted out, and the garden was bare. The deer had eaten everything to the ground.

"Now we feel like anything beyond a week away isn't safe. This is admittedly insane. I'll be the first person to say that. I'm kind of living in this prison like one of the groundhogs that I've trapped."

"If you could go back to the beginning, ten years ago, I know there are many things you would do differently, but what would you make sure you did exactly the same?"

"Grow the foods that you love and can't get fresh. Heirloom tomatoes, obviously, are number one on that list for me. Not only is any back-yard tomato better than any supermarket tomato, but an heirloom is better than most things you're going to get at a farm stand, unless you're very lucky.

"The deer had eaten everything to the ground."

"A couple of years ago I grew Red Sun shallots for the first time. I figured these kinds of root vegetables were probably going to be pretty much like what you get in the store, but I was just amazed when I cooked with them for the first time. They've actually changed the way that I cook. We do a lot of bistro cooking now. We'll just sauté meat, fish, or chicken and then cook those shallots for 20 seconds in a little butter, deglaze the pan, grab what herbs are in the garden, and we have a meal."

"Were you a cook before you were a gardener?"

"I got married fairly late, so I was a bachelor living on my own for a long time. I did learn

to cook. But I think I've become a better cook and a more adventurous cook since I've had the garden. I do sometimes wonder, though, if I have a garden because I cook or if I cook because I have a garden. And I'm not always sure of the answer to that."

"Do you think your kids will plant gardens when they're adults?"

"I'd say my son, not a chance. Katy? Maybe. Katy is really into food. She's very much her father's daughter. It's so hard to predict, because if someone had asked my dad 30 years ago, he would have said there's no way that kid is ever even going to own a house, let alone raise a garden."

— Jerry Miller

Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

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

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

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

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

ment, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258.

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" water-play area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission

fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted

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

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

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

bilia, posters, models, dino dig box, giant robotic dinosaurs.

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

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through Sunday, February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

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

Current "giant-screen films" include *Vikings: Journey to New Worlds* and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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If It's August, It's SummerFest Time! SummerFest's 20th Anniversary opening-night celebration is Thursday, August 3, 7:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). San Diego Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jeffrey Kahane play pieces by Mozart, Martinu, Beethoven. Tickets: \$25, \$50, \$75.

The "Encore" concert on Friday, August 4, starts at 7:30 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program promises four selections by

Mozart. Tickets: \$40, \$60.

An Alumni Jam Session is slated for Saturday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Composers include Mendelssohn, Stein, Maurer, Mozart. \$40, \$60.

Explore "Heritage of Vienna" through pieces by Mozart, Schubert, world premiere of piece by Leon Kirchner, in Sherwood Auditorium on Sunday, August 6, 3 p.m. \$40, \$60.

"Modern Composers at SummerFest — Mavericks and Movement Across the Pacific" presented Monday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$25, \$40, \$60. Works by Bright Sheng, Lou Harrison, Steve Reich, Tan Dun.

Pieces by Lindberg, Grieg, Sibelius on menu for "Scandinavian Romance," Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium.

Tickets and information on these La Jolla Music Society concerts: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, NORTH PARK)

"Red, White, and Bluegrass" with Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder with San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$16–\$70, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Le Dame Musicanti," Italian and German baroque concert by Donatella Galletti (baroque lute) and Marion Ceruti (mezzosoprano and mandolino lombardo)

at Italian Community Center (1659 Columbia Street), Saturday, August 5, 7 p.m. Early musical instruments from lute family on display; question-and-answer period follows. Free. 619-315-1356. Concert repeats August 12 at House of Pacific Relations. (LITTLE ITALY)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Monumental Fantasia and Fugue on Bach by Max Reger played by organist Paul Jacobs for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"My Fellow Americans," new work and installation by Brent Sandor and Matt Stallings opens with reception, Friday, August 4, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Exhibit on view through Friday, August 25, explores interplay between "true individual outcasts and outsiders." 619-235-6922. (DOWNTOWN)

"15th Annual Juried Exhibition" at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) opens with reception on Friday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. Jurors Stephanie Hanor and Roman de Salvo selected work by 21 artists who live or work in San Diego County. Closes Saturday, September 2. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Horse Around," juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings continues through Saturday, August 26, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror was Jane La Fazio. Reception for artists: Friday, August 4, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Over 300 Pieces of Art — original paintings, drawings, limited-edition prints showcased when "pop culture icon" Peter Max visits Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street), Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, 6–9 p.m. RSVP: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

Blown, Fused, Torch-Worked, Cast, Etched, stained glass, mosaic — fourth annual patio show and sale hosted by Art Glass Guild and Art Glass Association of Southern California is Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., in studio 25 at Spanish Village. 619-702-8006. (BALBOA PARK)

"Phantograms: A 3-D Photography Exhibit" opens with reception on Saturday, August 5, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). Show features photography by Barry Rothstein. 760-795-6120. Through September. (CARLSBAD)

"Dan Camp: Watercolors from 1975–1990" opens with reception for artist, Sunday, August 6, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Exhibit of more than 30 watercolors continues through September. 858-581-9934. Camp presents informal art talk, Saturday, September 2. (PACIFIC BEACH)

August Art Show opens with reception, Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Off Track Gallery (687 South Coast Highway 101). Paintings and sculpture by over 100 artists. 760-942-3636. (ENCINITAS)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Friends of Niki: Works from the Private Collection of Niki de Saint Phalle" includes work by her friends Keith Haring, Larry Rivers, and Sam Francis.

Work of newspaper cartoonists is focus of exhibit "Luann & Friends: Comic Families." Cartoonists such as Greg Evans (*Luann*), Cathy Guisewhite (*Cathy*), Charles Schulz (*Peanuts*), Dean Young (*Blondie*), and Marcus Hamilton (*Dennis the Menace*), who "tap into familiar family set-

tings, outrageous situations, and impossible slapstick scenarios" are featured.

"Passage Ways: Life's Journey. Work from Sophie's Gallery" showcases suitcases that have been creatively transformed by the developmentally disabled students of St. Madeleine Sophie's Center.

All exhibits close on Sunday, October 1. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Explore "¡Carnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 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, "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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Sheer Greed" is how one person described the price bump for parking at ipayOne Center's Slayer show on July 20. In the past,

admission concerts by metal and alternative artists. For example, the recent Avenged Sevenfold and Taste of Chaos Tour would fall into the \$10-per-car rate.

Hahn says the price increase is "consistent with similar venues in markets this size." Three L.A. concert venues charge the following

financial problems. Their way to get more income is to penalize the public who do come to the Sports Arena."

Hahn says the decline in sporting events "has nothing to do with it."

For those with tickets, parking is free at the Coors Amphitheatre and UCSD's RIMAC Arena. There is no parking fee collected at SDSU for Cox Arena or Open Air Theater shows.

— Ken Leighton

Best Record in the World?

Since Tom DeLonge pulled the plug on blink-182 in February 2005, the other two members — Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker — haven't said much about their breakup...until last week. Barker spoke to MTV.com about how DeLonge compared his new band, Angels and Airwaves, to the Who.

"I have to say you're definitely seeing what the real Tom was like, and that's the only comment I'll make about him or his band," Barker said. "But everything happens for a reason. If the blink breakup didn't happen, we wouldn't be here right now, and we [Barker and Hoppus, who formed Plus 44] wouldn't have been able to make the record we did.... It's the best thing in the world." It is unclear when the Plus 44 disc will be released by Interscope.

"They are working on it right now," says Dvora Vener, who handles publicity for Hoppus and Barker. The delay of the Plus 44 release has created confusion...and faux bootlegs.

"Because of our silence, all these people online started to make up their own shit," Hoppus says. "They made their own songs and posted them, saying they're our songs. The stuff that's out there [on the Internet] now isn't really Plus 44."

Barker says, "It's kind of flattering that some kids would go out there and post songs under our name. I mean, at least it means that people are excited to hear our stuff."

The tentative title of the Plus 44 album is *Little Death*. Last week, Hoppus and Barker said that lead singer Carol Heller is no longer with the band but that guitarists Craig Fairbaugh and Shane Gallagher are. They

The band is recording in an L.A.-area studio that they bought. Hoppus and Barker live in Los Angeles with their families. DeLonge still lives in North County.

— Ken Leighton

Where's the Dogg?

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SNOOPY KNOWS HOW TO BUMP A FREAK

attended this year's Comic-Con, and Snoop Dogg almost wasn't one of them (he didn't arrive until after his scheduled appearances). The rapper missed a panel to promote his upcoming movie and comic, *Hood of Horror*. Reached by one of the panelists, Dogg apologized to the waiting crowd over a cell phone that was held up to a microphone: "This traffic from L.A. to San Diego is a motherfucker," he said.

At his Con photo op, Snoop improvised a pro-comic rap: "I can bump a freak, keep it so tight, fresh and so unique. I'm the

coolest of the cool, but I'm down with the geeks..."

Hood of Horror is scheduled for a November 4 release, with a DVD due out in February.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Endorse THIS Message

"Meeting Maxine Waters, Al Franken, Marc Maron, and DNC chairman Howard Dean was a hoot," says Jeff Berkley of DemocracyFest, a three-day political festival that took place July 14–16 at SDSU. His band Berkley Hart played the event's "Saturday Night Blowout." He says talking to music fan Al Franken about rock clubs in Minnesota was fun, but his favorite moment took place onstage. "Since we were the last act, we invited Laurence [Juber, former Wings guitarist] and Cindy Lee Berryhill to come up and sing Woody Guthrie's 'This Land Is Your Land' with us. The crowd chimed in and ended up the show with a very moving display of



COULTER: BIG BAD BARBIE DOLL?

patriotism."

During "Big Bad Barbie Doll," Berkley Hart inserted columnist Ann Coulter's name in the lyrics. Al

blurt

the inside track

parking has cost \$10 per car; Slayer fans paid \$15.

Through Arena Group 2000, general manager Ernie Hahn leases out the Sports Arena to independent promoters. Viejas Entertainment and Soma promoted the nearly sold-out Slayer show. In addition to rent, which is paid by promoters, Arena Group 2000 collects a \$3.50-per-person facility fee for each ticket sold. The group splits parking fees with Ace Parking.

According to Hahn, there was a "misunderstanding" over the price increase. ("Slayer should have been \$10," he says.)

However, the cost of parking will increase to \$15 for all upcoming "major concert events," including the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Mariah Carey, and American Idol shows. Hahn says the \$10 parking fee will remain for lower-priced general-

minimum rates for parking: \$25 at the Inglewood Forum, \$15 at the Staples Center, and \$12 at Anaheim Pond.



MARIAH CAREY COMMANDS MORE PARKING \$

One music-industry insider suggests that the Sports Arena will up the rates "because they can.... They lost the Gulls because they went bankrupt. [The ipayOne Center is] having



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Franken reportedly rose to his feet and joined in the scathing singalong: "Ann Coulter's a big bad Barbie doll / She'll break your legs just to watch you crawl / And her heart's as hard as a bowling ball... She's got no heart, and she's got no soul / And the color of her love is black as coal."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Not Entirely Gay "I walked in one night, and it was dead," says Jeff "Mono Mono" Beringer about the open-mike night at Hillcrest's Brass Rail. "No one was there, so I approached the manager. I said, 'Give me one night a week and I'll have this place hopping.' And I did."

Beringer took over Plugged (the opposite of "unplugged") on June 8 and has continued hosting every Thursday since then. It's a mix of local bands, solo artists, dancers, and performance artists. Solo artists get 30 minutes; bands get 40.

"If you go to Winstons or Blind Melons, you expect full bands," says Beringer. "If you go to Lestat's or Twiggs, you only get singer-songwriters. I want everybody.... People were shocked when they saw [a band at the Brass Rail]. The

Brass Rail is the oldest gay bar in San Diego. I don't think there's been a live band there in 50 years."

Beringer is the host, but he performs between artists; he sings over dance tracks.

"I have a visual orgy. I touch people during my show. I use smoke, confetti, streamers. I throw out balls, play money. I dress up like a sumo wrestler, a Catholic schoolgirl." Beringer admits he sometimes shows skin during his show. "I'm not sure what the law is on that."

So far, Plugged has featured local bands such as Bobby Fantasy, Blizzard, and Jefferson Jay. Solo artists have included Sweet Joyce Ann, Cory Wilkins, and Nate Davenport. Admission has been free, and bands have



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

MONO MONO TAKES CONTROL OF THE BRASS RAIL

played for free.

"Starting August 10, we'll charge \$5 at the door, and all the money will go to those who played," says Beringer.

What have reviews been like for straight performers?

"Male artists commented that they get a lot more positive feedback than they do at other venues...."

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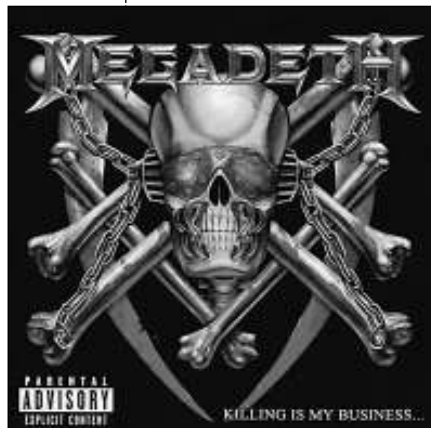
"The patrons just sort of turn around and talk to each other. Straight people are savages. They get into fights. Gay people are more civilized."

Plugged takes place Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

— Ken Leighton

MegaNews Dave

Mustaine has announced that the second edition of his multi-band Gigantour will launch in San Diego on September 7. Megadeth, Lamb of God, Opeth, Arch Enemy, Overkill, and others will share the bill. The two-stage show is so far scheduled to hit 25 cities, and plans are for both stages to operate at all venues. Last year's Gigantour was booked at several locales unable to accommodate more than the main stage. The tour is



VIC RATTLEHEAD HAS A NAMESAKE

Estates. The couple had a son in 1992 (Justis David), a daughter in 1998 (Electra Nicole), and another son in 2002 (Victor Gar). Victor

sponsored by Microsoft's upcoming game that's titled "Gears of War," which is the name of a song on Megadeth's upcoming album.

Mustaine recently filed a petition for divorce in San Diego Superior Court, seeking dissolution of his marriage to Pamela Anne Casselberry, whom he wed in April 1991. No word yet on who might end up with the couple's \$1.2 million house in Fallbrook's Rolling Hills

Gar was named after Megadeth mascot Vic Rattlehead and former band drummer Gar Samuelsson, who died in 1998. Fourteen-year-old Justis plays guitar and has appeared in several local theatrical productions, including one in which he played Elvis Presley.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Yodel Power? After

much rescheduling, Jewel's "Punk Rock Angel Girl" cartoon shorts will begin airing on Nickelodeon around Halloween. According to a production assistant, "We had to wait for her script revisions, and she gets final approval over everything, and she's been busy with other things, so we stopped and restarted production maybe a dozen times over the past year and a half."

Jewel voices the title character, whose main superpower is yodeling. Her

"yellow yodel bolts of energy," as she calls them, enable Punk Rock Angel Girl to battle Megacorp, an evil conglomerate brainwashing the youth of America into buying things they don't need. Jewel has claimed sole credit for scripting and designing the cartoons in interviews, telling the *Albuquerque Tribune*, "I drew it and invented it or



JEWEL IS OFFICIALLY PUNK ROCK

whatever." In actuality, the shorts are cocreated by playwright and Marvel Comics writer Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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“Other people didn’t come out of the Detroit Frank era as well off as I did.”

The Jefferson Jay Project, the Jefferson Jay Band, *The Jefferson Jay Show* — this guy keeps busy. Formerly known as Brainstorm, the Jefferson Jay Band has been playing around San Diego for five years and has opened for Jane’s Addiction and Steely Dan.

“The longest-tenured member other than myself,” says Jefferson Jay, “is bassist Damon Stoll, a.k.a. the Funky Damon. He and I met three years ago. When he first came over, I made us egg salad sandwiches. The lesson to be learned here is that if you have love and egg salad, there is nothing you can’t do.”

His radio program, *The Jefferson Jay Show*, airs online on Monday nights from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at www.kcrlive.com, as well as Cox digital cable channel 956 and Time Warner digital cable channel 957. “It is mostly comedy and music, with a little bit of politics and sports.”

When the band played the Belly Up last May, “Something strange happened.” Jay explains, “In the middle of our second song, this huge screen came down right in front of us. We just kept playing, and we were laughing. We’ve been around awhile so we took it in stride. Eventually I came out in front of the screen and people cheered. The funny thing was that they couldn’t get the screen to go back up. Apparently it was on a timer. The manager was looking at me, pressing on a remote control. He looked apologetic and was saying he thought it would go up sometime during our next song. It did. People cheered more.”

“Street Scene is this week,” he adds, “and that’s a bad time for anyone to do gigs.”

The Jefferson Jay Band performs at O’Connell’s on Friday, August 11.

YOUR AXE?

“I loved the Gibson acoustic that I learned on, but that was stolen. My favorite axe now is my ’72 Les Paul Black Beauty. I bought it from a dark character named Detroit Frank. I loaned him \$200,

which was arguably a bad move, but when he offered me his ‘baby’ for only \$800 more, I felt like the \$200 I had loaned him was reborn. Friends of mine in other bands

were begging me to turn it over to them for a quick profit, but I would never do it. Rumor has it some other people didn’t come out of the Detroit Frank era as well off as I did.”

EARLIEST MEMORY?

“Being in a big house with my grandmother, my dad’s mom, and she was teaching me how to get Goldfish, the crackers, to swim in your mouth. She died when I was two.”

TOP-FIVE CDs?

1. Pink Floyd, *Animals*. “My most accurate list would probably include *The Wall* and *Wish You Were Here*, not to mention *Meddle* and *Dark Side of the Moon*, but *Animals* wins for this list.”
2. Marvin Gaye, *What’s Going On*. “Soulful, funky, deep, meaningful, short and sweet, ambitious. ‘Only love can conquer hate / You know we’ve got to find a way.’”
3. Miles Davis, *Kind of Blue*. “The jazz classic. Miles, Coltrane, Cannonball. His *In a Silent Way* was the first jazz album I loved.”
4. Alice in Chains, *Dirt*. “It is my favorite album of the ’90s.... [It] awakened me to dark, heavy music.”
5. Steely Dan, *Pretzel Logic*. “I just love Steely Dan so much after seeing them twice in the [same] week.”



Jefferson Jay and friends

BEST GIG?

“Two weeks ago the Jefferson Jay Band opened up for Michael McDonald and Steely Dan in Irvine. There were thousands of people checking us out, and we put together a nine-piece version of the band including a three-piece horn section, unofficially known as the Jefferson Jay Hornblowers. I was so relaxed. It was the most people I had ever played for and the most fun I ever had. I have written three songs in four days, directly from the Steely Dan inspiration.”

WORST FASHION FAUX PAS?

“Governor Schwarzenegger said, in the fine film *Commando*, ‘I eat Green Berets for breakfast.’ Well, I am pretty much the same way with fashion faux pas. I sport feather boas, sumo topknots, platform boots, velvet bell bottoms, fake fur, sparkles, skirts, smocks, whatever I feel like, really, without hesitation. But I would have to say...in a Hanukkah show at the Casbah, about five years ago, I covered the Dylan tune, ‘Ballad of a Thin Man.’ I wore white spandex bicycle

shorts rolled up past my knees, a too-tight little shirt with blue sequins, and a long orange origami beak with Groucho Marx glasses, as my ‘Captain Jew’ superhero disguise.”

BEST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

“On September 11, 1994, when I was in college at University of Massachusetts Amherst, I was huge into Phish. I saw them about 70 times in the ’90s. A side project featuring Trey Anastasio, Phish’s guitarist/songwriter, and Phish’s drummer Jon Fishman, called Bad Hat, came to play in Northampton, so I decided I was going to go down early and meet them. So I got my lunch, and I’ve got my notebook to write in, it’s about 1:30 p.m., and then right to my left is Trey. After a brief fumfurf (also known as a ‘homina homina’), I helped them move their stuff and sat and listened and wrote all day as Trey played for hours and hours. I could have talked to him a bunch, I suppose, but I let him do his thing and enjoyed it and chilled — while Trey and the band played, when they were my favorite band in the world.” ■

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SUNDAY

Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ramblin' Jack Elliott: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MONDAY

Ian Anderson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

WEDNESDAY

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

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Ben Harper: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, August 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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Hal Ketchum: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, August 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Def Leppard and **Journey:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Air Supply and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Al Jarreau and **George Benson:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"American Idols Live 2006": San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Richie Havens: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Louisiana Red: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, August 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Roseanne Cash: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

John Fogerty: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Little River Band: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

SEPTEMBER

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Friday, September 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Saturday, September 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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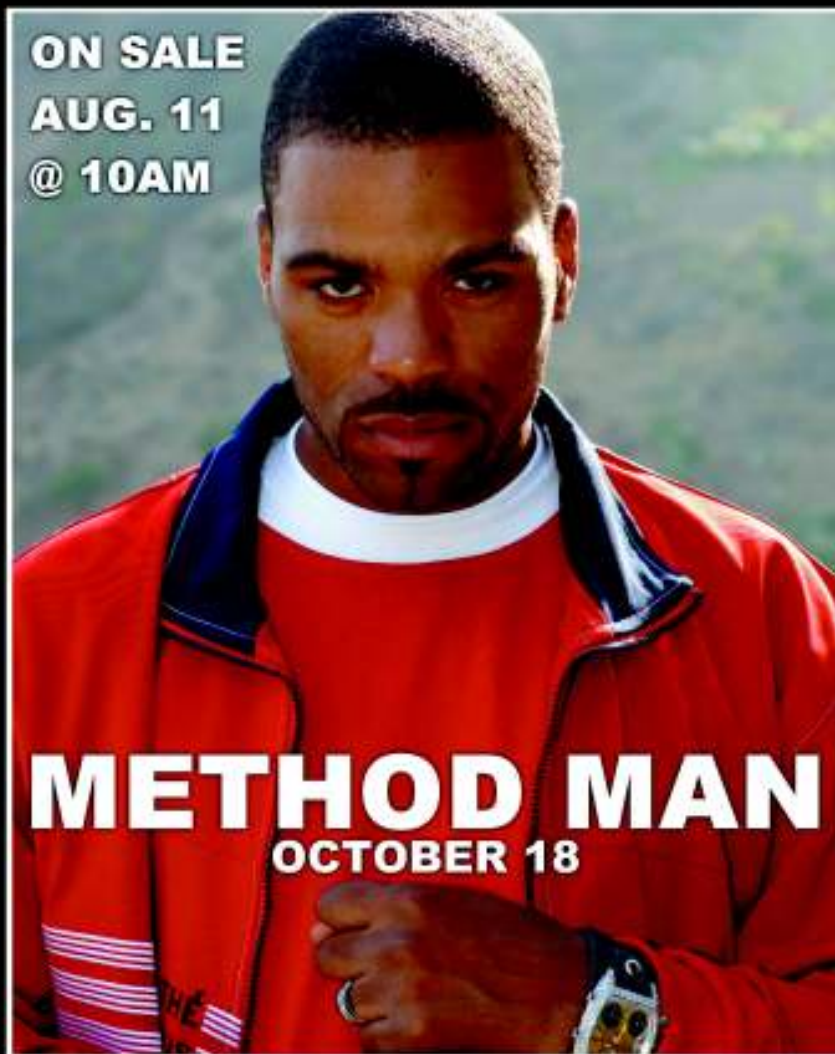


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Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

The Wailers: House of Blues, Sunday, September 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes and the **Fabulous Thunderbirds:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

Ben Kweller: House of Blues, Wednesday, September 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Cyndi Lauper: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday, September 20, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Brian Culbertson and **Keiko Matsui:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ani DiFranco: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, September 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Mayer and **Sheryl Crow:** Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Guster and **Ray Lamontagne:** Open Air Theatre, Thursday, September 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, September 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Snow Patrol: House of Blues, Thursday, September 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Na Leo: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, September 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Cardigans: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Del tha Funkee Homosapien: House of Blues, Sunday, October 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Mariah Carey: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Live: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Larry Carlton Blues Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Galactic: House of Blues, Thursday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Marta Topferova: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Susan Werner: AcousticMusicSanDiego, 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, Thursday, November 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Pink Martini: 4th & B, Sunday, November 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

DECEMBER

Geoff Muldaur: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Tom Russell: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Glen Yarbrough: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

JANUARY

Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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DJ EVENTS

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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.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, and Grimderella. 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 Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, 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. No cover. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.



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Mashed-Up Wednesdays:

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MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach:

Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial

with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and 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.

CLUBS BY AREA

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I hear good music in **Particle's** *Transformations Live for the People*. It's an engaging ethic that guides most jam bands: the longer you solo, the deeper the rapture. That kind of musical thinking is precisely what killed off straight-ahead jazz for all but the most erudite of listeners, but jam bands remain unfettered by such boundaries. And if your improvising lacks coherence, at the very least be able to make interesting noises with your instrument. Otherwise, the jam format collapses under the weight of what a *New Yorker* editor called "the exuberance of one's own ideas" and becomes little more than a spaced-out Burning Man soundtrack.

Particle avoids that trap by putting musician-ship first and art-noise second. In the world of the single riff, Particle can launch one that goes on forever. They can take you to the edge of boredom, as a critic once said of Sly Stone, and they can make you dance there. Of their contemporaries, Particle are more predictable than the Disco Biscuits and less of a head-trip than Umphrey's McGee. Particle compounds disco and electronica with metal, art rock, hip-hop, and screaming guitars.

Earlier this year the band introduced replacement guitarists **Scott Metzger** and **Ben Combe** to their fan base at the Henry Fonda Theater in Hollywood in a concert that was made into a CD/DVD set called *Transformations Live*. It is Particle's second release and a vivid performance, marred only by their crappy cover of "L.A. Woman" —



PARTICLE

skilled musicianship and the hubris of youth aside, Particle doesn't come close to the drunken raunch and leer of the original, even with a guest appearance by the Doors' Robby Krieger. Some things, I suppose, are best left to the truly misguided.

PARTICLE, Street Scene '06, Friday, August 4. \$75 one-day pass.

Beaches

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, *Julie Taylor*, acoustic folk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Def in One Eye*, the *Atlas of Id*, *Terra Incognita*, and *Fuzz Huzzi*. Friday, *the Iron Maidens* and *Children of the Grave*. Saturday, *Agua Dulce* and *Quinazo*, Latin jazz/funk/reggae.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, solo/blues. Friday and Saturday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is punk. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *Think I Care*, *Playing Enemy*, *Attitude*, and *Bracewar*. Monday, 6:30 p.m., *Never Healed* and *Last Priest*.

Clay's (formerly Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge), atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, live jazz.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *the Feeling of Hate* and *the Hollow Assembly*. Friday, Saturday,

and Sunday, live rock/alternative bands.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Live rock, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock. Saturday, call club for information.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Soul Seduction*, jazz.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Disco Pimps*.

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Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-
0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.,
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710 Beach Club (formerly Blind
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Monday, open mike. Tuesday, blues
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Shores Restaurant, 8110 Camino
del Oro, La Jolla. 858-456-0600.
Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to
5 p.m., *Breez'n*, smooth
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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., *Willowaeolot*, smooth
jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m.
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jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue,
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Thursday, 9 p.m., acoustic/folk music.
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Julie Mack, folk. Sunday, open mike.
Tuesday, *the Mississippi Mudsharks*,
blues. Wednesday, *Rock Dirty Raw*,
rock.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect
Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779.

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise
Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday,
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Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street,
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Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*,
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groove.

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Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp.
619-231-9200. Call club for
information.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth
Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and
Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music
(Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San
Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m.,
Tom Boyer, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m.,
Olga Tapia, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL.
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otherwise noted. Thursday, *Her Grace the Duchess, Grand Ole Party*, and
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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth
Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355.
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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue,
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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth
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The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue,
downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday
and Tuesday, *Eamon Carroll*, Irish
folk. Saturday, *Carly Hennessy*, folk.
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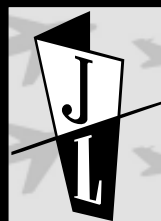
Heat, 762 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*,
jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to
11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*,
jazz/dance/Top 40.

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On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Saturday, hip-hop/house/'80s music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Texas Twisters*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Texas Twisters*, 9 p.m., *Shelle Blue*. Saturday, *Blues Streak*. Sunday, *Red Lane*, rock. Monday, *Tell Mama*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard*, piano.

Red Circle, 420 E Street, Gaslamp. 619-234-9211. Call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian jazz.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbancey*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is piano. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Julio de la Huerta*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Faith Page*.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday *Pickford's Party* and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* and *DJ Danimal*. Sunday, *DJ Danimal*. Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Crosswinds*, Southern rock/country/blues. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Sunday, *Ramblin' Jack Elliott*.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

The Airconditioned Lounge, 4673 30th Street, San Diego. 619-501-9831. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, deep house music.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Modern Rifles*, *the Beautiful Mothers*, *Swim Party*, and *Lands on Fire*, rock.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs

6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Call club for information.

Barney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris & Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is metal rock/heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *Mardo*, *Sliver*, and *Sonic Ritual*. Friday, *August House* and *Slow Motion Reign*. Saturday, *Six-Foot Deathtrap*, *the Rite*, *33 Degree*, *Aghori*, *Mother Mae I*, and *Endrone*. Monday, *Broken Teeth*. Wednesday, *the Rend*, *Final Drive*, *Fusebox*, and *Falling from Planes*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, *Damaru*, alternative/pop. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, dance jam. Saturday, *Whitney Steele*, folk.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, *Curbside Manor*, *Irradio*, *Unwynd*, and *Discovering What We Knew*, punk rock.

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, *Stranger*, reggae.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Call club for information.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Wild Truth*, and *Four Eyes*, rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Farmers*, original rock. Saturday, *Blue Rockit* and *the San Diego Blues Allstars*. Sunday,

8 p.m. to midnight, *Jose Molina Serrano*. Monday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Chet Cannon*, blues jam. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, traditional jazz.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the *San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live metal/rock/alternative. Thursday, *Love Motor*, *the Leather Nun*, and *Ditch Pig*. Friday, *Jezebel*, *Qu'est-ce Que C'est*. Saturday, *the Hearthaches*, *the Corvinas*, and *the Widows*.

Landing Strip Cafe and Bar (at Brown Field), 1425 Continental Avenue, San Diego. 619-661-6037. Friday and Saturday, 8:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Super Trax*, oldies/Latin/classic rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Pete Thurston*. Saturday, *Richie Blue & the Boogiemens* and *J.D. Broussard*. Saturday, *the Chad Farran Band*, *Luke Temple*, and *Megan Connelly*. Sunday, *Acoustic Underground*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *the Cash Kings*.

North Park Theater, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Ruined* and *the Haggardies*, rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Big Toe*, *Hugh Gaskins*, and *the Fairfield Fats Band*, rock/blues. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Philly Blunt*, acoustic/pop/blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Mean Streak U.S.A.*, *Forth Yeer Freshman*, and *Transgressor*, hard rock/punk. Wednesday, *Mercy Road*, *Modern Day Moonshine*, and *Mysterious*, rock.

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6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Lil' Efert Band*, classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, piano bar.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *the Rockin' Aces*, swing.

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., *Aspects of Physics*, *the Atomic Bomb Audition*, and *Bill Wesley*, electronic rock.

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Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Saturday, *Himsa*, *Becoming the Archtype*, *Demericus*, *Parkway Drive*, *Hell Promise*, and *the Dog & Pony Show*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump Jones*, blues. Friday, *the Joey Show*, rock. Saturday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158.

Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle*, *Coral MacFarland*, *Bob Magnusson*, and *Allan Phillips*, jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Alex Esther*. Friday, *Beth Preston* and *Joey Person*. Saturday, *Abby*, *Rob Dee*, and *the Father*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., open mike with *Tim Mudd*.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

The Backyard, 777 West Felicita Avenue, Escondido. 760-746-7322. Friday, 7 p.m., *Melody Prout*, acoustic hip-hop.

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., *Tubby*, *the Big Provider*, and *FM Revolver*, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Lexington*, *Kush & Blood Fiyah Angels*, and *Psydecar*, reggae/funk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *80s Heat*. Sunday, 9 p.m., *the Aggrolites* and *the Chris Murray Combo*, reggae. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *David Grisman & the Bluegrass Experience*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Travis Sullivan's Bjorkestra*, big band/jazz.

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Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kova*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/jazz/rock nightly.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, 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., *Billy Watson and James Harmon*, blues; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues; 10:30 p.m., DJ

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E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Studio 848*. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Woodrows*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Steve Ybarra and Molly Jensen*. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Bill Ostrie*, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bluegrass Social*, bluegrass.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Friday and Saturday, rock/hip-hop/R&B.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz*, blues. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Makai*, Top 40/dance. Sunday, call club for information. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Persuaders*, R&B/soul.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, DJ event. Friday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Saturday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Sarah Reed played in the doom-rock band the Lies and still plays in the monster-fixated garage-rock band the Husbands, but her latest project is a lively, gritty soul band, complete with horn section and three female singers in matching dresses. **Her Grace the Duchess** takes its name from the Duchess, Bo Diddley's rhythm guitarist, a.k.a. Norma-Jean Wofford. "She's so cool, it wasn't enough to name the band after her," Reed says. "We had to tell you how we feel about her in the name, too."

Reed put the San Francisco Bay Area band together last year as a little side project with a piano, but they soon outgrew that concept. "Now we have this nine-piece

electric band with horns and constant over-the-top choreography and a huge songbook," she says. "We're probably the only band in the world that plays Freddie King and Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown's 'East Texas Shuffle and Guitar Duel.' We had to learn it off a TV set."

Still, there are a lot of cornball soul bands playing corporate parties and weddings. When asked what sets her band apart from them, Reed is blunt: "We don't play 'Disco Inferno.' We try to get a good feeling when we play instead of just bashing our way through all the songs with the familiar choruses. Most bands who play old soul either wear rainbow afro wigs or sound like they wear rainbow afro wigs. It's a joke and it's insulting, exploitive, and stupid. Our wigs, on the



HER GRACE THE DUCHESS

other hand, are period-correct classic wigs from the '50s and '60s. But seriously, that shit is weak. This music isn't a joke. We're not playing games."

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Glasgow Drive, Fate, the 25th Hour, and This Side of the Nightmare*. Friday, *FM Revolver, Flashburn, Junkies & Thieves, Attic of Love, and Canobliss*. Saturday, *Helstar, the Deathriders, Nihilist, Cage, Wither, Broken Foundation, Scarred, Awaiting Samsara, New Day Mile, and Pieces of Teeth*. Sunday, *Helstar, Agent*

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live bands, call club for information.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Firstwavehello*, rock. Saturday, *Concord*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *4-Way Street*. Friday, *the Elevators*. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Steve Brewer*, 8 p.m., *the Stilletos*, rockabilly. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Laguna*, classic rock, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jim Moore*. Tuesday, *Steve Brewer*. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

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The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

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Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Tumblin' Dice*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

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Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Saturday and Sunday, live country.

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ALTERNATIVE

Anger as Art: The Jumping Turtle

The Atlas of Id: 'Canes

Attitude: Ché Café

Autumn Leaves: Epicentre

Awaiting Samsara: The Jumping Turtle

Becoming the Archtype: Soma

The Big Provider: Belly Up Tavern

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Broken Foundation: The Jumping Turtle

Broken Teeth: Brick By Brick

Cage: The Jumping Turtle

Canobliss: The Jumping Turtle

Carcinogenic: The Jumping Turtle

The Corvinas: The Kensington Club

Curbside Manor: Etta's Place

Damaru: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Damcyan: The Jumping Turtle

The Deathriders: The Jumping Turtle

Def in One Eye: 'Canes

Demericus: Soma

Discovering What We Knew: Etta's Place

Disintegrator: The Jumping Turtle

Ditch Pig: The Kensington Club

The Dog & Pony Show: Soma

Endrone: Brick By Brick

Falling from Planes: Brick By Brick

The Farmers: Humphrey's

Fate: The Jumping Turtle

The Feeling of Hate: Dreamstreet

The Final Drive: Brick By Brick

Flashburn: The Jumping Turtle

FM Revolver: Belly Up Tavern, The Jumping Turtle

Get Back Loretta: Epicentre

Get Your Death On: The Casbah

Grand Ole Party: The Casbah

Grandia: The Jumping Turtle

Hard Echo: The Jumping Turtle

The Heartaches: The Kensington Club

Helstar: The Jumping Turtle

Her Grace the Duchess: The Casbah

Himsa: Soma

The Hollow Assembly: Dreamstreet

Hostile Combover: The Casbah

Irradio: Etta's Place

Jezebel: The Kensington Club

Last Priest: Ché Café

The Leather Nun: The Kensington Club

Love Motor: The Kensington Club

Never Healed: Ché Café

New Day Mile: The Jumping Turtle

New London: Epicentre

Nihilist: The Jumping Turtle

The Peppermint Creeps: The Jumping Turtle

Pieces of Teeth: The Jumping Turtle

Playing Enemy: Ché Café

Qu'est-ce Que C'est: The Kensington Club, The Casbah

Scar'd Sanity: The Jumping Turtle

Scarred: The Jumping Turtle

Shadow's Prophecy: The Jumping Turtle

Shotgun Monday: The Casbah

Skeletor: The Jumping Turtle

Society!: The Casbah

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This Side of the Nightmare: The Jumping Turtle

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Aspects of Physics: San Diego Sports Club

The Atomic Bomb Audition: San Diego Sports Club

The Attic of Love: The Jumping Turtle

August House: Brick By Brick

Bartender's Bible: The Casbah

The Beautiful Mothers: The Alibi

Big Toe: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Black Beans and Rice: Molly Malone's

Brain Buckit: Tiki House

The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe

The Cash Kings: Lestat's Coffee House

Cash'd Out: The Casbah

Children of the Grave: 'Canes

Concord: Surf N'Saddle

The Crosswinds: Whiskey Girl

The Dickies: 710 Beach Club

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Firstwavehello: Surf N'Saddle

Forth Yeer Freshman: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Full Xposure: Game Time Tavern

Fusebox: Brick By Brick

Fuzz Huzzi: 'Canes

Glasgow Drive: The Jumping Turtle

Gunthers Grass: The Casbah

The Haggardies: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Hell Promise: Soma

The Hodads: The Calypso Cafe

The Iron Maidens: 'Canes

The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge

Junkies & Thieves: The Jumping Turtle

Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Lands on Fire: The Alibi

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Lil' Efert Band: Pal Joey's

Mardo: Brick By Brick

Married by Elvis: The Casbah

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The Modern Rifles: The Alibi

Mother Mae I: Brick By Brick

Mysterious: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Nemesis: Second Wind (Santee)

Night Shift: Woody's Sports Bar

Nite Hawk: Carvers

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Parkway Drive: Soma

Pickford's Party: Whiskey Girl

Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort

The Rite: Brick By Brick

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Band: None listed

It's not that Miz Mandy's *Mandatory* is bad; she's got a competent voice. But, really, that's about all she's got going for her. Miz Mandy's music suffers from San Diego anemia,

that thinning of the blood and soul that makes one strive to be mediocre. The background music on *Mandatory* seems only a little aback from Madonna's *Ray of Light*. On most songs, Miz Mandy bluntly

and with little pace change or sophistication raps as well as her white female rapping predecessors...maybe not quite in league with Gwen Stefani.

Bless Miz Mandy for not going the wholly stupid and insulting "Lady Lumps" route that girl "hip-pop" seems to be taking, but is that enough? What does Miz Mandy bring to the table? Her background music ranges from decent funky disco bass and guitar lines to plain irritating synth pop. In "I'm Only Sleeping," she displays an adequate singing voice and melody that seems to be lifted from the Cardigans' "Love Fool." In "Brothas," she feels the need to lecture on equality, community, and unity. Big topics in 1966, but now, 40 years later, it holds about the same entertainment appeal as a 1984 *After School Special*.

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Miz Mandy

N-Pepa had a sexually suggestive song ("Shoop") that featured a guest rapper. "Come Here Man" is Miz Mandy's own salacious track that features a guest rapper. Which sums up the CD: pedestrian even by standards set a decade ago.

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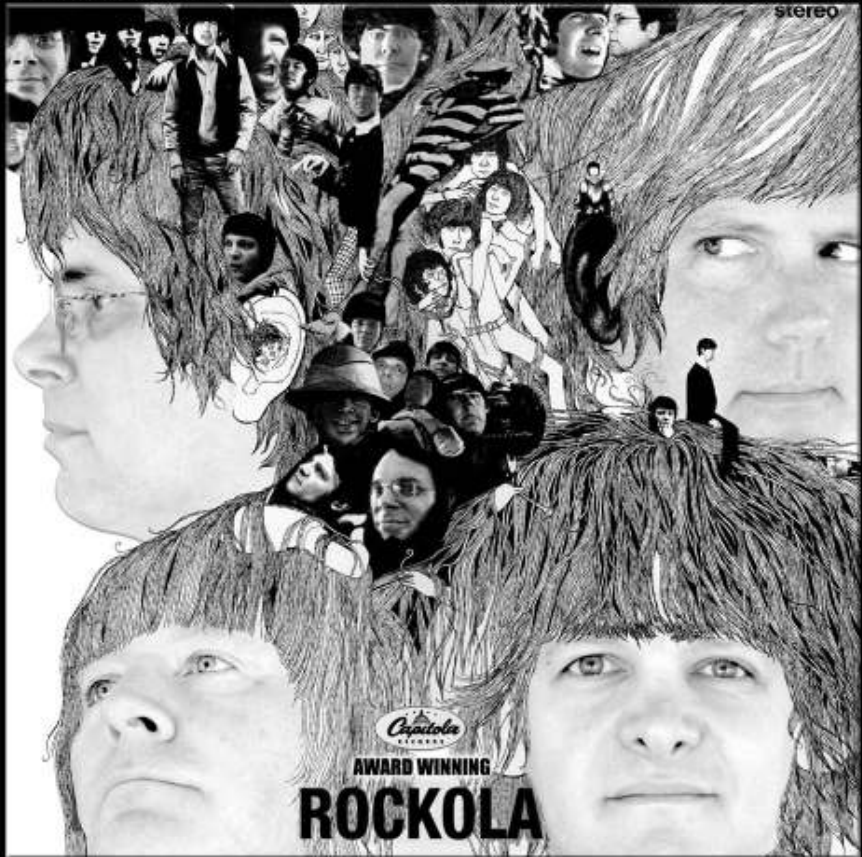
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The Caballeros Latin Jam: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

The CREDIT Union: Ocean House

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Jesse Davis: Humphrey's

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Edo Brazil: Samba Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Brian Levy: Dizzy's

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

Coral MacFarland: Tutto Mare

Bob Magnusson: Tutto Mare



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Israel Maldonado: Pasquale on Prospect

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Mark Norris: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery

P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The Robert Parker Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Allan Phillips: Tutto Mare

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Peter Puppig: Ki's Coffee On Top

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Beach Grass Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and Grill

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Soul Seduction: Jack's La Jolla

Travis Sullivan's Bjorkestra: Belly Up Tavern

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Jaime Valle: Tutto Mare

Vintage Vegas: McCabe's Beach Club

Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze

Willovealot: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Thrusters

The Wize Guyz: Tommy's Italian Restaurant

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Brian Zlatkovich: Dizzy's

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REGGAE / SKA

The Aggrolites: Belly Up Tavern

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Lexington: Belly Up Tavern

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Quinazo: 'Canes

Sally's Steel Drum Duo: Sally's Seafood on the Water

Stranger: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

COUNTRY

Bluegrass Social: E Street Cafe

Cowboy Jack: The Pine Hills Lodge

David Grisman & the Bluegrass Experience: Belly Up Tavern

The Hank Show: The Pine Hills Lodge

Hillbilly Noise: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Tumblin' Dice: Renegade Inn

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Abby: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's Coffee House

John Bosley: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

J.D. Bouchard: Princess Pub & Grille

Tom Boyer: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Blarney Stone Pub

J.D. Broussarde: Lestat's Coffee House

Eamon Carroll: The Field

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Chris & Harold: Blarney Stone Pub

Megan Connelly: Lestat's Coffee House

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Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe

Robert M.: The Casbah

Julie Mack: Tiki House

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Bill Ostrie: E Street Cafe

Pat & Joe: Blarney Stone Pub

Joey Person: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Philly Blunt: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Beth Preston: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Melody Prout: The Backyard

Andrea Reschke: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley, Carlsbad)

Whitney Steele: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Studio 848: E Street Cafe

Olga Tapia: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Julie Taylor: Beaumont's

Luke Temple: Lestat's Coffee House

Pete Thurston: Lestat's Coffee House

Ellen & Bob Weller: The Casbah

The Woodrows: E Street Cafe

Steve Ybarra: E Street Cafe

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort

Richie Blue & the Boogiemens: Lestat's Coffee House

Blue Largo: Patrick's II

Blue Rockit: Humphrey's

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

Blues Streak: Patrick's II

Tomcat Courtney: Chateau Orleans

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters: Turquoise Cafe

Evangel & Mor: Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church

The Fairfield Fats Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Hugh Gaskins: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Groove Daddies: Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill

James Harmon: Coyote Bar and Grill

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

Candy Kane: Tio Leo's Lounge

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Tower Bar, Henry's Pub, The Casbah

The Bill Magee Blues Band: Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort

The Mississippi Mudsharks: Tiki House

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors: Coyote Bar and Grill

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players: Patrick's II

The San Diego Blues Allstars: Humphrey's

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The Soul Persuaders: Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort

Tell Mama: Patrick's II

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Theo & the Zydeco Patrol: Coyote Bar and Grill

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The change was good for the restaurant, too. The owners hired chef Jonathan Pflueger as consulting chef (a role he'd played in turning around Star of the Sea in the late '90s) to help executive chef Andres Buñuelos update the cooking and adapt the menu to a different kitchen. The choices are now fewer and better (10 entrées compared to 17). Moreover, the ingredients are superior to what I remember from my last visit, three years ago. Instead of mustard-marinated catfish, for example, you'll now find jumbo diver scallops — not to mention an entrée that combines foie gras-stuffed tamales with beef tenderloin. Replacing the boilerplate "veggie medley" of old are fresh seasonal vegetables, many locally grown. And for the base of its sauces, the kitchen now produces its own chicken and veal stocks from scratch, a major upgrade.

The restaurant's two dining rooms occupy what used to be the theater's foyer and lobby. You enter through the former candy counter, now an airy, high-ceilinged dining room that faces the open kitchen. Although occupied by several large parties, this space was quieter than the "Marquee Room" (under the theater marquee), site of the former ticket kiosk and now the main dining room. Between the two is a chic little bar, where you can snack on appetizers. The front wall of the Marquee Room is floor-to-ceiling glass, and sound reverbs throughout. Banquets line the other walls, and movie posters have been replaced by framed photos from Lyric Opera productions.

My partner and I showed up early on a weeknight with our friends and neighbors Scott and Mike. We soon discovered that if you're heading for the theater, or in the mood for grazing, you can make a delightful light meal from the appetizers.

We began with calamari fritti, a large portion of both rings and tentacles lightly coated in semolina (pasta) flour served with a spicy, coarse-textured tomato-basil sauce (*salsa pomodori con*



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basilico) with a freshness that tastes genuinely Italian. The calamari were tender and remained tender even as they cooled.

In the lump crab and salmon cakes, a favorite carried over from the previous address, the crab took the leading role with the salmon a subtle backup. The cakes were crusted with panko and mayonnaise binder. Their smooth, creamy interiors held a touch of spiciness from horseradish, mustard, and seeded jalapeño. The cakes came with a crisp mini-salad of pea tendrils, shredded daikon, and cucumbers, next to two pools of wasabi-cilantro remoulade for dipping, a combination that was both lively and comforting.

Duck spring rolls were crisp and greaseless, filled with moist breast meat that cozied up to soft carrot batons (for sweetness), the rolls plated over a slick of sweet-tart sauce based on tomato and chili paste.

The one starter that disappointed us was mussel bisque, which tasted less like mussels than soft-cooked chopped onions and cream. The texture was smooth and unctuous, but an

overgenerous shot of sherry left a bitter aftertaste. If I had to choose all over again, I'd substitute the salad of field greens from local, ecoconscious Connelly Gardens Farm.

Looking over the entrées, I had to jump on the jumbo diver sea scallops and was glad of the choice. Pan-seared and perfectly tender, they were plated on a bed of sweet corn polenta moistened with truffle juice (which none of us could actually smell or taste), topped with thin slices of Portobello mushrooms and snipped fresh herbs. This dish was a favorite at the table.

The entrée that sounded most interesting was the oddest on the plate — "Chateaubriand Tamale." The Chateaubriand (beef tenderloin) isn't inside the tamale but is grilled separately and sauced with caramelized onions in a Bordelaise sauce, a red wine and tarragon reduction. We ordered it medium-rare; it arrived medium. The meat, of standard USDA Choice grade, was fatty along the bottom edge but not flavorful. The tamale — a combination of recipes from the chef's wife and one of the consultant chefs — proved to

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be a corn husk stuffed with dryish cornmeal *masa*, topped with a slab of foie gras. The latter was so overcooked that its fat had melted away, leaving it tasting more like chicken liver. The dish is supposed to include mushrooms, but we couldn't detect any in the grainy, neutral-flavored *masa* mousse (or anywhere else on the plate). We did love the shallot-and-garlic-dotted young spinach, which added a moist, green note.

"This pork chop is big enough to be a lethal weapon," said Mike as the waiter set a chipotle-swathed hunk of grilled pig meat in front of him. After a taste, he added, "And the sauce is just as lethal" — salty and spicy. Mashed potatoes and young spinach provided calming contrasts, but four of us barely made a dent in the dish — perhaps because the meat was cooked dry.

The evening's special, a thick grilled fillet of Santa Barbara swordfish, fared better: swordfish

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is so often overcooked that we were delighted to find it moist and juicy. It came with a cremi-mushroom and spinach risotto of a perfect firm-tender texture, brightened with a few slips of carrot.

Another main course worth trying is a roast chicken breast stuffed with artichoke and goat cheese. Three years ago, when I enjoyed it at the previous address, it came stuffed with spinach and feta — an outstanding presentation, as sensitively cooked a chicken breast as I've encountered at local restaurants. The current stuffing sounds even more interesting, and the sauce now is based on house-made chicken stock — always a plus.

The wine list features mainly California bottlings, with something for everyone — from bargain-bin pink Zin to serious Pinot Noir. Mondays through Wednesdays, if you order two or more entrées, you get half off from a select list, which means you can cruise the high end but pay at the low end. Our Robert Hall Viognier was dry and crisp; a Tantara Pinot Noir was soft and mellow, complementing all our entrées, including the seafood.

Other than crème brûlée (which is ordinary, if pleasantly creamy), three of the four desserts are outsourced. A white chocolate cheesecake from Incredible Cheesecakes

was weighty and very sweet. "I'm not sure this is worth the calories," said Scott. Mike, the chocoholic, glommed onto a Caribe cake from Extraordinary Desserts — chocolate mousse torte infused with mango and banana, layered between slices of dark chocolate cake. It's probably Karen Krasne's heaviest creation but was still the best of our sweets, and certainly chocolatey enough for Mike. If you're not a sweet fan but have some wine left at the end of the meal, an artisanal cheese plate offers a savory last course.

At the moment, there's no specific pre-theater menu, although in the next couple of months, the chef is thinking of

devising one to offer quick, simple entrées, such as salmon, steak, and perhaps ravioli. Until then, the bar menu that the restaurant adopted on July 5 serves as an alternative.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I always liked to cook," says chef Andres Buñuelos, who's been with Hawthorn at its various addresses for 19 years. "I started at the bottom and just learned on the job."

When the restaurant owners knew they'd be moving, they decided to take a fresh look at their operation. "What happened was that I had two consultant chefs that came, and they taught me more," says Andres. "Things that were nice,

with more flavor. The menu is smaller because they thought the kitchen was too small to do a big menu, and this way we can make everything delicious and fast. I'm going to add two more things next week, ravioli with pesto and some seafood pasta, made with scampi. We have specials every day, and we change them all the time. Last week we had swordfish with lemon butter; this week we have it with roasted tomatoes and green pepper on the side and some mushrooms. Very good.

"And now we make our own chicken and veal stocks, more flavor from that. We use a lot of fresh vegetables that we get in all the time, including

things I never used before. Before was very simple — zucchini, broccoli, and carrot. Now we have more things. It's more money but it's very nice, very fresh. The seafood is also very fresh. We get it in just about every other day."

Hawthorn is owned by David and Rose Whitt. Rose is the mother-in-law of world-famous cyclist Floyd Landis, and when I phoned they were in Europe to watch him win the Tour de France. Longtime waiter Frank Zwirlein describes the feeling among the Hawthorn's staff: "We're all really like a family. We're all trying to make things work here, and we all feel like we're owners/managers." ■

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Man, you are so full of it," says Gary. He's talking to Steve, right here at the bar. Steve's been telling me that this end of the counter is what's known as Liars' Corner, here at their hangout, the venerable Coaster.

It's all in good humor. This is one of those days when the sun is shining, the ocean breeze is cooling down the midday heat, and the morning crowd of guys — excuse me, Carla — is wowing at the hardbodies parading up and down the Mission Beach boardwalk in front of us, all fresh-baked and sandy from *la playa*.

Yup. Mission Beach. Back again. Blame the heat. I'd been wandering along the boardwalk, past the lifeguards' building and their Tower 15, listening to the clank of horseshoes — a bunch of guys were playing on the beach — dodging electric bike riders, joggers, and Rollerblading moms shunting kids in tandem strollers, when 'round about Hamel's Castle, I followed the human tide into Ventura Place. In a flash I was beside this two-story building painted red, white, and blue, like a giant American flag. "Coaster Saloon," said its sign. "Oakwood Bar-BQ. Cocktails."

At the open-air tables and stools, people were drinking and talking, right above the sidewalk. No closed-off Heart o' Darkness bar here. Daylight lit the

whole length of the counter. And, oh wow. Out to the side, I saw they were serious about their "Bar-BQ." A mighty stack of firewood sat next to two big blackened barbecue pits, chimneys and all. Plus, it even had spaces for bikes out front. As I stood there, a rumble and a bunch of screams sounded from behind me, across the road. Oh yeah. Belmont Park. That Giant Dipper roller coaster I keep raving about. The one Carla says her pop brought her to when she was five years old. Heck, it's been going since 1925. They reckon it still only costs a single Washington for the ride. I wonder if she'd

ride it if I brought her down here?

Two minutes later, I'm sitting on a big, comfy black stool at the end of the bar, looking round. It's a bit like a ship's saloon. Varnished wood walls, varnished ceiling strakes, brass-and-wood ceiling fans, pillars wound in rope. I get talking to these guys. Gary's thin, sixtyish, and rooted to his corner stool. Says he's been coming here 30 years. I notice that he and Steve have a pile of poker chips stacked in front of them.

"What's that for?" I ask.

"That, my friend, is the best deal in town," says Gary. "You pay 20 bucks for ten chips, and then you can buy beer or well drinks for a token each. That's two bucks, even if the drink sells for three, three-fifty."

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"Any chance of a coffee?" I ask Jamie, the server. Had a late start. This is my breakfast time.

"Sure," she says, and leaves a menu. Ah. Thank goodness. "Beach Breakfast" is served till 2:00 p.m. And, hey, we're looking at serious, solid farmers' nosh. BBQ tri-tip steak and eggs with home fries and toast or beans and tortilla, \$6.95. Or pork loin and eggs, or chicken-fried steak and eggs, all the same price.

"What happens," Gary says, "is they get the barbecue going in the morning and rub the meat with salt, garlic, spices. They sear the outsides and seal the flavors in, then when you order, they finish it off on the grill. You'll taste all those good rubbings, all right."

"Course I have to scan the rest of the menu. It all seems so reasonable. 'Specially for a beach eatery in high tourist season. Two eggs with bacon, ham, turkey, links, or 'country sausage' are also \$6.95. Biscuits and gravy are \$5.75, three-egg omelet with cheese is \$4.75, and for two more bucks you can even add in lobster.

Jamie brings my coffee (\$1.50). I order the BBQ pork loin, and man! When it comes, it's three whole slabs of pork, cut maybe half an inch thick, with golden home fries, and robust, cheesy scrambled eggs. I take a chomp into the pork. It's...oh yes. Smoky, tangy. That porker's definitely been barbecued. There's plenty of butter to slather on the wheat toast too, and that evens out the strength of the barbecue flavors.

It seems the barbecue method was brought down from Santa Maria, which is pretty famous for its insistence on using only central California red oak wood (just as they do here), and dry seasonings, and a mild salsa to make their famous flavor.

Gary and Steve are part of the morning crowd. At night this place has BBQ dinners, most around \$8-\$10, but both Gary and Steve say I've gotta try the burgers. The half-pound hand-squeezed Angus beef burger is "worth every penny" of its \$5.99 tag. "Or, I love the 'sliderburgers.' They're mini-size. Like White Castle, from back East. Five bucks," says Gary.

How important has this place become in their lives?

"Run your hand over the counter there," Steve says.

I do. Huh. A tiny brass plaque.

"Disco' Joe Blazek, 1911-Forever."

"Joe sat in that spot every morning, 25, 30 years," Gary says. "Always drank a brandy and water."

"He was a character," says Gary.

"This place is full of characters," Steve says. "Like Gary here. He doesn't lie so good anymore. So they've changed our name from 'Liars' Corner' to 'Bullshitters' Corner.' Right, Gary?"

"You are so-o full of it," says Gary.

I chomp into my BBQ. Bullshitters' Corner? I feel as if I've come home. ■

The Place: Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-4438

Type of Food: BBQ, burgers

Prices: Breakfast BBQ tri-tip steak and eggs with homefries and toast or beans and tortillas, \$6.95; pork loin and eggs (same sides), \$6.95; chicken-fried steak and eggs, \$6.95; three-egg omelet with cheese, \$4.75; with lobster, \$6.75; lunch Caesar salad with chicken, \$7.99; lobster taco, \$3.75; dinner BBQ, e.g. tri-tip 8-oz. steak with beans, fries, coleslaw, baked potato, \$7.99; quarter-pound burger, \$4.50; half-pound, \$5.99

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"I don't care about flavors of scorched earth or wet stones."

The kids are all right — especially the kids in Ocean Beach. Ed Moore certainly thinks so. His revamped 3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro "wouldn't have succeeded the way it has if it hadn't been for the kids." At Thee Bungalow, the restaurant across the street that Moore recently sold, "I saw some OB people. But I think that OB in general was afraid of that restaurant. That's where you took your parents when they came to town."

But open a bistro serving smaller meals that top out at \$14 and the option to buy a bottle of wine and drink it onsite for just \$5 over retail, and things change. That's at least partly because the kids themselves have changed. "I still distinctly remember a conversation I had in our first week. This kid — he couldn't have been much older than 22, 23, blond, surfer — started asking me about a couple of wines. I started talking to him, and I said, 'What do you do?' 'Professional surfer.' And the more we talked, the more I realized he really knew something about wine. I asked, 'Where did you learn all this?' 'Well, you know, I travel all over the world. South Africa, Australia, all these places, and they all have wine. Somebody turned me on to it when I was 18. I like beer, but I'm a surfer, and I've got to stay in pretty good shape.' We started talking about Pinotage and Shiraz and Semillion, and I thought, 'This isn't what I would

have considered a typical surfer.'"

The grown-ups still come in, of course, and Moore is happy to see them. Early- to mid-evening traffic tends to be older, and on Friday afternoons, the sitting room is a haven for teachers recovering from the week's travails. But it's the late-night push that has taken 3rd Corner over the top. Right away, says Moore, "We started catching some restaurant traffic." Restaurant staffers who sold wine to diners "started bringing their buddies in after work. Three of them could grab a \$12

bottle of wine, sit down, and finish it off. I can tell you on a nightly basis how business was around town by how much they're willing to spend here. If they have no money, they're ordering the \$6 bottle of whatever. If tips were good that night, they would split a \$40-\$50 bottle. They were finding \$50 wines here that were on their own lists for \$120."

Moore and company were quick to accommodate. "When we first opened up, we were open until 11 o'clock Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, we were trying to do midnight, 1 o'clock. Within the first two weeks, my general manager Alex and I looked at each other and said, 'We should be open until two.' After 11, except for Friday and Saturday, we have no corkage. That's how we appeal to that group."

Moore's liquor license carries a 50/50 condition, which means he has to sell "a dollar's worth of food for a dollar's worth of booze" consumed onsite. He has a full bar, and he carries a few wines by the glass, but, he says, "We don't want the image of a wine bar. I'm suspicious of giant by-the-glass lists. 'How old is that bottle?'" The 3rd Corner is a restaurant, one that caters to all comers but seems especially amenable to the sort of diner who picks a bottle of wine and then thinks about what dish he'd like to go with it. Talking about his late-night restaurant crowd, Moore says, "After they relax with a glass of wine or so, they invariably order something to eat."

The possibility of duck confit after midnight makes the place something of a rarity in San Diego. In many parts of town, late-night dining means fast food or an all-night diner. (Not to say that either of these is an unpleasant option, just that they're all that's out there, and if you're in the mood for Pinot, you may want something a little more gussied-up.) Says Moore, "I'm flabbergasted that in the Gaslamp, it turns over 100 percent to the nightclub scene, that there isn't something beyond the basic taco shop that stays open late. There have got to be night owls there who don't want to go to the clubs. Once they find we're here, they love it."

And in the course of serving youth, Moore has found success with youthful servers — or at least, the less experienced. "Our initial hires weren't really wine savvy. We found that the wine savvier they were, the less friendly they were. The people we hired were people who made us feel comfortable in the interview. We figured, 'If they make us feel comfortable, they're bound to make



the customer feel comfortable. We can teach them the wine.' They all drank wine — every one of them will buy at least a couple of bottles a week and take them home. And we give the wine to them at our cost. We just kept hiring them on that principle and training them and training them."

Even the management is relatively fresh-faced. "They're young and energetic. The ones who started with us and want to grow with us will get a chance to do that. My whole idea is that it doesn't need me — it's the idea that works or doesn't work. I have managed to phase myself out here. I'm not as young as I once was. I can spend a little time at home, spend some time doing things I may have missed over the last 20, 30 years."

Moore doesn't even do the buying; he leaves that to GM Alex Lindsay and wine manager Chris Delaney. Alex was a waiter at Thee Bungalow; Chris is late of the Wine Lover, where he worked as an assistant manager. "They kind of work in tandem, so we always have two palates. Chris tends to be a little more wine-geekish. Alex, I've taught my way of tasting. I don't care about flavors of scorched earth or wet stones. 'What does it taste like, and is it worth the price point?' That's

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all you’ve got to ask yourself.” Well, almost all. “Obviously, there’s a little bit more to it than that: ‘Does it have a long finish?’ That’s usually an indicator that a wine has got something good in it. Do I care about the nose? Yes and no. I don’t want it to smell like crap. But by the same token, if it’s got no nose, I don’t really care. We’re not going to smell this wine all night long; we’re going to drink it. Alex understands how I taste and what I’m looking for. Between them, it makes a great tag team — otherwise, we might have wines that are a little too esoteric, a little too much in the Sylvaner realm.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: “The Billy” is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). “The Cindy” is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is “The Pablo.” It’s standard but generous fare, a formula that’s kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We’re talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano #2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but

don’t leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. “Early bird” cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie’s by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good

with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Kim’s Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere “pho joint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching west-

erners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of “ground shrimp on sugar cane” so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and “Star of the Sea” curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It’s a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn’t the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years

longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic nonfusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you’re in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It’s all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as “mom and pop” as they get. “Hi honey. You going to have the usual?” That’s Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter’s Downfall,” a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li’l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific

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Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Loma Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Loma Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn’t neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There’s also a spirit of “something extra” — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseke* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an “American Bistro,” Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

Swami’s Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it’s near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fel-

lowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager’s 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/04)*

Cabana Cove Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from “surfing spots around the world,” includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you’re dieting, they’ll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they’re fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent *crème brûlée*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez’ Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez’ claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja’s best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant “enchilada pie” is as good as any Midwestern mom’s. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute “Old West” cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Jimbo’s, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it’s high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A “hot case” counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton’s Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B. (10/04)*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area’s top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug’s beautiful room with beautiful food draws “the beautiful people” — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything’s flawless. The menu’s most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then

there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it’s above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren’t very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. “You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach,” says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub’s good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs,

bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you’ll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli’s seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant’s name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and “interesting whites.” Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal tread-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin’s La Jolla outpost, the outside’s the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pan-niches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Roy’s 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi’s ever-expanding chain has elements of both “top chef” and “chain” about it. Decoding Roy’s Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don’t waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* “Kahana,” or chocolate soufflé.

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Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres’ Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* (“old clothes”): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven’t changed — they’re incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste



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of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam

trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy Hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and

Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *(5/05)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlicky shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the pork *lau lau* (pork and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (sea-weed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone

wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of

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Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and

simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily, until 2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the

Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Couleur Cafe 7820 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-697-0036. Couleur has gone "raw." The Living Room-comfy café, with couches and classy swirly cane chairs, always had interesting big sandwiches, but now raw is the rage. Walnut burgers, "seafood" cucumber salads, hazelnut-and-raisin breakfast cereal with bananas, macadamia, and Brazil nut milk — all are part of the new diet of live-enzyme food. If you're not ready, four traditional sandwiches are still there (BLT, tuna, salmon, and chicken). Open 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

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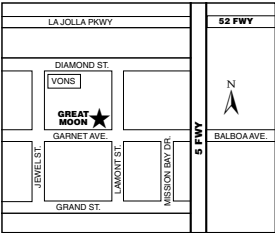
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Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont’s single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It’s quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen’s still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who’s up then. The

Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, lively flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs’ most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant’s small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory’s greatest dish is not what it’s named for, and some of its pick hits aren’t fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the “date shake” — a cold quaff that’s ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and

yellow-and-white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (7/04)

Berta’s Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin’ Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta’s lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country’s best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choco* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta’s homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil’s African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn’t be missed if it’s on the menu. There’s some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel’s outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain

offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

Chilango’s Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it’s real because there are no “combo plates” on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The “Yucatan salad” with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave “wine.” Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — N.W. (9/05)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don’t turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger (“aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese”) or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk

in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it’s all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipally sum. Dinner is more expensive. Don’t miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Seven days, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive (buffet); moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — E.B. (1/06)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there’s no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, “The Ultimate Boat” (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a “100-percent plant-based menu,” use solar-heated water, give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a “live” food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas’ mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native

grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” say the wait staff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, et al., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — N.W. (8/05)

Phil’s BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil’s any lunchtime. Al-



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though Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/06)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is

basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghournneh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufkeh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charm-

ing host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish 'n' chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. In winter, breakfasts are served on weekends; in summer, all week. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/06)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Lunch daily; dinner

Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-shop and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor

and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*) and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ Chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever consider serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt

you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flavorless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles);

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good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/04)*

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind — it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and Market. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily

in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — *N.W. (10/05)*

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi

rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated pep-

pers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Merkl's Deli-BBQ 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town's soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/04)*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboos spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce

with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover

it. These *Burck* or *Chevaphichichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.* (9/04)

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*,

biesteck ranchero, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sun-

day. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escudrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años*. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.* (8/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it

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Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B.* (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations

(different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B.* (10/00)

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terracotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery

chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/06)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)



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All in the Timing

Ion Theatre and InterMission Productions' staging of David Ives's one-acts opened my eyes to this playwright. I'd seen other versions and considered Ives an offbeat poet who delighted in surrealist combinations of words and situations (In *Sure Thing*, his re-iterations of a scene anticipate the movie *Groundhog Day*; *Philadelphia* says we live in varying mood states, which can change). But I found him neither as funny nor as playable as others claimed (like much of *Saturday Night Live*, the sketches felt grindingly one-note). Ion/InterMission changed my thinking. The smart, daring physical production matches Ives's language with visual accents

and crisp business. Co-directors Claudio Raygoza and Carla Nell accept only bold choices from a game four-person ensemble: energized Andrew Kennedy does Babels of voices; Jonathan Sachs handles roles as disparate as a typing chimp named Milton (his version of *Hamlet* begins, "Of man's first disobedience...") to Leon Trotsky philosophizing with an axe in his skull; gifted Laura Bozanich shines as various women put in strange circumstances: from Philip Glass's ex-lover to a lost, stuttering soul who believes "language is the opposite of loneliness" — and proves it; and Kim Strassburger's a scream (some of her finest work ever!) as a chimp named Kafka and as Trotsky's mercurial wife so sex-crazed, at one point, she tumbles through a window.

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Back to Bacharach and David

Steve Gunderson and Melinda Gilb sing the music of Burt Bacharach and Hal David, including "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" and "Walk on By." Javier Velasco directed.

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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.

Dames at Sea

Lamplighters Community Theatre presents the popular Jim Wise, Robin Miller, and George Haimsohn musical. Can innocent, talented Ruby from Centerville become a star in 24 hours? Thomas Fitzpatrick directed. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH AUGUST 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 17) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Due to popular demand, the Theatre in Old Town reprises Gerard Alessandrini's musical Bronx cheer to Broadway: some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and some amazing performances (especially by Valerie Fagan, co-author of *Six Women with Brain Death*, es-

pecially when she slanders Sarah Brightman). Along with lambasting *Spamalot* and *Wicked*, the show reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing (as when an animal sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear, "Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?") and Alessandrini's spoof of *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, often changed backstage in split seconds. Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater (à la *Jersey Boys*) and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. (Note: the production has made cast changes.)

Critic's pick.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, THROUGH AUGUST 24; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Fully Committed

Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Jean-Paul Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Nah. Hell is other people demanding all-vegan cuisine for 15 at a 7:30 p.m. seating, while five other callers blink

on hold. Cygnet Theatre is reprising David McBean's Noel Award-winning performance. He plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people. A logistics boggle? It's the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean must change characters as fast as he can say "hold, please." He's so terrific, however, logistics disappear into Sam's frantic, behind-the-scenes world. Sam, it turns out, is an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of personal entitlement" — just what every irate caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with flying colors. Throughout, the audience's "oh yeah's" and "that's right's" punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or taken reservations (a friend of mine, who books for a local hotel, refers to the public, off the record, as "the beast") will empathize with *Fully Committed*. And, given McBean's special performance, so should everyone else.

Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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Iphigenia at Aulis

Moses Hadas called it "the last Greek tragedy." But given its analysis of wars and motives and the human costs of each, Euripides' final play couldn't be more contemporary. Agamemnon, commander of the Greeks on their way to Troy, angered the goddess Artemis, who made the winds cease. She demands a sacrifice — his daughter, Iphigenia — or the thousand ships can't sail. "Some god has driven Greece mad," says Ruff Yeager's emotionally strafed Agamemnon (either that or they've placed too much faith in the interpretation of Calcas, an en-

terprising seer). Director Douglas Lay puts the Greeks in a modern war camp (a helicopter lands so near you'll duck to avoid its blades). Along with two kids playing catch with a hand grenade, Lay's encouraged bold choices throughout, including Michelle Cabinian's innocent-assured Iphigenia (is she Joan of Arc or the dupe of warrior-dominant rhetoric?) and a splendid performance by Robin Christ. Her Clytemnestra reveals Agamemnon's cold-blooded killer inside the loving Mycenaen queen. Though the acting's a bit uneven (some belt too big for the space), the 6th@Penn offering has a special element: five young women are the most supportive, fluid, and mesmerizing Greek chorus I've seen locally. They sing Leigh Scarritt's eerie music — with steep, note-to-note intervals — with such polish they elevate the production several notches.

Critic's pick.

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.

Lincolnesque

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of John Strand's comedy-drama about Leo, a speech writer, and his brother Francis, who's running for office and thinks he's Abe Lincoln. Joe Calarco directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.



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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 (especially Jonathan Peck's stylish, studied Bottom the Weaver), and young Michael Drummond lacks the chops, and the menace, for Puck. York Kennedy's bold-day/mystical-night lighting, Christopher R. Walker's music, and especially Michael Urie's dual roles as Francis Flute and Thisbe are big plusses. In a play full of Ovidian metamorphoses, Urie does one of the best: as Flute is about to play the suffering Thisbe, something touches him, and the character takes over so completely you wonder who was more real, Flute or the role that transformed him. Which was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"?

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: A *MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-239-2255.)

My Fair Lady

Welk Resort Theatre presents Lerner and Loewe's classic about a Cockney flower girl becoming a British sophisticate. Jon Engstrom directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 27; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 888-802-7469.

Othello

"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" — one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When she realizes Othello wants to murder her, Julie Jesneck's Desdemona battles for life and seems to become even more innocent, more loving. Jonathan Peck's sonorous Othello matches this urgency. The clash of the guiltless bride and stone-hearted warrior is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief — because this should not be happening — and deeply moving. The only irksome performance in an otherwise smartly staged *Othello*: Karl Kenzler runs Iago all

over the map, from frat-brother/prankster to Halloween goblin. Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes are working. Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars, the supporting cast does quality work (especially Michael A. Newcomer's two-faced Cassius, and Cileste Ciulla's Emilia, Iago's wife who, the angrier she gets, the more she becomes the play's *raisonneur*). York Kennedy's lighting sculpts scenes and Christopher R. Walker creates moods with half-heard, long-held notes.

Worth a try.

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.)

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, tak-

ing suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

The Sisters Rosensweig

In the late Wendy Wasserstein's comedy, three successful sisters — in work, not love — unite in London for bonding, memories of their stern mother, and song. They're as emotionally stuck as Chekhov's famous trio; one even says so. Arctic Sara may try a new path, if she can overcome her elitism and a Jewish male stereotype; the others stay the course. Chekhov this ain't, though it would like to be. (*Sisters* also borrows heavily from Beth Henley's "moment of happiness" in *Crimes of the Heart*.) Wasserstein keeps the deeper issues about anti-Semitism,

non- and traditional women's roles, cultural differences on the backburner (offstage the Soviet Union is falling apart, but you'd hardly know it). The play and Old Globe production, however, are funny throughout (including a first: during the intermission almost every character makes passionate love). Janet Zarish, Jackie Hoffman and especially Deirdre Lovejoy's Pfeni (in complete emotional sync with the best written of the three women) keep the laughs coming, as does Tom Nellis in a tour de hyper-force as Geoffrey, director of musicals, and Mark Blum as gently assertive Mervyn. Stefanie Nava makes young Tess's sudden change of plan credible (no mean feat). Alexander Dodge's elegant set's a palette of pinks tempered by Jeff Croiter's lighting and rinsed by the music of Frank Sinatra.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 20; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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Coronado Playhouse stages this sequel to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* with a big-band, jazz-style score. Daniel Logan directed and choreographed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH AUGUST 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

The Sound of Music

The Moonlight summer season continues with Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic about the seven Von Trapp children and their Austrian nanny. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, VISTA, THROUGH AUGUST 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Titus Andronicus

Titus is the runt of Shakespeare's litter. Most likely it was his first attempt at tragedy, and most critics wish the "lamentable" (in the modern sense) potboiler'd never been penned. The murders, rapes, and massacres of revenge tragedy rule with such ferocity it's almost as if the play's a deliberate send-up of the blood-bathed genre. For the Old Globe, inventive director Darko Tresnjak resets the lunacy in modern times. Titus, played by Leonard Kelly-Young as a vaguely sentient being/Fourth Stoooge, wears fatigues. When Tamora, the evil Goth brought to Rome in a tiger cage, becomes "incorporate," her posse dresses like a CEO's sycophants. There are arresting moments (as when Melissa Condren's mute, handless Lavinia enters, red powder spilling from her arms, and Charles Janasz applies shoelaces for tourniquets while giving Marcus's long, poetic speech). But way too often the production retreats from genuine emotion, or glosses over it with blatant shtick (as when a limb gets chainsawed off and the Beatles sing "I Want to Hold Your Hand"; or when tongueless Lavinia wants to say "hel-LOW" but can only say "huh-whoa?"). If the play's this bad, if it needs this much cutsie business, then why are we here? To learn that violence begets violence? And this should come as *news*? In effect, Tresnjak's staging is a send-up of a send-up. That's a double negative. It not only undercuts the play, it takes away an audience's chance to respond, be it with revulsion or schadenfreudian glee. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK,

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

quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
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When Pigs Fly
The mere existence of Howard Crabtree's musical revue's a heartfelt Bronx cheer to the high school counselor who said Howard would only get into showbiz "when pigs fly." Crabtree, who died of AIDS in 1996, is a character in the piece. He reenacts that moment with his counselor and (in a running bit that grows tedious) how the show still might not go on. The message: freedom of expression means becoming more yourself, which for Crabtree meant pushing the envelope of outrageousness. Diversionary costumer Shulamit Nelson matches this impulse with designs (based on Crabtree's originals) so bizarre that every time the red curtains open, the stage-

within-the-stage, you don't know what to expect: four playing-card Queens; for the "Light in the Loafers" number, the loafers light up. And the wigs, especially the preposterous 18th Century hairdos for "Wear Your Vanity with Pride" (as if each performer had donned an Alp), are a hoot. Matt Weeden, terrific in Diversionary's *Twilight of the Golds*, plays all the divas and makes petulance an art form. Eric Vest gives Crabtree a sunny "let's put on a show" optimism. Trevor Peringer, Anthony Randall, and Erick L. Sunquist (especially in "Bigger Is Better") all contribute. And Omri Schein grabs big laughs in several roles, including that nay-saying high school counselor, and the crooner of a torch song to Dick Cheney ("For you I feel a fever forming / Or is it just global warming?").
Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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All of the hype of Allen as an Eminent American Filmmaker has taken attention away from his talents as an actor.

Woody Allen's *Scoop*, no relation to Evelyn Waugh's *Scoop*, suggests itself as a companion piece to his *Match Point* only because it prolongs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman, now up to thirty-five features, give or take, in his prolific directing career. Neither is the repeat appearance of Scarlett Johansson in the female lead any more remarkable than repeat appearances in the past by Diane Keaton or Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper, who will not be tempted by the offer of a bribe from a seedy Graham Greenean newspaper reporter

REVIEW

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(Ian McShane) reluctant to cross over. When the latter comes into a hot tip from a fellow passenger to the Other Side—a hypothesis, a hunch, as to the identity of the elusive Tarot Card Killer, namely the dashing son of Lord Lyman—he slips overboard and pops up, evanescently, in the middle of the magic act of the Great Splendini (Allen), more exactly crammed into the phone-booth-sized Dematerializer along with a volunteer-from-the-audience American college student (Johansson), who herself happens to have aspirations as a journalist, and who also happens to have the looks to get close to the prime suspect (Hugh Jackman). “Get it first,” the veteran newshound imparts to her before he evaporates, “but first get it right.” The game, as Sherlock Holmes would have it, is afoot.

There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty



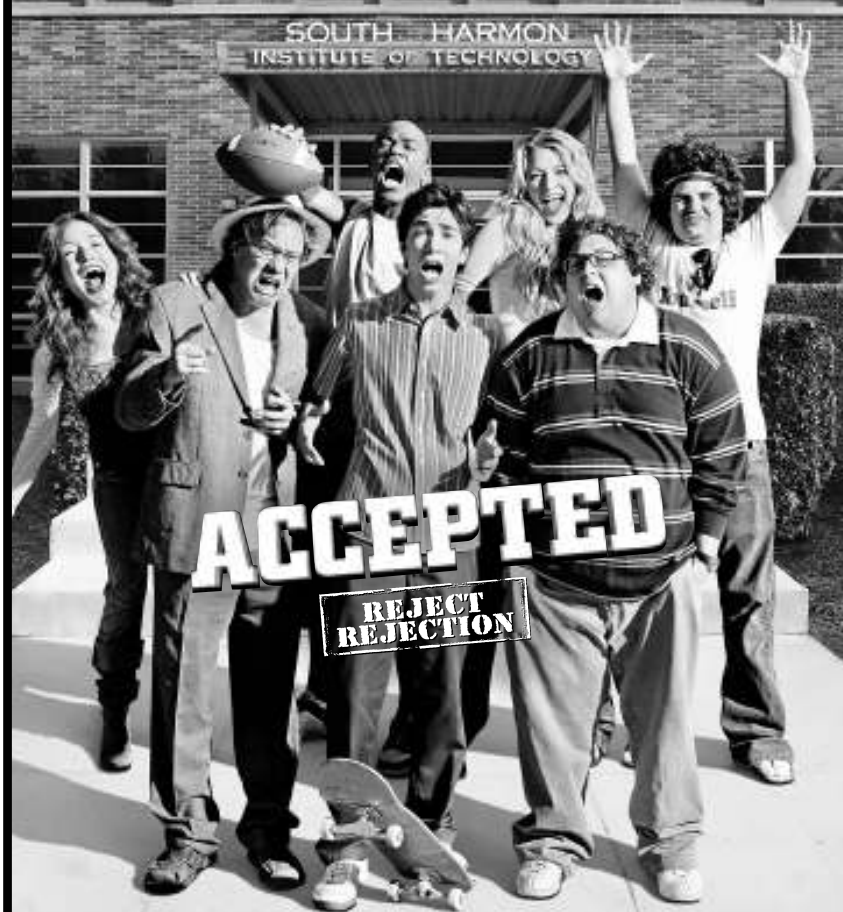
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young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along on this Nancy Drew adventure (“Excitement in my life is dinner without heartburn after it”), and the steady manufacture of amusing lines runs out of steam toward the finish, and the plot premise will not stand up to scrutiny from the vantage point of the denouement. But none of

that detracts from the generous supply of chuckles and cackles strewn along the way, nor does it detract from the calm and assured camera that Allen brings to the proceedings: in the right place at the right time for the right duration. And having Allen back on screen after his absence from *Match Point*, not to forget his absence from

Melinda and Melinda before that, offers a chance to marvel over the uncommon run he has had, now past seventy, as a comic leading man. At the same age, for a pertinent example, Bob Hope (an artist whose influence on Allen has been obscured by the tonier influences of Bergman and Fellini) was at the tail end of his own

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run on screen, and had limped along for a decade or two in dreck like *Call Me Bwana* and *Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number*. No doubt it helps to be your own director, but it didn't really help, in the longevity department, the likes of Jerry Lewis and Charlie Chaplin. Then, too, all of the hype of Allen as an Eminent American Filmmaker has taken attention away from his talents as an actor, defying every comic precept of polish and precision, creating a persona dependent upon verbal groping and fumbling and sputtering and stumbling, mining a private vein we might label as Lifelike Stylization. Whether, here, he is silently pleading with his live audience on behalf of his rudimentary magic tricks, or confronting for the first time palpable evidence of the paranormal, or attempting to mix socially with the British aristocracy ("I have a wonderful cellar myself. No wine, but rodent-free"), he is masterfully within his range, and his range encompasses a considerable spectrum of subtlety and nuance. That's not to say he's ready to play Lear. It's just to say he's not ready to roll over and play dead.

Miami Vice bears the name of the Eighties television series — fighting crime and looking cool doing it — for the same reason that the social striver might don Armani. The drug sting in the film could have been pulled off by anybody, not exclusively Sonny and Rico and Co. If you're going to jettison the theme music and the ice-cream color scheme, why retain the proper names? Or to ask it another way, who wants a revisionist *Miami Vice*? You might as well just settle for *Jacksonville Vice*. The storytelling, in other words, is strictly generic (suitable for off-the-rack dressers) and yet totally confusing (unsuitable for prime time). The confusion is evidently deliberate, first to cover up the genericness, and second to establish a degree of superiority,

to let you know that even if you were sitting in on the planning sessions of drug smugglers and undercover cops, sitting right there shoulder to shoulder with them, you would glean only the dimmest glimmer of what's going on (or coming down). Adding to the confusion are the shifty camerawork, the distracted cutting, and above all, the underworld argot and discordant accents — from the suppressed British ones of Colin Farrell and Ciarán Hinds to the impenetrable Latin ones of John Ortiz and Luis Tosar to the inscrutable Oriental one of Gong Li, although it's unclear whether the role of "Isabella" was intended to be Latin. Toshiro Mifune, after all, once played a Mexican. (Either way, it's fun to see this art-house empress embodying the *femme fatale*, dancing salsa, doing the nasty, etc., for the pleasure of the multiplex masses.) If all the confusion somewhat diminishes your involvement, you still cannot help but notice that Michael Mann is a filmmaker who takes himself seriously. You can see it in the pantheistic worship of the wind — the manifestations of it in sports cars, in speedboats, on rooftops and beaches, through expensive haircuts and arching palm trees and loose linen jackets. You can see it in the grainy high-def digital photography that fills the night air with phosphorescent mosquitoes and, in a romantic interlude in microscopic closeup, transmutes Jamie Foxx's flesh into lizard skin. You can see it in the awesome range of Alplike clouds through which a private plane weaves its way on a routine business trip. And you can see it in the Desert Storm scale and severity of the violence. The final firefight is particularly gripping. But confusing.

It is difficult to locate the director of *Smithereens* and *Desperately Seeking Susan* in *Boynton Beach Club* (a circumspect edit of the original title, *The Boynton Beach Bereavement Club*),

a multicharacter romantic comedy that targets an audience of seniors and is accordingly toothless and bland. Rather than “targets,” perhaps we should say “patronizes.” Susan Seidelman, the director in question, is only in her early fifties (the marginal character of a Goth granddaughter forms a tenuous link to the past), but after the 1980s she fell below the radar into made-for-TV movies and direct-to-video. One of these, *Gaudi Afternoon*, with Judy Davis, at least partly, or part-

way, recaptured the earlier magic — literal magic in the case of her second and best film. Desperately seeking Susan, indeed! (Oh where, oh where can she be?) The most poignant moments in her new film, quite independent of any plot machinations around elder singles in a Florida retirement community, come from the intercut stills of each of the actors in their salad days, testifying both to the natural ravages of time and to the elective disfigurements some people undergo to combat

those ravages. Since some of the chosen clothes and hairdos are plainly intended as satirical, it's possible that some of the obvious surgeries are intended that way too. Dyan Cannon, Brenda Vaccaro, Sally Kellerman (no boob job for her — see?), Renée Taylor, Len Cariou, a well-preserved Joseph Bologna, and Michael Nouri, the pup of the group, are among the specimens on exhibit.

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The Ant Bully — Preachy computer cartoon, holding up the communal spirit of an

ant colony against the every-man-for-himself ethos of humankind. As in *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* (but by another method: the potion-in-the-ear method of *Hamlet*), a human being gets to see the world from an ant’s-eye view. Notwithstanding some clever touches, the normal ugliness of computer animation (creatures out of *Aliens*, *Starship Troopers*, *Screamers*, and elsewhere) has been mated to exceptional tastelessness: the taffy tongue of a marauding frog and the gaseous bog of his stomach; the scaly scalp and greasy nose hairs of a cigar-chomping pest exterminator. The exterminator, a Satanic villain advertising himself as Beals-a-Bug and swarming with flies, spices the preachiness with a pinch of fire-and-brimstone. Voices by Nicolas Cage, Julia Roberts, Paul Giamatti, Meryl Streep; written and directed by John A. Davis. 2006.

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Boynton Beach Club — Reviewed this issue. With Joseph Bologna, Dyan Cannon, Len Cariou, Sally Kellerman, Michael Nouri, and Brenda Vaccaro; directed by Susan Seidelman.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/4)

Cars — The Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envision a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do cars come from?), but of course anthropomorphized cars, such that the windshields are eyes and the hoods, grilles, and front bumpers form noses and mouths. The vision focusses chiefly on a hot-shot rookie race car called Lightning McQueen, who, en route to the Piston Cup Championship on the West Coast, gets stalled in the sleepy little backwater of Radiator Springs (soon christened “Hillbilly Hell”) off Route 66 (“the Mother Road”), which time and the interstate have passed by. Whether or not you can steer around the irony, or hypocrisy, or cynicism, or what-you-will, of a computer cartoon waxing nostalgic over the slower pace and simpler ways of the Good Old Days, this is one of the better specimens of this type of animation, the airless, vacuum-sealed, climate-controlled, machine-tooled type. The clean, sleek, toy-like shapes of the vehicles (straight out of an old Chevron commercial) are easily handled, and their personalities inventively differentiated. The town itself is wittily detailed: the single flashing yellow light on Main Street, the caution-cone motel cabins, the geodesic-dome garage for the psychedelic hippie van, etc. And, outside of the herd of flatulent tractors, the sense of humor refrains from the off-color. And having to listen to Owen Wilson is much preferable to having to look at him at the same time. Paul Newman, a racing enthusiast in real life, could be said to be well cast as the voice of the legendary Hudson Hornet, Piston Cup champ from 1951 to ’53, who chose to put himself out to pasture at the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity. 2006.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Clerks II — The official sequel can make no effort to match the scruffy integrity of its 1994 forerunner, least of all an effort to match the black-and-white photography. Not that the forerunner set any sort of mark to shoot for, but at least it accepted its limitations and worked within them. The memory of it had already been well and truly sullied, however, by repeated appear-

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ances of Jay and Silent Bob, in particular, in Kevin Smith's subsequent work, and there was no going back from the self-cannibalizing commercialism of *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*. But go back Smith defiantly, desperately does, to torch the Quick Stop and to reposition his aging, thickening clerks behind the fast-food counter at Mooby's. Onward and upward, franchise-wise. And ever outward, edgewise. Only nowadays Smith is trying to stay ahead of such multiplex mainstreamers as the Farrellys and the Wayans. He has always had clearer ideas of how to be crude (new outer boundary of taste: "interspecies erotica") than of how to be funny, and his amateurish actors (Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Jason Mewes, Smith himself and his real-life wife, Jennifer Schwalbach) can only underscore the crudeness. Rosario Dawson, as the improbable manager at Mooby's, sticks out like a nail-polished thumb. 2006.

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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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)




The Descent

The Descent — Reviewed this issue.
With Shauna Macdonald, Natalie Jackson
Mendoza, and Alex Reid; written and di-
rected by Neil Marshall.

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VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/4)

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



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descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashion-industry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006.

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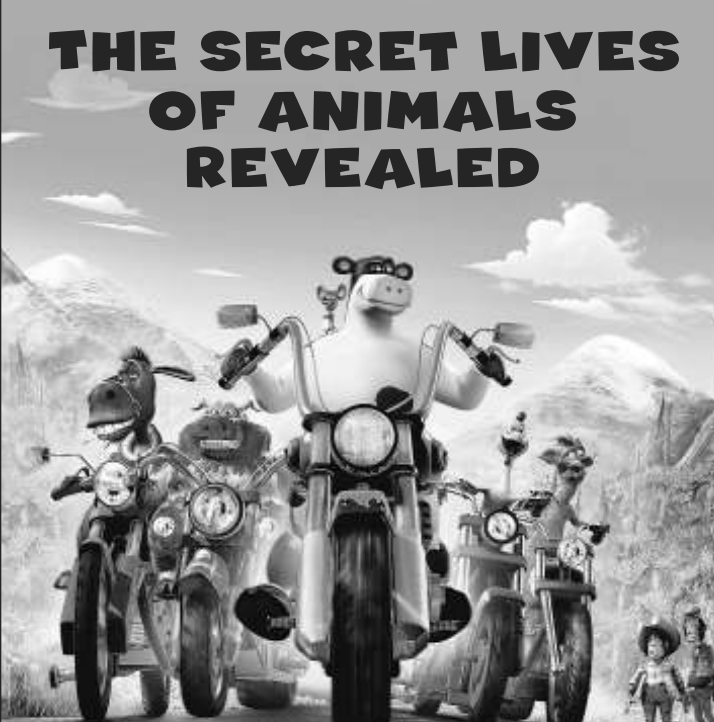
The Heart of the Game — Ward Ser-rill's video documentary chronicles the story of Bill Resler, Seattle tax man turned girls' basketball coach, and of his prize pupil, Darnellia Russell, a black transfer from her neighborhood Garfield High to white-bread Roosevelt High: "Darnellia Russell is my only chance at being famous." The story spans her entire five-year high-school career and more. It details the ups

and downs of the seasons, the state tournaments, the intrasquad and intracity rivalries, the lessons learned ("Don't dribble the ball behind your back with ten seconds to go"), the coach's unconventional motivational methods (an annual theme: Pack of Wolves, Tropical Storm, Pride of Lions, etc.), and it expands into extracurriculars such as race and class, sexual molestation, teen pregnancy, courtroom drama: "To get back on the court," a TV reporter formulaically puts it, "Darnellia had to go to court." All told, it makes a good story, and the local news announcer would seem to be guiltless of hyperbole when he calls it "one of the greatest stories in high-school basketball in the state of Washington." (A decent number of qualifiers: "one of" ... "high-school" ... "Washington," and no need to add the qualifier of *girls'* basketball.) These stories happen all the time in sports, all over the place. Without the film, we would have missed this one. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think *The Day after Tomorrow*, think

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Waterworld, or if you're a reader, think *The Drowned World* or *The Kraken Wakes*), with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Lady in the Water — The big surprise of M. Night Shyamalan's followup to *The Village* is that there is no big surprise at the end of it. It is instead a ritualistic playing-out of a prophecy — a whole-cloth mythology — and the only trick to it is to figure out who among the residents of The Cove apartment complex in suburban Philadelphia (where else?) plays what part in the prophecy: a Narf, a sea nymph from The Blue World, will require the assistance of a Writer, a Guardian, a Healer, a Symbolist, and a Guild, if she is successfully to evade the Scrunt, a growling canine creature with grass hair, and be airlifted back to The Blue World by a giant eagle known as The Great Eatlon. Among many miscalculations, the most grievous is Shyamalan's casting of himself in the role of the sought-after Writer — a/k/a The Chosen One — whose magnum opus, entitled *The Cookbook*, is earmarked to inspire a Great Leader who will set the misguided world back on course. (Cue, over the closing credits, a hesitant, unconfident, but hopeful rendition of Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'," by a group named A Whisper in the Noise.) The messianic tendency has become more and more pronounced in the filmmaker's oeuvre, ever since the outsized success of *The Sixth Sense* gave him leave, gave him license. But it has never before achieved such a height of public embarrassment. For en-



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tainment purposes, that's not altogether a bad thing. There's a horrible sort of fascination in the spectacle, balanced by a quite pleasurable fascination in the photography of Christopher Doyle (Wong Kar-wai's right hand), the camera hovering around the faces at odd angles and with odd framings. If you're going to make a right bloody fool of yourself, you might as well make yourself a good-looking fool. With Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bob Balaban, Sarita Choudhury. 2006.

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Lady Vengeance — Completion of the "revenge trilogy" of Chan-wook Park, beginning with *Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance* and passing through *Oldboy*. In the final installment, independent of the others, the abstract credits sequence of creeping vine, blossoming blood, and coursing teardrop is a true grabber, and the opening scene doesn't let go: a wraithlike ex-con greeted upon her release from prison by a female chorus in Santa suits and a male choirmaster bearing the gift of a brick of tofu. (The national press, we are told, has noticed a physical resemblance between the infamous criminal and Olivia Hussey — Zeffirelli's Juliet —

and we can but laughingly agree.) The unwieldy flashback structure — stop, back up, proceed; stop, back up, proceed; stop, back up, proceed — and the full two-hour running time afford ample opportunity for the grip to slacken. The director, over that stretch, shows off all of his virtuosic gifts, but he also shows off his mere gimmicks, his gags, his whimsies, his frivolities, his lapses of taste. More simply, he's an inveterate showoff. Yeong-ae Lee, Min-sik Choi. 2005.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/3)

Miami Vice — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx, Gong Li, Naomie Harris, and John Ortiz; written and directed by Michael Mann.

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Monster House — Computer-animated kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

My Super Ex-Girlfriend — Boy meets girl superhero. Boy dumps supergirl. Boy incurs superfury. A high-concept low comedy, with coarse photography and cheesy special effects. Luke Wilson, Uma Thurman, Anna Faris, Rainn Wilson, Eddie Izzard; directed by Ivan Reitman. 2006.

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Nacho Libre — Nothing if not esoteric: a backhanded salute to Mexican wrestling movies — campy superhero adventures of masked *luchadores* with names like Santo and Blue Demon — and, more broadly, the whole south-of-the-border wrestling subculture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, followup to *Napoleon Dynamite* for its director, Jared Hess. The hero here is a mere wannabe, the potbellied cook in a Catholic orphanage in Oaxaca by day, and by night one-half of a hapless tag team alongside a

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skin-and-bones petty thief who has been filching the orphanage's donated tortilla chips. The hero's mask and mission will take on Zorro-esque overtones when a pruriently interesting nun, immaculately acted by Ana de la Reguera, lays down the law: "These men fight for vanity, for money, for false pride." Better, a lightbulb goes on over his head, to fight for a school bus to take the orphans on "field trips and stuff." The gags and their laughs are appropriately small — e.g., the pronunciation of "nitty-gritty" with a Mexican accent, or the amorous come-on of a late-night snack of burnt toast, or the Spartan training exercises utilizing such handy resources as a cow pie and a beehive — and Hess's squared-up, flattened-out compositions are the visual equivalent of a deadpan delivery. Fat jokes and fart jokes serve, to a greater extent than desirable, to offset the esoterica. As does that John Belushi-like Joe Blow, Jack Black, working his eyebrows, nostrils, lips, etc., with all the expressiveness, the emotiveness, of a Mexican pop singer, and sporting, in addition to his robin's-egg tights with cardinal trim, a 1970s curly perm and gigolo's mustache. The whole thing might seem mildly insulting of all things Mexican, not just wrestling culture and warped English, but religion, music, food (a corncob on a stick), everything. The sympathetic (while still sardonic) portrait of Napoleon Dynamite's Latino sidekick, Pedro, surely should give the filmmaker some rope. Héctor Jiménez, Richard Montoya, Peter Stormare. 2006.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Night Listener — A jilted homosexual, the morose host of a national AIDS-awareness radio show, transfers his emotions, at long distance, onto a terminally ill pedophilia victim and his adoptive mother, but then, despite speaking to him repeatedly on the telephone, he comes to doubt the boy's existence. The intriguing premise (from an Armistead Maupin tale) is better designed for the page than for the screen, where we can see the boy with our own eyes. And the cranking-up of suspense, when the New Yorker pursues his doubts all the way to rural Wisconsin, is unconvincing. With Robin Williams, Toni Collette, Rory Culkin, Sandra Oh; directed by Patrick Stettner. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 8/4)

Once in a Lifetime: The Story of the New York Cosmos — Documentary by Paul Crowder and John Dower on the heyday of professional soccer in the U.S. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/4)

Over the Hedge — A population of computer-cartoon Cute Critters, plasticity, foam-rubbery, styrofoamy, and styled to please the eye of the pre-schooler, teaches the lesson that oneness beats aloneness. There are some elaborate and well-timed visual gags, pretty awful to look at nonetheless. The buzzed-up squirrel, not unlike the squirrel in the first *Ice Age*, rather steals the show. With the voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, William Shatner, Nick Nolte, and Allison Janney; directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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, THROUGH 8/3)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest — Sequel to *PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. And more than just a sequel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of *thought*, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a two-and-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc., does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-in-the-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of *The Empire Strikes Back* or *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. 2006.

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The Player — Robert Altman's addition to the Hollywood-on-Hollywood library certainly lifted his sagging reputation, though the reasons for its critical success may have had less to do with its intrinsic merits than with its usefulness as a discussion starter, a conversational ice-breaker. More like dam-breaker. It gave the critic an opening to sound off *ad libitum* on the ills of Nineties Hollywood, and it gave him a "maverick" moviemaker (or "renegade" or "rogue" or "rebel" moviemaker) around whom to rally with a show of warm fellow feeling. Even the less predisposed onlooker ought to be able to find here numerous opportunities to murmur a word of assent. Comparable to Fellini's 8½, though in a different degree and a different direction, *The Player* goes a long way towards explaining why it is so difficult to get a decent movie made. Over and above a couple of allusions to the phenomenon of the "test screening" (i.e., veto power of the average viewer, artistic decision-making by popular referendum), the main obstacle, actually illustrated instead of just alluded to, is seen to be "the pitch" — that twenty-five-words-or-less session in which a hopeful screenwriter lobbies to get the green light from a market-minded studio executive ("Not unlike *Ghost* meets *The Manchurian Candidate*"). Of course the potential of the movie for education and enlightenment, as opposed to the potential for displays of knowingsness on the part of those already enlightened, is not great. Because it's an Altman movie — and all that that entails — the class in attendance will tend to be smallish, to say nothing of smugish. Then, too, what can be taken here as Hollywood satire or Hollywood commentary or Hollywood grouching (the tone is rather too jaded, too resigned, too blasé for satire) makes up only a small fraction of the total movie. The rest of it is made up of some-

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KEVIN TAGGART

University of Wisconsin, Padres, and Chargers fan

From small towns come big heroes. In *Breaking Away*, a young man from a small Indiana town develops a passion for bicycling after reading about the Italian cycling team. He and his friends enter a prestigious relay race near the University of Indiana as heavy underdogs. A college coed catches his eye and the race becomes less about laps around a track and more about proving his right to belong in the town his family helped build.

High school football is a major religion on Friday nights in Texas. *Varsity Blues* highlights the grandiose stature of these adolescent boys in the local community. It also captures their teen angst as they find release from the pressures of their end-all, be-all sport.

Of course *Hoosiers* — the greatest small-town sports movie of all time — brings us to the world of Indiana high school basketball.

BREAKING AWAY (USA) 1979, CBS/Fox Home Video
List price: \$14.98

VARSITY BLUES (USA) 1999, Paramount
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HOOSIERS (USA) 1986, MGM
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thing that might be categorized as a mystery-thriller. That fraction, although it takes us away from the more interesting and entertaining fraction, admittedly gives the movie more impetus than the average Altman movie; but it doesn't give it — because, after all, it is nevertheless an Altman movie — as much impetus as the average thriller. With Tim Robbins, Greta Scacchi, Whoopi Goldberg, and sixty-five (so they say) celebrity cameos. 1992.

★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/5 AND 6, 8:30 P.M.)

A Prairie Home Companion — Its title and its emcee have been taken from Garri-

MATT OWCA

UCLA, Padres, and Tampa Bay Bucs fan

Thinking of sports films, I could be lazy and recommend *Field of Dreams*, *Hoosiers*, and be done with it, but even non-sports fans know those are great movies, so I won't waste your time. Instead, here are three gems you may have forgotten. *Cinderella Man* was a box-office flop, but I have no idea why. Think *Seabiscuit* in a boxing ring.

When discussing great baseball movies, *Eight Men Out* gets overshadowed by *Field of Dreams* and *Bull Durham*. But don't miss this outstanding film about the 1919 "Black" Sox, the team that threw the World Series.

Most sports movies go for big laughs or try to impart wisdom beyond the playing field using heartfelt speeches or clichéd drama. Not so for *White Men Can't Jump*. It gives us the best of both worlds: a message as well as being wildly funny and entertaining.

CINDERELLA MAN (USA) 2005, Universal
List price: \$19.98

EIGHT MEN OUT (USA) 1988, MGM/UA
List price: \$14.94

WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (USA) 1992, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$14.98

PENNY ENTERLINE

University of Arizona fan

If you are looking for great sports movies, be sure to check out these. *Field of Dreams* is one of my top five sports movies. A great film about a man in search of the meaning behind the messages he receives from his cornfield. If you have ever longed to "have a catch" with your father, be sure to check this out.

Mystery, Alaska is my sleeper hit. A hockey-obsessed small town filled with crazy characters that have the opportunity to play the New York Rangers on their hometown frozen pond. It will make you cheer and laugh out loud.

Not sure chess is considered a sport, but since they show dominoes on ESPN, my next movie is *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. Don't miss this movie and its all-star cast that bring you into the world of competitive chess. You won't be disappointed.

FIELD OF DREAMS (USA) 1989, Universal
List price: \$12.98

MYSTERY, ALASKA (USA) 1999, Buena Vista
List price: \$14.98

SEARCHING FOR BOBBY FISCHER (USA) 1993, Paramount
List price: \$19.99

son (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 en-

semble 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

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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)

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 rotopscope 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Scoop — Reviewed this issue. With Woody Allen, Scarlett Johansson, Hugh Jackman, and Ian McShane; written and directed by Allen.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA

VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shadowboxer — Helen Mirren as a cancer-ridden hit woman, with Cuba Gooding, Jr., and Stephen Dorff, directed by Lee Daniels.
(GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/4)

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, THROUGH 8/3)

Superman Returns — A true sequel, despite the nineteen-year hiatus since the fourth and final appearance of Christopher Reeve in the part. (The new Superman and his new Clark Kent alter ego, the little-known Brandon Routh, not only bears a creepy physical resemblance to Reeve, but also patterns his performance on Reeve’s so closely as to constitute an “impression.”) The major advantage of a true sequel, namely sparing us the necessity of going back to square one, has been somewhat offset, however, by the modern mania for mythic, epic, operatic grandeur, puffing up

and dragging out every little thing. We still have to sit through a flashback to Superman’s childhood discovery of his powers amid the cornfields and haystacks of the Kent family farm. And there’s still a wait of three-quarters of an hour until the first quick-change from dumb Clark to Super-Duper. The Lois-and-Clark business remains as absurd and as boring as ever: take away the glasses, curl a forelock, *et voilà!* And Kevin Spacey’s incarnation of Lex Luthor, though sneerier than Gene Hackman’s, is still too campy and condescending to be taken seriously, even when his apocalyptic vision of world domination is enacted on a toy-train set, or even when it’s enacted on a full-scale Metropolis. Nevertheless, the special effects of an ocean-floor shockwave rippling beneath the city are well done, and not overdone, and Superman’s superpowers have indisputably been enhanced by CGI: a point-blank bullet, for example, flattening itself against his Eyeball of Steel. For people, whoever they may be, who might honestly have wanted another Superman movie, this is at most a serviceable one, and at the same time a most inefficient one. Kate Bosworth, James Marsden, Frank Langella, Parker Posey; directed by Bryan Singer. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby — Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast, too often, but the excesses are usually easygoing (the bratty brothers’ response to the news of their parents’ divorce: “Yeah! Two Christmases!”), and the nonstop product

plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eyes and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/4)

Who Killed the Electric Car? — Documentarist Chris Paine investigates the automotive murder, and finds, as in Agatha Christie’s *Murder on the Orient Express*, many bloody hands: the oil industry, the car companies, the federal government, the consumer, et al. Essentially this is in the nature of a TV news-magazine talking-head report, and it doesn’t do a very good job (any more than the original advertising did) of explaining the practicalities of operating an EV (do they think every car owner in America has his own garage?). But where else are you going to see Mel Gibson and Phyllis Diller in the same movie? Martin Sheen narrates, to sharpen the liberal axe. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.
★★★ (KEN, FROM 8/4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/3)

You, Me and Dupree — The unemployed, unemployable best man (identified by the initials “BM” on his jacket) moves in with his newlywed old buddy, a situation rich in annoyance, dirt-poor in amusement. The casting of Owen Wilson as the adult slacker guarantees the rich gets richer, the poor poorer. With Matt Dillon, Kate Hudson, and Michael Douglas; directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Ant Bully (PG); **Barnyard** (PG); **Clerks II** (Not Rated); **The Descent** (R); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13); **Lady in the Water** (PG-13); **Miami Vice** (R); **Monster House** (PG); **The Night Listener** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Boynton Beach Club () Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 6:45, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:20; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Ant Bully (PG); **Barnyard** (PG); **Cars** (G); **Clerks II** (Not Rated); **Click** (PG-13); **The Descent** (R); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13); **Lady in the Water** (PG-13); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Miami Vice** (R); **Monster House** (PG); **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13); **The Night Listener** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13); **Scoop** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 10:00; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (3:45) 8:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 5:15, 10:15 Sat. 5:15, 10:15 Sun. 12:15, 5:15, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **My Little Pony: A Very Minty Christmas** Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (2:45) 7:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Ant Bully (PG); **Barnyard** (PG); **Clerks II** (Not Rated); **The Descent** (R); **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13); **Lady in the Water** (PG-13); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Miami Vice** (R); **Monster House** (PG); **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13); **The Night Listener** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13); **Scoop** (PG-13); **Superman Returns** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:40) 7:10, 10:10; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s**

Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:20; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Azumi Fri.,-Sun. (4:30) 9:40; **Wordplay** (PG) Fri. 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. (1:45) 7:20

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Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Deep Sea 3D** (G) Fri. 11:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Ring of Fire** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 8:00

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
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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
The Ant Bully (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (9:55, 12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:25, 4:10) 7:10; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 7:05; **Free Family Film Festival** Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:40, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 1:15, 4:20) 7:55, 10:35; **Little Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05, 5:30) 8:05, 10:35; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 9:50, 10:20; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (4:25) 9:55; **The Night Listener** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (9:50, 12:05, 2:30, 5:25) 8:10, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:00, 10:20; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:20, 1:10, 4:15) 7:45, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:15, 11:00; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:15, 1:55

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Las pandillas en Tijuana están siendo utilizadas por el crimen organizado para proteger "tienditas" y distribuir droga al menudeo.

El nexa que cárteles de la droga están teniendo con pandillas juveniles de la ciudad es el del narcome-nudeo o venta callejera de estupefacientes; además de la protección a los barrios donde están las casas de distribución, según especialistas consultados.

En los últimos meses han advertido el fenómeno del cierre de "tienditas" por el aumento de vendedores o "conectes", quienes llevan directamente la droga a los consumidores.

La delegación en Baja California de la Procuraduría General de la República (PGR), a través de la Unidad de Atención al Narcome-nudeo, han levantado más de 3 mil actas por posesión, venta o distribución de drogas sólo en lo que va del año.

deportes



Toma altura

La contratación del delantero de la Selección de México en el pasado Mundial de Alemania 2006, Francisco "Kikín" Fonseca, con el Benfica de Portugal se convirtió en la noticia más importante en los diarios deportivos de ese país.

Fonseca es el nuevo refuerzo del conjunto más importante del balompié de Portugal y en todos los periódicos su fotografía apareció en sus portadas.

El tradicional diario A

Bola de Portugal colocó en su portada una enorme fotografía de Fonseca cantando un gol con la camiseta de la Máquina Celeste del Cruz Azul con la leyenda "Benfica contrata mexicano".

Cabe recordar que desde que se dio a conocer que México y Portugal jugarían en el Grupo D de la Copa del Mundo, los equipos lusitanos voltearon a ver hacia el fútbol azteca y sus participantes.

espectáculos



Buena onda

Eleazar López
Diario San Diego

Un poderoso concierto lleno de buena música, energía y con una fuerte tendencia a la música 'popera', además de un fuerte olor a mariguana, fue el que ofreció Carlos Santana en el Embarcadero en San Diego.

Aunque ya rebasa los 50 años de edad, Carlos Santana sigue gustando a los que les tocó vivir la época dorada de la liberación sexual, de los hippies y las protestas contra la guerra de Vietnam y en el mundo.

Con un discurso totalmente pacifista, el mexicano que descubrió la música a los ocho años y a los trece ya tocaba en las cantinas de Tijuana por cincuenta centavos la canción, demostró el porqué gusta a jóvenes y adultos con su música que es engrandecida por sus excelentes artistas que le acompañan.

Acompañado de ocho músicos y un cantante, Carlos Santana se entregó a pesar de las fallas técnicas que lo hicieron enojarse en más de dos ocasiones.

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Policías mafiosos

La Agencia Federal de Investigaciones (AFI) tiene registrado al menos 60 policías municipales y ministeriales en funciones que trabajan para el crimen organizado.

La Procuraduría General de la República (PGR) también investiga la coordinación de grupos criminales con agentes municipales y estatales para cometer diversos crímenes, donde la participación de los "servidores públicos" ha sido vital para realizar trabajos "limpios" de ejecuciones de enemigos (entre ellas la decapitación de tres policías municipales y un civil en Playas de Rosarito), secuestros y distribución de droga.

Según las fuentes con-

sultadas, el "trabajo" que oficiales municipales y algunos ministeriales han venido realizando para el crimen organizado, es avisar a los delincuentes en dónde se encuentran exactamente "sus objetivos", cómo pasar desapercibidos, desviar la atención, detener específicamente a ciertas personas y "peinar" el área para que otros agentes que no están corrompidos no los descubran.

En discursos públicos el gobernador de Baja California, Eugenio Elorduy Walther, y el alcalde de Tijuana, Jorge Hank Rhon, aceptaron que tienen en sus corporaciones "malos policías" y que era urgente depurar el cuerpo de agentes.



Chiva loca

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Ahora sí se la pasó la mano.

Jorge Vergara, enfureció a los seguidores de las Chivas de Guadalajara cambiando el tradicional uniforme del conjunto tapatío.

El propietario del glorioso "rebaño sagrado" se olvidó de años de tradición que han hecho grande y popular a este equipo del fútbol mexicano.

En un movimiento puramente mercadológico, Vergara hizo desaparecer de un plumazo las tradicionales rayas rojas y blancas que por siempre acompañaron a la gloriosa camiseta del Guadalajara.

En lugar de las franjas,

el nuevo uniforme presenta el logotipo modernista del rostro de una chiva y una especie de dibujos psicodélicos en rojo y blanco.

Con tal de vender Vergara es capaz de todo pero echar a perder una de las pocas tradiciones que quedaban en el fútbol mexicano es un sacrilegio.

Para los aficionados de las Chivas del Guadalajara su pasión por el equipo se convierte en una religión.

Con tal de ganarse un peso Vergara es capaz de sacrificar a su familiar más cercano, o en su defecto, cambiar el uniforme de la Chivas Rayadas del Guadalajara.



Reyes del canto

Sixto Gazpar

Diario San Diego

Queda una vez más demostrado, que los "Reyes Gitanos" son dúos de un estilo sin igual, y que como nadie más, llevan el ritmo del flamenco al mundo.

Siempre aplaudidos, respetados y por supuesto muy queridos, el sonido de la rumba les pertenece a los Gipsy Kings.

Su presentación en los terrenos del Casino Viejas sólo se podría describir como una fiesta total.

El parque donde se presentaron era un complemento de área verde y sillas al aire libre, algo que desde el principio, se antojaba por demás cómodo. Apenas dejó de brillar el

sol y aparecieron 11 músicos llenando muy bien el extenso escenario.

Cargados con seis guitarras y acompañados de bajo, batería, teclados y un par de percusiones muy "efectivas", los "Reyes del Gipsy" empezaron a sonar muy completos.

La gente a ritmo de las palmas en una franca imitación de castañuelas, hacía que todo fuera parte de la fiesta que se empezó a vivir.

De esta manera, resulta fácil de entender porque Gipsy Kings es tan querido y respetado en el mundo entero.

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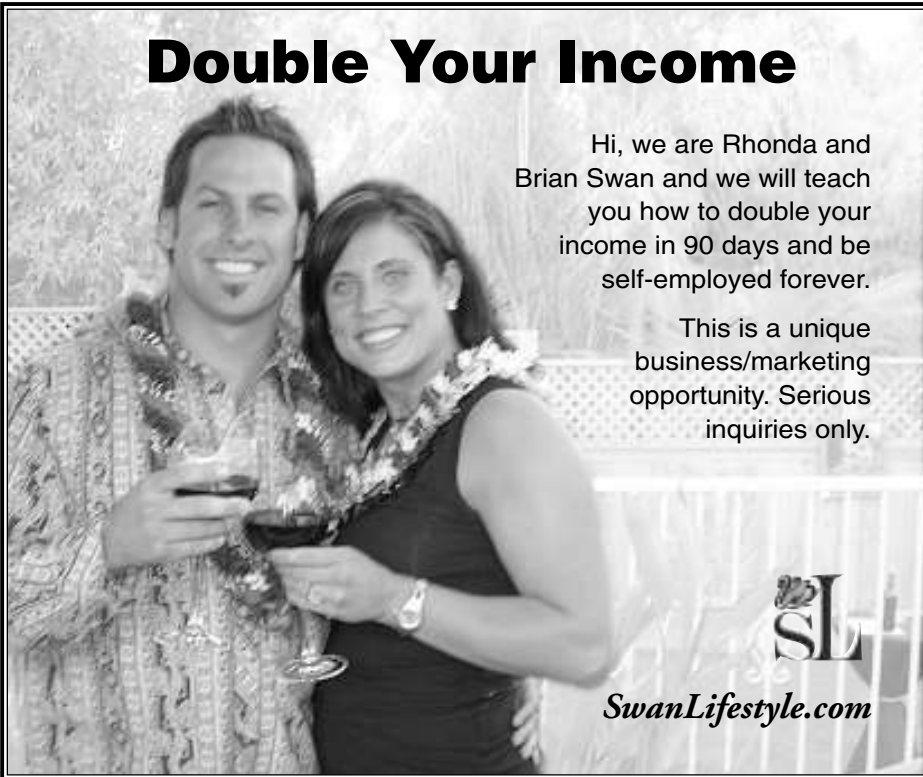
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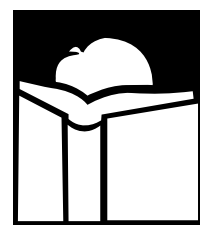
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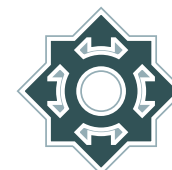
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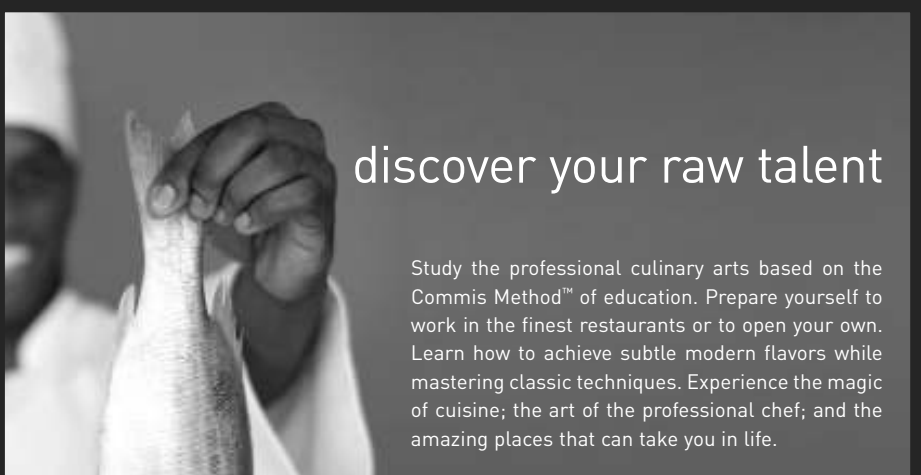
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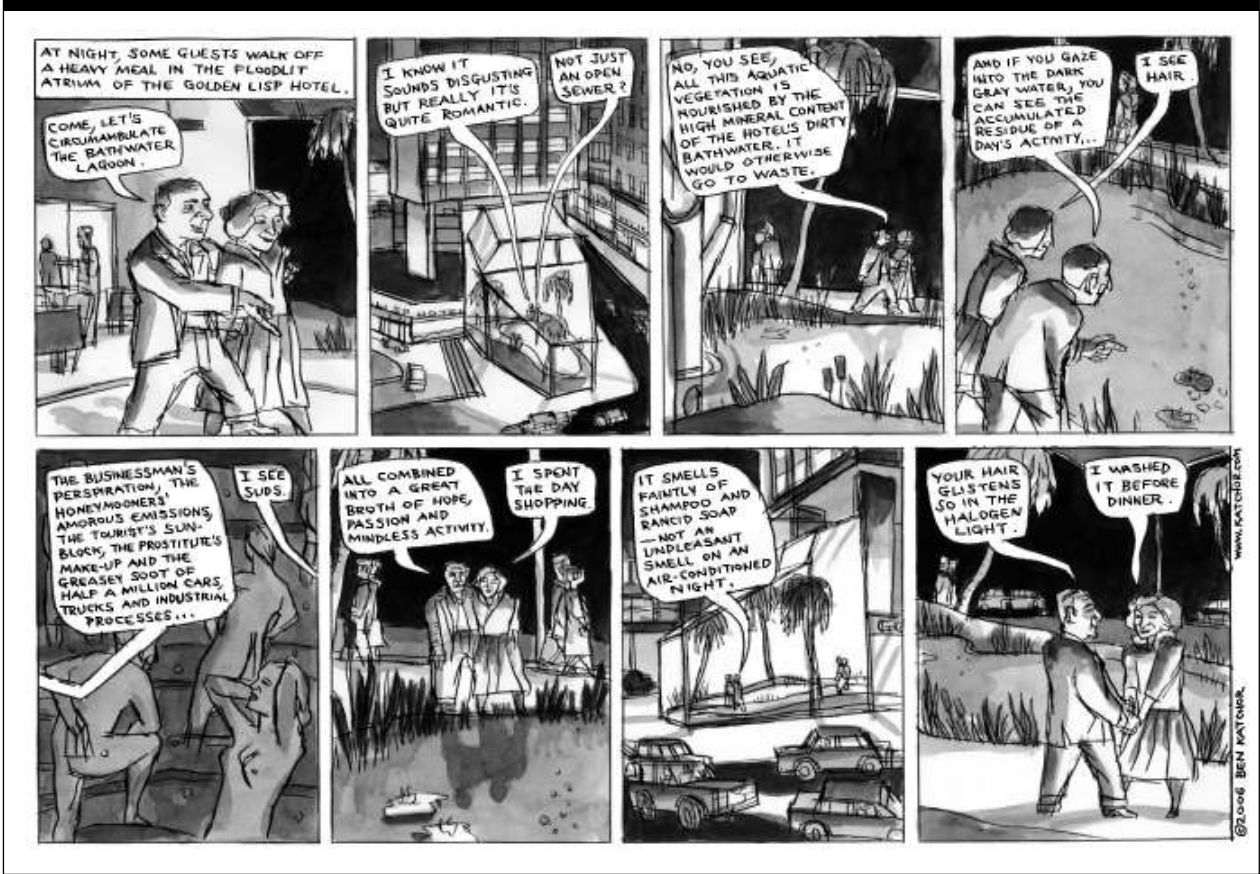
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Clairemont Mesa

Being a guy, it's super easy for me to say women because you look at girls and think they're materialistic. I'd actually have to say that it's even. Some people turn out superficial and some people don't, but some people seem to think that material things are the way to be. Girls can be materialistic because they want a guy who has money, but there are the guys who only want a girl who's really good looking. I guess it's how you define superficial, but I'd say it's a two-way street. They play off of each other; it's cyclical. Southern California is more based on image; it may trickle down from Hollywood and stuff like that.



Jared Harrison
Student

College Area

Oh, man, definitely women. A girl will walk into a house at a party, and the other girls will size her up in a minute. They'll look at her shoes, look at what purse she has and how her hair is done. It's more jealousy for guys who judge other guys like, "Look at this motherfucker in his Corvette." Women are more materialistic than guys; you don't see guys walking around with a \$500 Louis Vuitton wallet or something like that. You don't see guys wanting big-ass \$5000 diamond rings. Girls got to have rings to show it off to their friends. Guys look at girls before they know if they want to talk to her or not; they'll pick them out of a crowd based on looks. Everyone should be a lot more chill than they are.



Jerren Zeferjahn
Grocery Store Employee

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I'm a guy; I got to say women. When I'm at work, I see women in line looking at the magazine rack saying, "Oh, look at her, look at her hair, she's skinny, she's dieting, or she's pregnant this week." Between men, I think it's competitive and more to do with self-image. Generally with a guy-to-guy conversation and interaction, it's less petty. Guys don't talk smack about each other's shoes.



Shannon Lipalipa
Student

College Area

More superficial? Women. I know guys who take the same amount of time to get ready, but the majority of women take more time to get ready because it's, like, "Oh, my God, is this cute enough?" All of the pictures in magazines with all the make-up...little girls, they don't even know what they want. They don't even know who Louis Vuitton is, but it's because of magazines and things in the media. On some level, guys are superficial. Guys also see a girl in a magazine, and they're, like, "Hey, I want a woman like that." That's what's in the media, that's what they see. I don't think you can change some people; you can't talk someone from being superficial.



Nicole Armstrong
Student

Pacific Beach

Men. They are way more into their looks and their bodies, and they're superficial with their looks and their bodies. There are those men's magazines that are all about picking up on women. Women are actually more materialistic; there are always exceptions to the rules. Between men, it's more like competition than catty. You can't really change anybody; a person has to want to change themselves. If you have parents who don't buy you a matching belt and shoes from the age of six, you'll have good role models. Paying \$50 for T-shirts is ridiculous; I buy a \$10 shirt and it's just as good. Parents should pay more attention to the environment and the world instead of material stuff; it's more mentally stimulating.



Andrew Gonchar
Law Student

Mission Beach

I think women win the title of most superficial. Back in college, I used to go out with a couple buddies of mine and they were both six foot with good teeth and chicks used to give me their numbers to give to my buddies; I was, like, "What am I? Chopped liver?" I spent some time back East before moving out to San Diego, and when I got here, I swore this was the real Silicon Valley 'cause every other semi-attractive chick was surgically enhanced. Maybe it's the whole chicken or the egg: women get the surgery to attract men because men are superficial about looks. It reminds me of Anna Nicole Smith and her billionaire husband; he traded all of his money for marrying Anna Nicole and her childbearing bumps. Don't get me wrong, everyone's not superficial, but to people who don't want to believe people treat you different when you're pretty, I say gain 30 pounds, work construction, and see how many phone numbers people give you.

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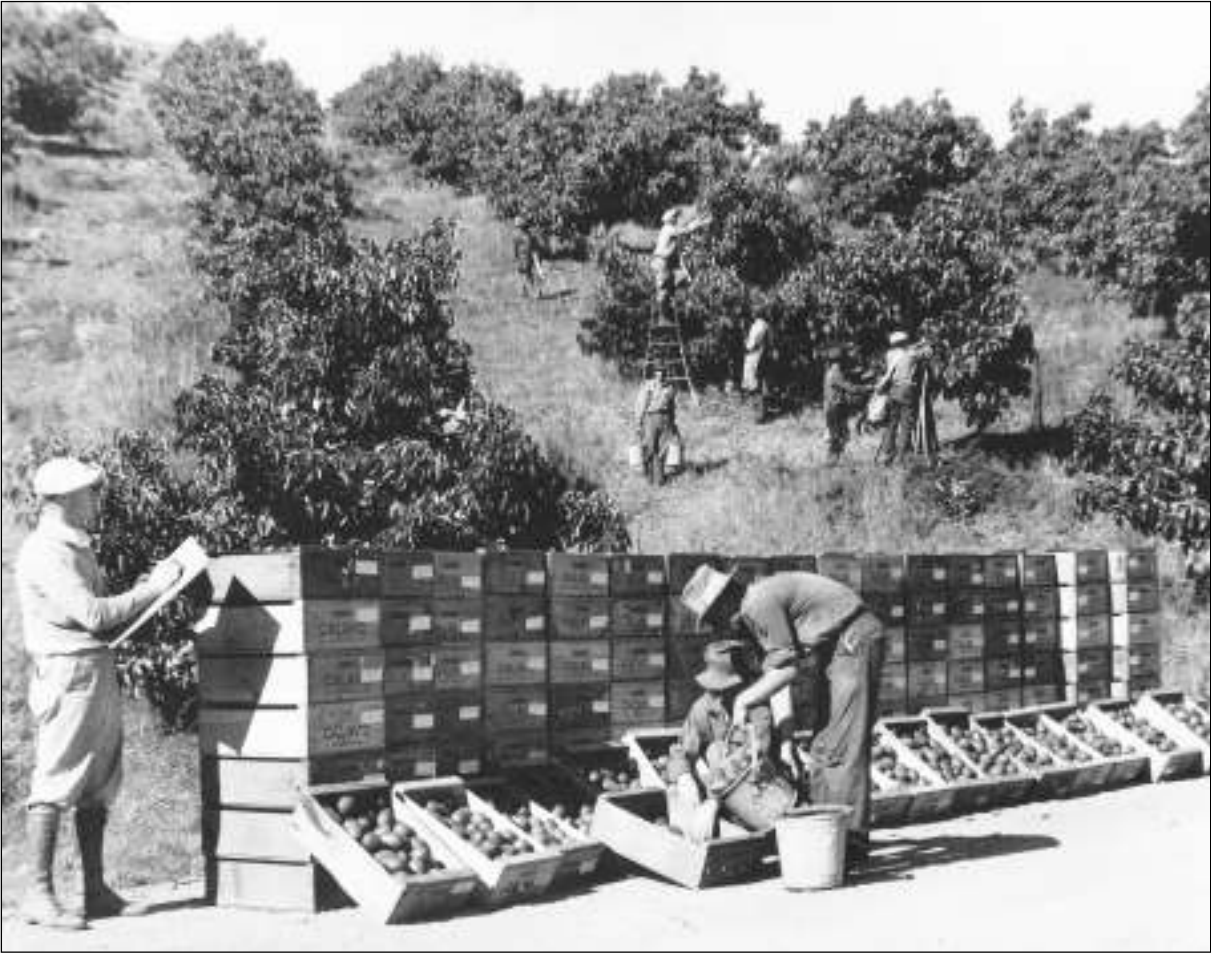
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- “The King and I” setting
- Lux. neighbor
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- Separately
- Sen. McCain’s state
- Future prosecutor’s exam: Abbr.
- Canon competitor
- Nabisco cracker
- He bought 54-Across that read “A1 AN A2”
- Like an unfriendly stare
- Sign before Virgo
- Reed in music
- He bought 54-Across that read “YRUFAT”
- “Deck the Halls” syllables
- “... there _____ square!”
- Shoplifter’s giveaway, perhaps
- “What a pity!”
- Temperamental types
- Fashionable Christian
- Went undercover
- “Pay _____ mind”
- 101 instructors, perhaps
- He bought 54-Across that read “DUNKONU”
- _____Kosh B’Gosh
- Olympic skier Tommy
- Contraction in “Jingle Bells”
- Purchases made by 20-, 28- and 47-Across
- One-liner, e.g.
- “Uncle!”
- Alluring
- Set down
- “Huzzah!” or “Hurray!”
- Oscar role for Julia
- Comprehends
- Insolence
- Bar mitzvah, e.g.

Down

- Hawk
- Ingrid’s “Casablanca” role
- “There oughta be _____!”
- Kind of system
- Stable area
- Movie best seen on a wide screen
- Attack, with “into”
- Sounds like a mean dog
- Sound like a mean dog
- Verdi’s “_____ tu”
- Minor objection
- Last entry in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary
- “Of _____ Sing”
- Do likewise

- Bausch & _____
- Publishing sensation of 1958
- Like many hockey shots
- Addicts
- Lauren and Nader
- “Set thine house in order” speaker
- One of Ruth’s 2,213
- Prince of Darkness
- It’s slung in political campaigns
- The end of one’s rope?
- Et _____ (footnote abbr.)
- Downed
- Busybodies
- Russian legislature
- Law school newcomer
- Greek column style
- Actresses Janet and Vivien
- A golf pencil lacks one
- Ones with war stories
- “_____ Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree”
- Designer St. Laurent
- Dustin’s “Tootsie” costar
- Where to get off
- “Auld Lang _____”
- Sporty car, in brief
- Cry at a bullfight
- Word with mess or press

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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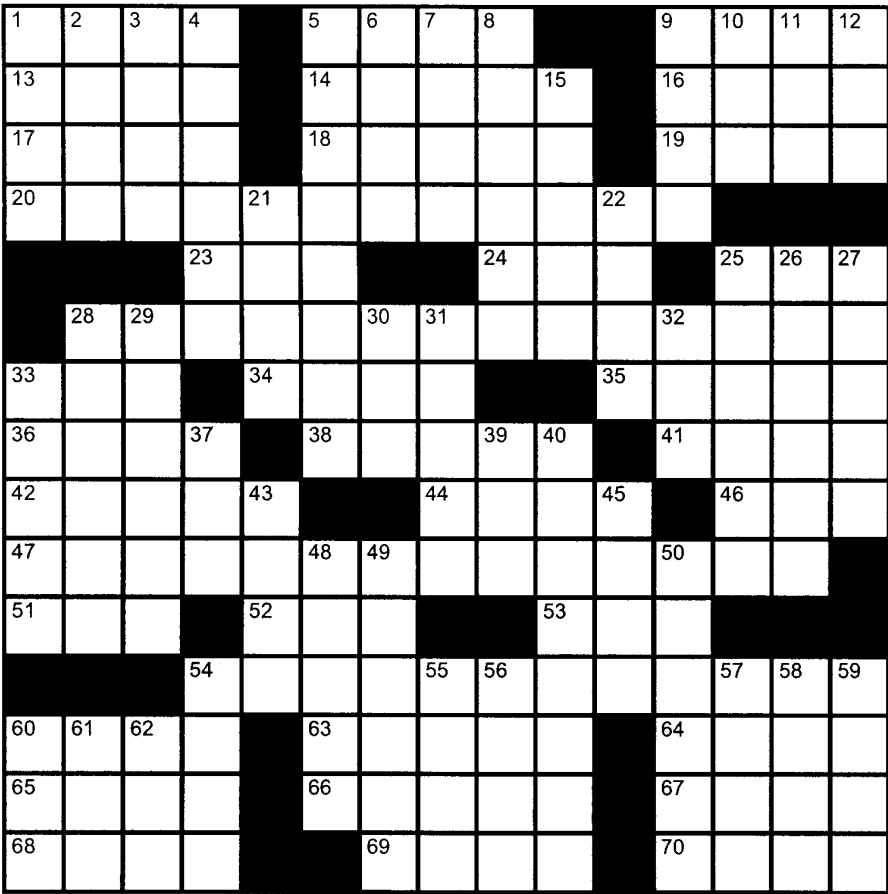
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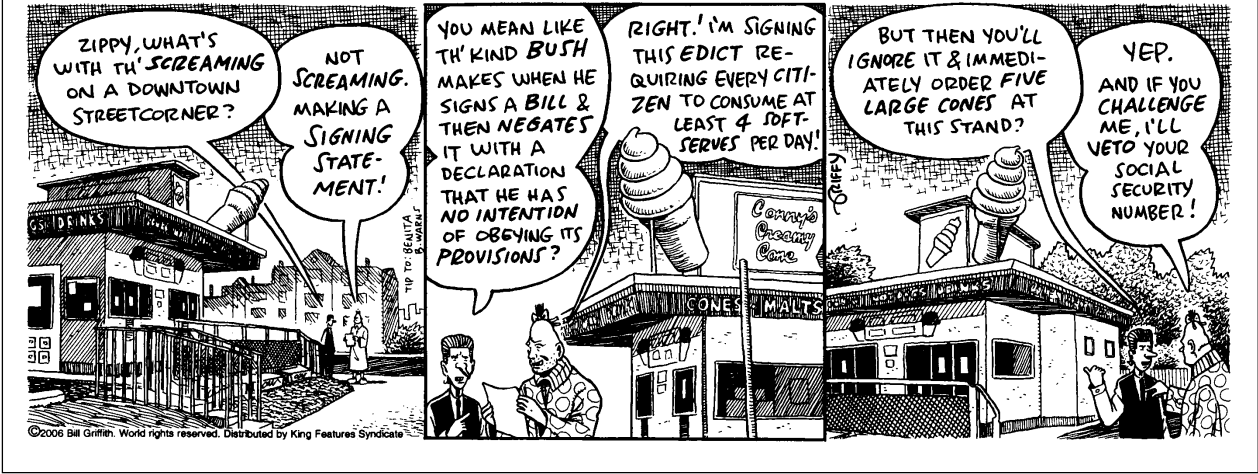
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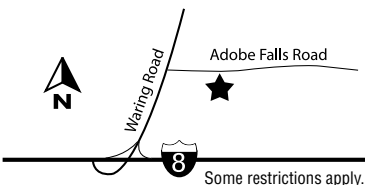
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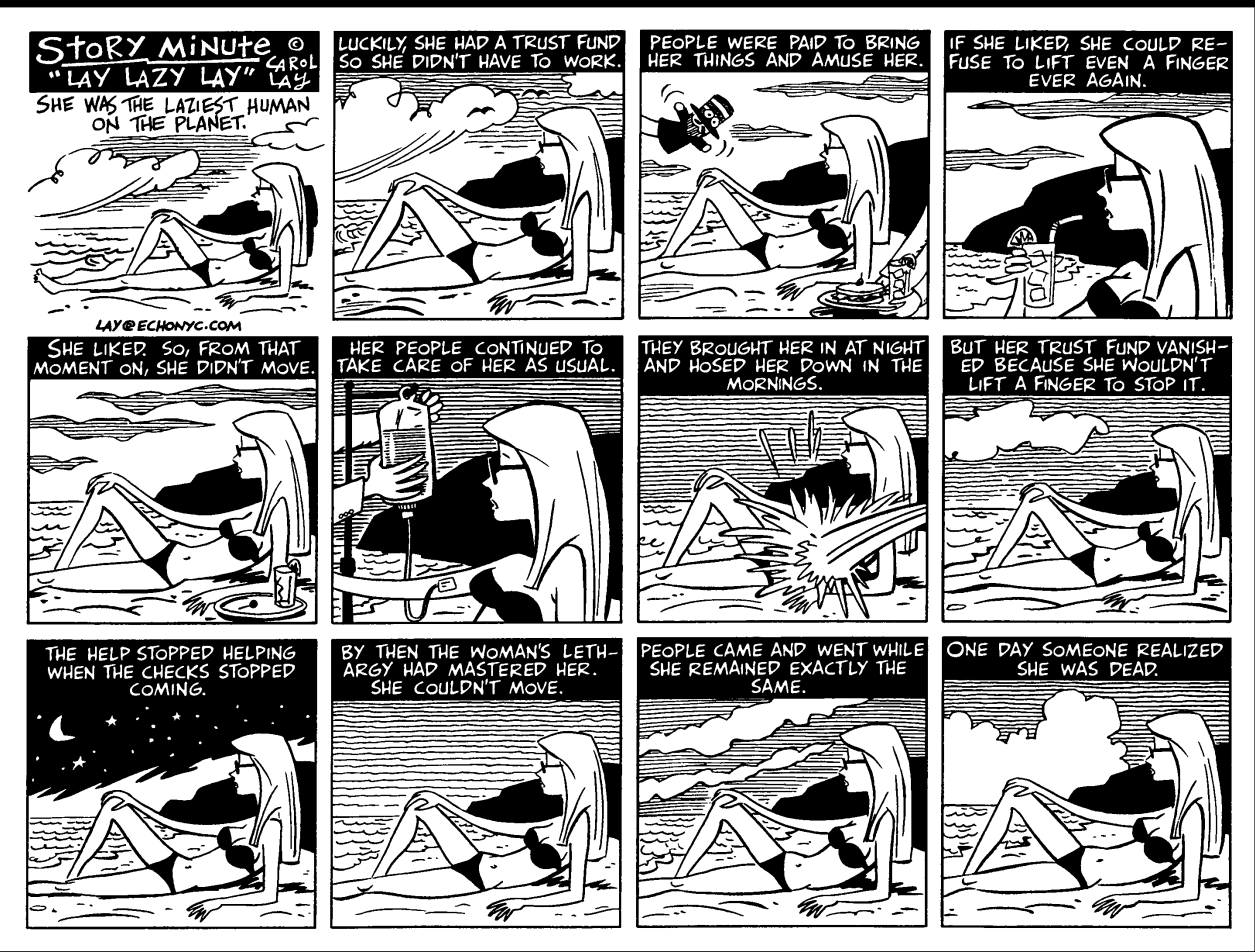
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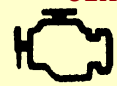


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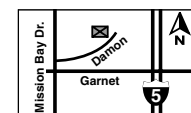
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—“WHERE THE BAD BOYS ARE,” *Richard Louv,*
August 5, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The arson suspect was 19 years old and had short black hair, brown-yellow eyes, and a wide, plump face. He was sitting in the visiting room of the Imperial County jail, a hundred miles east of San Diego. It was a Sunday morning in January 1977 and the weather was clear and still. Driving down the rock-pile mountain from the west, I had seen the Chocolate Mountains across the valley, and had felt as though I could draw my finger on the line where the desert ended and the fields began.

—“FIRE IN THE VALLEY,” *Joe Applegate,*
August 6, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

First of all, everybody should know that Hal-ley’s comet is definitely *out* in New York. The real upper crust will admit nothing but Tut-tle’s comet. There are a few pockets of fanatics in Forest Hills who scorn all of these in favor of the Giacobini-Zinner comet, the Pons-Winnecke comet, and the Whipple-Fedtke-Tevezadze comet. These are cults and not respectable.

—“AUGUST SHOWERS,” *Ben Sira, August 7, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

I’m from New York, where ferret owners routinely parade up and down the avenue with the perky little critters perched on their shoulders. So I know how to frolic with the beasts. I played bullfighter, using a crinkly plastic bag for the cape, and then let Harry scamper up my shoulders and kiss me, tentatively, on the lips.

I picked him up in both hands and we rubbed noses. Flick, flick, flick, flick, flick.

Then — snap — his little cat-jaws clamped shut on my nostril. “Let go!” I screamed. I tossed my head, swinging the ferret from side to side like a purse.

In a moment it was over and blood was spurting from my nose.

—“THE FERRET UNDERGROUND,” *Margot Sheehan,*
August 8, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Sources at the *Union-Tribune* peg the cost of Helen and David Copley’s big GOP convention media party August 10 at between \$500,000 and \$2 million. Even so, the publisher has sent a memo to her employees asking for volunteers to help staff the “International Media Event,” giving up their time from 2:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. to serve as a “nonpaid host/hostess.” Takers are asked to sign forms stating they “understand there is no expectation or requirement that I volunteer and that not doing so will not reflect on my position at the *Union-Tribune*.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “WILL DAVID CLEAN THE GRILL?”

Thomas K. Arnold, August 1, 1996

Five Years Ago

“What is it, Mom?” Rebecca began to tremble. “Do you hear a snake?”

“No. Please let go of my shirt.”

“But I’m scared. I want to go back.”

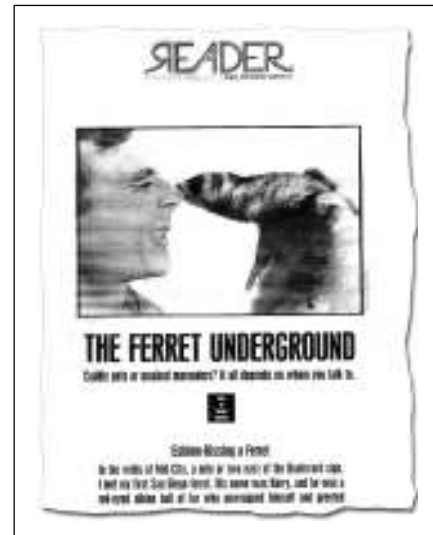
“Me, too,” Lucy looked at me with big, round eyes.

“I want to go all the way to the pond,”

Angela shouted back.

“Me, too,” Johnny said. “I want to see the pond.”

The stroller’s front wheels stuck in the



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sand. I stopped. “What is it, Mom?” Rebecca’s voice rose with panic.

“We’re going back, Angela,” I called. “The trail’s too rough.”

“No-o-o-o,” Angela complained.

“No-o-o-o,” Johnny echoed.

“What is it, Mom?” Rebecca and Lucy asked together.

“We’re going home.”

“No-o-o-o,” they cried.

At least they agreed on something.

—KID STUFF: “RATS IN A CAGE,” *Anne Albright,*
August 2, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

I have a problem with my parents-in-law. They have lived with us for years, and during that time they've changed a lot, physically and mentally. My father-in-law is 78. He has gout, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, ulcers, allergies, and his lungs are weak. It's hard for him to take a walk, so he gets little exercise. My mother-in-law has high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and is always complaining about pain in her body. But what really scares me is she forgets everything. There are days when she asks me if she already took her medicine, because she forgot. This frightens me because she might easily get an overdose. They have told me not to take them to an elderly care facility. I love them and really did commit myself to taking care of them until their last breath. But honestly, I don't know if I can do it. I am 44 and have two children. My husband is in the military, and he is always busy with military obliga-

tions. What I'm asking is: Do you really think it is going to be possible to keep this commitment?

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Dear Asian Daughter-in-Law,

I'm glad you wrote to me. Being the full-time caretaker for two kids and two elderly, frail adults is overwhelming. You need expert help right now in figuring out if you can really do this, how your in-laws can best be cared for, and what kinds of assistance you and your in-laws are eligible for — so you're not doing this all alone. Military One Source is a service the military offers to its families to assist in getting help with these kinds of problems. Their number is 800-342-9647, and you can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week (their web address is www.militaryonesource.com). Call them and tell them you need help with elder care and your in-laws' medical problems. There are also organizations for military wives that can provide support and a network of people with whom you can trade information. I came across one such online group in San Diego. If you have computer access, you can find them at groups.msn.com/militarywivesinsandiego. If these suggestions don't get you the help you need, please write to me again.

Dear Saffron,

I am having a lot of problems with my ex-girl-

friend. She has become obsessed with me and calls me constantly. She throws a fit when things don't go her way. I am getting tired of her and need to let her go. I have nothing to offer her and don't know what she wants from me. Last week I told her that I was sorry, but I wanted to end the relationship, and she freaked out and told me she could not live without me and would prefer to die. I changed my cell phone number, and since then I haven't heard anything from her on my cell, but she still calls my house. I hope she doesn't start stalking me or spying on me, now that I am seeing someone else. I have a bad feeling something might happen to my car or me. I feel awful, but this relationship isn't only about her. What would be the best way to handle the situation? Do you think time will heal her love wounds or drive her mad?

E.R. IN ESCONDIDO

Dear E.R.,

When you break up with someone and they flip out so hugely, sometimes they get over it fairly quickly, and sometimes they don't. I hope your ex will calm down, but I can't predict what she'll do. You've told her clearly it's over, so please stay away from her now. Change your home phone number and make it unlisted. Since you're seeing someone else, you might let that person know what's going on so she can have her guard up in case your

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No, wait. The East refers to the eastern part of the world. The West refers to the western part of India. Not so dumb a title after all.

You have to play in Bangalore to keep your mind going... and preferably something other than solitaire and Minesweeper!

Three friends and I were playing table tennis. Visualize it: my partner and I were losing 15-20. The series was even at 1-1. I was serving. The tension was palpable. It was a do-or-die situation. The crowd was waiting with baited breath. My partner had given up hope. The opponents did a high five. I wiped the sweat off my brow. I stared long and hard at our opponents. They sneered back at me. I looked down at my feet. Surely this couldn't be it.

I lofted the ball. Serve. 16-20. 17-20. 18-20. Ace! It was 19-20. And then... Deuce!

We breathed again. There was hope. The grandstands had gone mad. The tide had turned. The moment of truth was here.

They served. My partner returned. The opponent returned. And then... smash! Advantage!

My partner served and it was all over! Victory!

Now, Bangalore doesn't have a Disneyland-style roller coaster, but life here more than makes up for its absence. The next day, after the historic win described subtly above, I came crashing back to Earth.

The lab I used to work in was between two offices. The one

on the left was my department manager's. The one on the right belonged to some highflying fellow.

As all Earthlings and inhabitants of Venus and Mars know, I have a habit of singing. Okay, so big deal, others have this habit too. Anyway, one fine day, I started singing when I was alone in my lab.

Two hours passed. My department manager walked in along with my buddy.

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tend to carry over to the other side." It was the man from the office on the right.

At lunch that day, one of my senior colleagues asked, "So, Sunny, how's the singing goin'?"

In the evening, lab head: "Sunny, meet V. He's the new intern at our lab." Hand-shakes and smiles all around. "So you finally discovered how thin our walls are, eh?"



Yeah, well...

But, then, you give what you get, right? While I was getting myself spanked right, left, and center, it was natural that I'd want to dish out a bit of the same.

The next day, me and the most innocent-looking guy on the face of the earth, we'll call him Mr. A., were playing pool. Singles.

It so happened that the cue ball was almost at the

center of the table. I was chasing stripes. Mr. A. was playing solids.

You must have guessed by now how palpable the tension was. And how serious the situation was. And how everyone was holding his breath. And how it was a do-or-die situation.

So Mr. A. took position, crawling all over the table to get it right. His left leg rested

on the tabletop. His right leg bent so that he'd be able to keep low. His spine was parallel to the table and directly above it. And his butt...jutting out behind the table and the rest of his body.

Mr. A. took aim with concentration. I took aim with concentration. He drew

his hand back one final time. I drew my hand back one final time.

I fired. *Spank!* And, as if on cue, Mr. A. fired. *Tock!* The cue ball hit a striped ball into the pocket.

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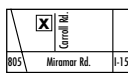
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ELDER ABUSE

Location: [400] Greenfield Drive, unincorporated El Cajon
Date/Time: various dates and times in 2006

Investigation: Deborah L. (55-years-old) was arraigned at the El Cajon Courthouse after being arrested by San Diego County Sheriff's Department Elder Abuse Detective Deborah Boyd on July 18, 2006.

L. was charged with multiple counts of elder abuse, burglary, forgery, and possession of stolen property.
L. was asked to check on her 99½-year-old neighbor's home when the elderly victim was taken by ambulance to the hospital after falling. The elderly woman had been living independently in her home of 43 years prior to her fall. The victim was approached by L. while she was recuperating in the hospital and was asked to sign a Power of Attorney for her finances and her health care.
When the elderly woman returned home in late May, she discovered L. had made numerous unauthorized renovations of her home to include new appliances, carpet, flooring, and a fence. All of these renovations were paid for from the victim's limited bank accounts. Meanwhile, L. had put her mobile home up for sale and was planning to move into the victim's mobile home. Most upsetting to the victim was that many cherished items belonging to her late husband were discarded.

The elderly victim remarked that she was 99 years old and has never used a dishwasher in her life. She said she certainly wasn't going to start using one now. The victim's missing diamond engagement ring that she had for 78 years was recovered when a search warrant was served at L.'s residence...on July 7, 2006.

L. is being held at the Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility on \$1,390,000 bail.
Also arrested was L.'s attorney Jon R. (58 years) for practicing law while suspended from the state bar and one count of elder abuse. R. prepared the Power of Attorney

documents and the will for the elderly victim while his license was suspended by the state bar. He was also arrested at the Santee Sheriff's Station on July 18, 2006 and booked into San Diego Central Jail.

ALIEN SMUGGLING

Location: International Border at San Ysidro
Time/Date: 1:20 p.m. on 7/18/06



Incident: A 27-year-old U.S. citizen woman registered to participate in the SENTRI (Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection) program was arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the San Ysidro port of entry after they found an undocumented migrant hidden in the vehicle she was driving.
CBP officers conducting pre-primary operations encountered Claudia R., a resident of San Ysidro, as she waited in line...to enter the United States through a designated SENTRI lane.
As CBP officers inspected the vehicle R. was driving, a 1990 Mazda MPV, they discovered a male juvenile hidden on the floor between the first- and second-row bench seats under a blanket.
The vehicle and occupants were escorted to the secondary inspection

area for further investigation where it was confirmed the undocumented migrant was a 17-year-old Mexican citizen. The juvenile was taken into CBP custody for processing and will be a material witness for the prosecution case. R.'s SENTRI pass was revoked and she was charged with alien smuggling. She was transported to the Metropolitan Correctional Center.

DRUG SMUGGLING

Location: International Border at San Ysidro
Time/Date: 9:40 p.m. on 7/12/06
Incident: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers conducting border security inspections at the San Ysidro port of entry intercepted more than 50 pounds of black tar heroin and almost 4 pounds of methamphetamine. CBP officers encountered a male U.S. citizen driving a Dodge Neon as he waited in line to be inspected to enter the United States. A canine unit was conducting pre-primary operations when the narcotic detector dog alerted to the Dodge Neon. As CBP officers conducted an inspection of the vehicle, they observed cellophane-wrapped packages in the driver-side rocker panel. The vehicle and sole occupant were escorted into the secondary area for further processing.
During the secondary inspection, CBP officers extracted 17 packages from the driver- and passenger-side rocker panels weighing almost 54 pounds. Of the 17 packages, 15 were heroin and 2 were methamphetamine.
The driver was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and was transported to the Metropolitan Correctional Center

to await arraignment.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 36808 Church Road, Campo Indian Reservation
Time/Date: 12:00 p.m. on 7/20/06



Report: [An] adult male victim was visiting occupants at a residence on the Campo Indian Reservation. A disagreement between the victim, another adult male, and an adult female escalated into an assault with a deadly weapon. The victim was shot multiple times in the upper body and face with a small-caliber handgun by the known male suspect.
Other occupants of the residence rendered aid and summoned assistance via cellular telephone. The call was transferred to the Sheriff's Department by the California Highway Patrol. Deputies from the Sheriff's Boulevard and Pine Valley substations responded, as did Campo Reservation fire units.
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Mel,

You’ve had a little trouble this past weekend. It’s all right, Mel. We all slip on occasion.

I have a proposal for you, Mel. I read about your arrest and want to extend an offer. Don’t get upset about your DUI. It happens. It happened to me. Hell, I’ve been yanked from a car. Those handcuffs bind. I read you smashed the receiver against the jail-house phone. That seems like the right thing to do at the time, doesn’t it?

Hell, Mel, at least you blew into the little tube. I didn’t even do that. They had to haul me to a hospital and hold me down; a cop’s knee in my back, my elbow and shoulder haven’t been the same since. A nurse stuck me, and I watched the yellowish vial fill up with my bubbling blood.

Where our stories deviate, Mel, is I don’t remember the conversation ever coming around to religion. The story in the paper reads that you tore off on a tangent about Jews. Mel, the Jews?

This is where I think I can help you, Mel. Why would I want to help you? Well, hell, Mel, I figure you’re a good guy. I love *Beyond Thunderdome*, and if I’m hung over, I’ll check TBS to see if they’re playing *Braveheart*.

You’re just a little mixed up is all, Mel. That business with blaming the Jews...what was that?

I see you’ve already apologized for your reckless behavior and outlandish tirade. You say you’ve taken steps toward sobriety. You see, Mel, that’s where you really started to screw up and where I think I can help. Come down to San Diego, Mel. Forget about Malibu for a while. I’ll teach you to never apologize for your misbehavior.

When your publicist hauled you out of that urine-smelling concrete cell and told you what you’d done the night before, you should’ve said, “Whatever,” walked past him, and located the nearest bottle of anything to wash out the hangover gunk in your head and the puke in your hair.

Mel, I know this girl in North Park. We can smoke terrible chemicals from a glass pipe in her filthy front room, Mel. Pedro delivers blow to anywhere in San Diego in less than 30 minutes, like he’s a damn pizza joint. Bourbon and pills, Mel. Lots of each.

And when we come out of a long blackout and find ourselves in a plywood apartment in a Tijuana alley and for some reason we’re wearing Prince Valiant wigs and we’re covered in the glittery pixy dust and watermelon body spray of strippers, we’ll pull dignity out of the waistband in our underwear, take another hit, and practice our line, Mel.

Say it with me.

“Whatever.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

SHARK ROULETTE

DSC 7:00 P.M.

SHAAAAARRRRRK WEEEEEEEEEEK! Here’s the thing with shark week. You don’t have to watch every single show, but there’s always something cool on. You can come home in the middle of the night smelling like burrito and prostitute and WANG! There’re sharks right up in your face! You can come home from the PTA meeting, crack den, or mortuary. HA HA! More sharks! It’s a week. Park your unicycle, take off that wildcat mascot suit and those tinfoil sunglasses. Sit a spell,

and watch some sharks.

101 MORE THINGS REMOVED FROM THE HUMAN BODY

TLC 9:00 P.M.

A friend of mine is a nurse, and on her cam-era phone I saw a picture of an X-ray of a jar of mushrooms. I’m sure my editors aren’t going to let me tell you where that jar was or what orientation it held, so you’ll have to make the connection here. But think of it. Mushrooms. So many questions I have for the patient, so many. *Were you in the middle of making dinner and the urge to...?* Never mind.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE (2003)

FOX 8:00 P.M.

If I ever meet Steve Martin, he’s getting a hair pull and a vicious eyebrow bite for this terrible movie. I watched it because you’re in it, Steve, and it stinks like a microwave full of turtle poop. Oh, you’re getting such a wedgie and an atomic titty twister for this one, STEVE! OH!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

THE HULK (2003)

USA 10:00 A.M.

Everybody wants something. Everybody has a dream they’ve held since childhood. I’ve got a torn pair of purple pants and everything, but the local fire department won’t let me ride around on the back of their fire truck and growl “Rawr! Rawr!” while they blow the siren. Jerks. Whatever.

THE FLAVOR OF LOVE

VH1 8:00 P.M.

...tastes like rattlesnake and frog legs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (1967)

KUSI 7:30 P.M.

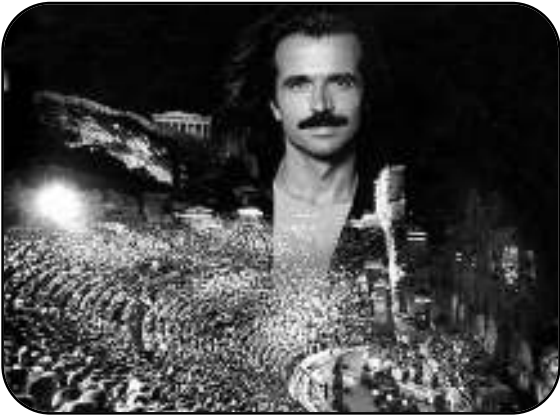
Me, my ex wife, and former mother-in-law. A trip to Kansas to see the world’s largest pop-up toaster in multimedia presentation: slideshow, itemized bill for the vacation, and interpretive dance number of the divorce proceedings, subsequent spiral into alcoholism and spray-paint huffing. There’s a part where I’ve got gold Krylon all over my nose and I’m crying. Crying.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

YANNI LIVE! THE CONCERT EVENT

PBS 8:00 P.M.

It’s like PBS sees a decision for programming and intentionally makes the wrong choice. A morning program about quilting? I can’t think of anything more boring. Yanni live in concert? Outside of BET there’s nothing I’d want to watch less. It’s like PBS is that fat old woman with ratty hair in torn sweatpants, smoking cigarettes on the bus stop bench. There isn’t anything she’s going to do to make herself more appealing, and she doesn’t care. She’s taken herself out of the game. As long as that



Yanni Live! The Concert Event

government check comes in and there’s a pint of vodka on the bathroom sink, everything’s going to be okay. How about a show devoted to cats? Let’s get that decision out of the way.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

HELLBOY (2004)

FX 7:30 P.M.

I’ve got an idea for a comic book. It’s George Washington (or Abe Lincoln, if Washington’s been done to death), and he’s a crime fighter. His teeth are wood, but behind the fake wood veneers is a sort of cosmic metal stuff like the Silver Surfer. Obviously the British are his ene-mies; I think a famous Brit general can be his archenemy. His Brit archenemy is one of those guys with the really big foreheads who can talk to sea creatures. That’s why he’s stationed on a pirate ship just off the coast of Maine. Don’t steal my idea, bastards.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

LAST COMIC STANDING

NBC 8:00 P.M.

...deserves a kick in the pants just like every-one else involved in this craperrific crapping machine.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

QUEER EYE FOR THE STRAIGHT GUY

BRAVO 8:00 P.M.

I’m starting *Straight Eye for the Queer Guy* because, c’mon, you’re still men. Half-act like one, would ya? Button your shirt, swap out that g-string for a pair of boxers, get rid of that damn fruity drink with the twisty straw and all the BS sticking out of the top of it. On the table before you sit a feather boa, a tube of lipstick, and an article on how to steal a car. Choose wisely, my friend. Choose wisely.

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