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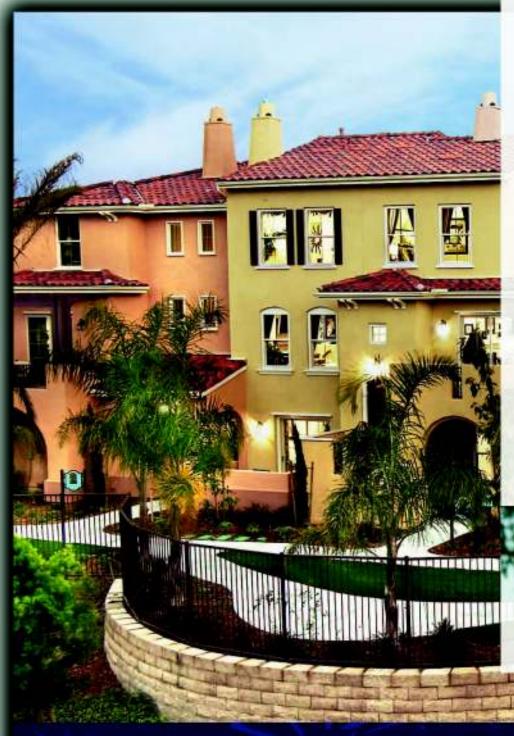


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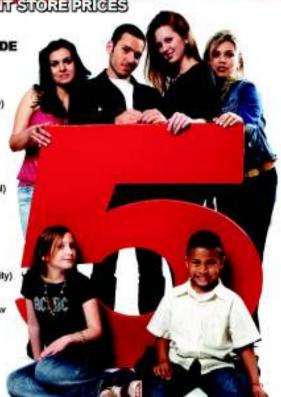


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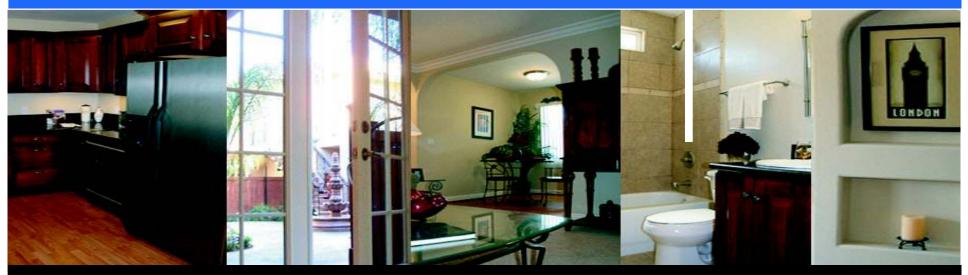
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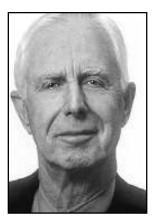
Local Media Fall For Kroll Heist

By Don Bauder

mperiously, Arthur Levitt Jr. says that San Diego suffers from a "prevailing culture of political expedience" and employs "artful

manipulation" in its financial reports. Levitt should know. The \$20.3 million report that his company, Kroll Inc., presented to the city last week was a classic example of artfully manipulated political expedience. It gave a gentle spanking to the people authorizing the \$20.3 million the city council — while thrashing people who are already out of city government, some of them under indictment.

Levitt, former head of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, says San Diego must rid itself of its culture of corruption. Actually, Levitt and Kroll are contributing to it. First, if a society punishes the little people who take orders and exonerates the big people who give orders, however cryptically, it breeds and rewards corruption. Second, Levitt on August 8 kept talking about putting aside the past (the favorite song of crooks) and working together for the future. But Kroll's report emphasized that pressure for conformity - smothering dissent — created the new and the blue — just the old and borrowed. Ironically, it borrowed the substance of reports that were written by Kroll's biggest enemy, city attorney Mike Aguirre. In attacking the City for illegally overcharging residential sewer customers to subsidize big business, Kroll borrowed lib-



Arthur Levitt Ir.

erally from another of its critics, Councilmember Donna Frye, who, after months of prodding, had forced the City to admit its sins in early 2004. Aguirre had issued a report on that topic too. Kroll regurgitated old news and charged dearly for it, and the San Diego



Lamont Ewell



Casey Gwinn



Les Girard

The report by Kroll and its New York law firm took

mess in the first place. Hmm.

18 months to complete. But it covered very little new ground. It attempted to be something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, without the

> **Matt Potter** is on vacation.

media didn't seem to notice.

Kroll found that the City and pension board acted illegally in adopting plans to underfund the pension system in 1996 and 2002. Aguirre had already reported the illegalities. Kroll found widespread securities violations, as Aguirre had in earlier reports.

Aguirre charges that former mayor Dick Murphy and current council president Scott

Peters could be charged with committing securities violations knowingly, or in legal terms, with scienter. With other councilmembers, "It's more difficult; several lacked sophistication," he says, and they may not have knowingly violated securities laws. Councilmembers Jim Madaffer, Toni Atkins, and Peters "affirmatively tried to disrupt efforts by the city attorney to do something, conduct a proper investigation."

Kroll concluded that the violations by all councilmembers and Murphy did not constitute scienter, but rather negligence. And although Kroll acknowledged that the remunerative benefits granted city retirees were illegal, it deemed that they could not be taken away. Aguirre is in court arguing that the illegal benefits should be erased.

Levitt compared San Diego with private-sector frauds, such as those at Enron and HealthSouth. "But how can councilmembers like Scott Peters and Jim Madaffer be so deeply involved in wrongdoing but still be running the city?" asks Aguirre. If boardmembers in a private-sector scam were found negligent, "they would be gone." But the Kroll pickpockets first call the councilmembers negligent, then say they will straighten out the mess. Huh? Did I hear that correctly?

The accounting firm KPMG said it would probably accept the Kroll report. It had earlier refused to bless a report by the law firm Vinson and Elkins, which charged \$6 million for mush. At the August 8 council meeting, Aguirre pointed out that Kroll did not answer questions that KPMG had criticized Vinson and Elkins for dodging. KPMG and Kroll's law firm tried feebly to circumlocute questions. Levitt magisterially denounced Aguirre's "carping," "contentiousness," and "bullying." Local media fell for Levitt's ruse. It looks as if Kroll and cronies may get away with this heist.

When a subject gets too hot to handle, Kroll runs away. For example, its report deals with a sacred cow: the ballpark. The mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances was to complete its report in





Mike Conger





LIGH









Jim Madaffer

September 2001. But Murphy was trying to get the ballpark bonds to market. "It is clear that the committee's work was postponed, and that the language of its report was toned down, in order to avoid interfering with the city's ballpark offering," says Kroll's report. "The bond offering closed February 14, 2002, and the city was plainly concerned that a public report highlighting serious problems with the funding of [the pension system] would make the bond offering more difficult or impossible."

So far, so good. Kroll cites several sources. Former deputy auditor and comptroller and former pension boardmember Terri Webster, a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, wrote in a memo that the report's timing shouldn't "mess with the ballpark bonds." She wanted to dissuade a committee member who was gloomy about the pension morass. Later, then assistant city manager Lamont Ewell congratulated her for "mastermind[ing]...an incredible attitudinal turnaround of the committee." Dennis Gibson, Murphy's gofer on ballpark matters, admitted to Kroll that there was a perception that the committee's report might "implicate" the ballpark bonds.

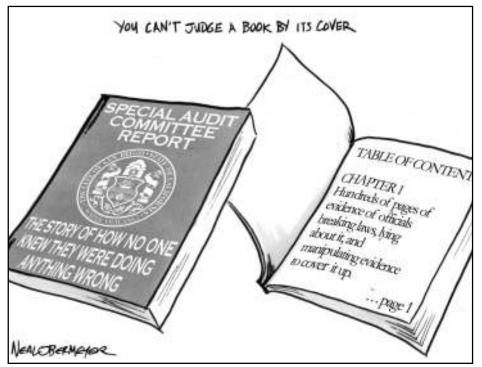
The trail was getting hot. But Kroll, which began life as a detective agency, decided not to pursue the leads for

obvious political reasons. The ballpark bonds are at the center of the City's financial mess. They have always been a mystery. The City shelled out an astounding 7.66 percent interest rate to issue AAA-rated insured bonds at a time when similar bonds were going for 4 to 5 percent. There was no competitive bidding. Merrill Lynch bought the bonds and kept them for itself instead of selling them to customers. It has always smelled to high heaven — and Kroll never probed further.

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Otay Water District's Pump Problem

By Joe Deegan

The prodigious thirst of EastLake and other new communities in eastern Chula

Vista has prompted the Otay Water District

to build a \$6 million pump station. According to the district's website, the new EastLake Greens station, at full power, will be able to "fill a swimming pool in one minute." It has four pumps that draw potable water from the San Diego County Water Authority system and treated raw water from Lower Otay Lake. The water ends up in two five-million-gallon reservoirs near Salt Creek Golf Course, far-

The plant's technical name is the "980-2 pump station" because of the pressure zone it is located in (980 refers to the elevation above sea level). "In the past five years," according to the Otay district, "the 980 zone has been the fastest growing area in the district, averaging more than 20 percent growth per year."

Construction of the pump station was slowed by rains last December, Armando meeting. During the meeting, the water district's chief of development services, Rod Posada, assured board president Jaime Bonilla that there was no cost to the district for the redesign "at this time." Bonilla brought up the project's completion date, originally scheduled for January, then delayed a month. Posada was already speaking of a mid-April completion. He assured Bonilla, however, that the district would "still be a couple of months ahead of the scheduled need" in early summer.

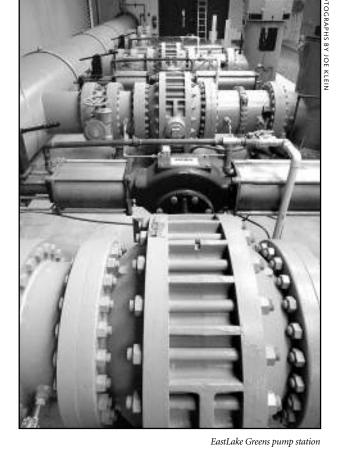
Later in the meeting President Bonilla gave district staff a lecture. "He stated that he gets very concerned when deadlines are not met," according to meeting minutes. "He indicated that though it was discussed today that there would be no impact to the

to keep a close eye on projects and deadlines to possibly avoid delays."

On May 11, almost a

month past the mid-April completion date, according to documents obtained by the Reader, the Otay district held its 42nd and last "construction progress meeting." In attendance were district employees and representatives of three contractors working on the 980-2 station project: Spiess Construction, Richard Brady and Associates, and Neal Electric. Spiess in 2004 had won the primary contract for the job, Richard Brady was the project-management company, and Neal Electric was the electrical contractor. In addition, Neal had subcontracted some work to Square D, a subsidiary of Schneider Electric. Square D was to work on the gear that automatically activates the station's own generator in the case of a main-grid power

Included in the minutes of the May 11 meeting is a list of 11 "critical items." One states that "the switchgear does not have the required manual switch/exercise selector switch per the specifications. A non-compliance report was sent to the contractor for action. (Action: Neal)." Another reads, "When power goes down, all power is lost on the distribution switchgear. A non-compliance report was sent to the contractor for action. (Action: Neal)." And a third complains that "everything needs to have the same phase rotation. A non-compliance report was sent to the contractor for action. (Action:



The minutes then specify an "original contract completion date" of January 3, 2006, and a "revised contract completion date" of May 25, 2006. And they identify "retention [of money held by the customer until all work is done] to date" of \$301,755.

On its website, the Otay district announces a May 22 "dedication for the recently completed 980-2 pump station in Chula Vista." Spokesman Armando Buelna tells me that he organized the event, which was attended by district directors, local public officials, and representatives of other water districts. "But something embarrassing happened," says Buelna. "Nothing worked when we tried to turn the pumps on. Then one of the engineers said we hadn't turned on the main power switch. After we did that, everything worked fine."

But that is the last time that everything has worked fine, despite a rosy picture painted by Otay Water District's assistant general manager for water operations and engineering, Manny Magaña. In late July, Magaña tells me by phone that the 980-2 pump station is 97 percent complete. "The only things that have to be done are to put in pump seals to prevent water leaks," he says. "We're envi-

ronment friendly here." When I raise with Magaña possible delays in completion of the pumps' automatic transfer switches, he complains about



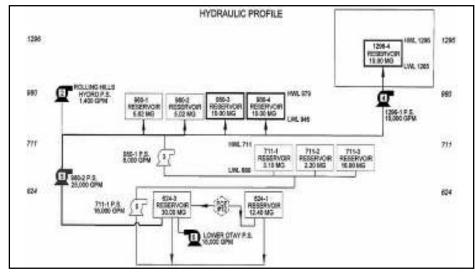
Jaime Bonilla

my pursuing a "negative story," saying that the pump project will only benefit the district's customers. But he does promise to get me an answer about delays of the switching system.

Otay spokesman Buelna calls me with the district's answer. There have been no delays in completion of the automatic transfer switches, says Buelna.

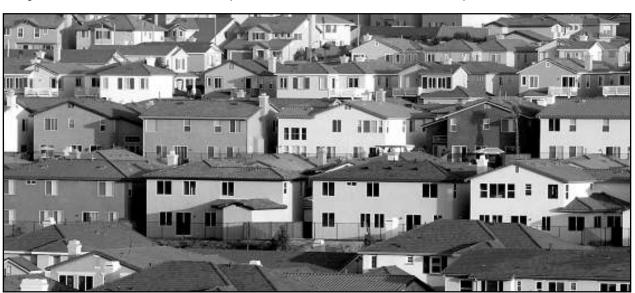
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Water flows from Lower Otay Lake through EastLake Greens pump station (980-2 P.S.) to reservoir near the Salt Creek Golf Course. (PS = pump station; MG = million gallons; GPM = gallons per minute; HWL = high water line; LWL = low water line.)

ther east in Chula Vista. To keep the water flowing in case an emergency cuts off its connection to the power grid, the station has its own 2000-kilowatt generator. Buelna, district spokesman, tells me. Then San Diego Gas and Electric had to redo a power-supply design for the station, according to minutes of the February 1 district board 980-2 pump station running a little behind schedule...he would like to see the district complete projects when they are scheduled to be completed. He recommended that staff try



Otay Ranch

Kroll heist

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Former banker and mayoral candidate Peter O. Davis points out that there were clues aplenty to pursue. For example, Kroll says that former deputy city manager Patricia Frazier and former auditor Ed Ryan acted with wrongful intent. "They were at every ballpark meeting," says Davis. Ditto for three accused of negligence: former city manager Michael Uberuaga, former city attorney Casey Gwinn, and former executive assistant city attorney Les Girard.

Davis and one other prominent San Diegan told the City how it could finance the bonds much more cheaply, but they were told to shut up. "Murphy was being politically expedient. He had decided he wanted the bonds sold, and so he was not going to let the developing situation affect that," says Davis.

The City went on to peddle other bond issues that

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omitted mention of the pension deficit. To Aguirre, that's proof of scienter — deliberately covering up the pension shortfall. That conclusion is undeniable.

Kroll drops the ball in several other places. For example, it notes that outside pension counselors such as the actuary and fiduciary counsel were initially opposed to the underfunding schemes but were pressured to change their minds. But in some cases, Kroll doesn't specify who pressured the outside counselor. The mayor? Councilmembers? For \$20.3 million, it would seem Kroll could follow the trails.

Some people who have been involved in the pension imbroglio are not as critical as I am. "It's pretty thorough, found a lot of fault, came down on the side of securities violations, doesn't pull any punches," says attorney Mike Conger, who has won key pension-related suits against the city. "It's time to stop looking for goats and move

forward."

Carl DeMaio, president of the Performance Institute, a government-reform group, says that when the Securities and Exchange Commission reviews the report, it may well lift the culpability classification on securities violations from negligence to a tougher level, such as recklessness. Kroll found councilmembers "felony stupid, not felony criminal. People have their own views on whether there was intent or this was just incompetence," says DeMaio. The Securities and Exchange Commission will use San Diego as the canary in the coal mine for other cities ailing from pension woes. "San Diego will be a model of what to do and what not to do."

In my opinion, it's the Kroll report that will become a model of what not to do namely, swindle a strapped city. The report was a \$20.3 million scissors-and-paste job, and anyone who studied Levitt's all-bluster/little-action history should have expected

Pump problem

Richard Brady and Associates had produced a "punch," or final observation, list on June 6. The list indicates that the "automatic transfer scheme" and "softstarts" for the pumps were not yet completed. Softstarts are complex mechanisms that allow amperage in pump motors to ramp

up slowly after power is turned on. Without them, since water is incompressible, turning on full power to the motor will cause a "water hammer" effect.

Three days later, Danielle Riker of Richard Brady emailed Neal Electric seeking a"commitment for completing the open items" on the punch list. Neal's Sam Passanisi responded on June 13 that the softstarts were finally completed and that the automatic transfer scheme would be completed by mid-July.

On June 29, the day before the end of the district's fiscal year, Otay's development services chief Rod Posada sent an "update" to assistant general manager Manny Magaña. It indicated that a "recommendation for [job] acceptance" had been signed on June 15. Yet it stated that the Square D Company was still designing key functions of the automatic transfer switch. "The design is expected to be complete June 30, with installation early July. This will be handled as a warranty item."

By phone in late July, Richard Brady's Peter Lloyd tells me that finishing work on the pump station is like moving into a new office. "You've got what you need," he says, "but some rearranging needs to be done before you feel like everything's right." Lloyd adds that transferring the power source to the station's generator is not dependent on an automatic system. It can be done manually. I ask him whether he would consider the station to be up and running. "You'll have to ask the district that," he says.

But even the softstart problems were not over. On July 6, Neal Electric's Passanisi tried to get the subcontractor Square D's and the project manager's attention. "What is the status of the service tech to the jobsite?... Please help out! THIS IS HOT. What does it take to get a service rep to the job? Also, we need to get training done. When could this happen?"

On a "project look-ahead schedule" printed on July 12, the water district instructed Spiess Construction to "continue to perform punch list items." A new schedule on July 25 repeated the same instruction and indicated further the need for Square D to conduct training with the district's operations division. When the training took place during the week of July 24 to 28, one pump was not up at all, another pump's softstart did not work, and none of the pumps had functional transfer switching schemes.

A member of the EastLake community familiar with the 980-2 pump station project tells me that the district may still have to spend more of its own money to get everything completed. He wishes to remain anonymous out of fear that his identity might lead to recriminations against district employees he knows. The potential additional expenditures are likely to involve the automatic transfer scheme, which has elaborate software controlling it. Electrical circuit diagrams reveal, according to my source, that what is required to get the scheme running is not merely a warranty repair. "They're still in the engineering design phase," he says. "Those diagrams show them still struggling to design an automatic transfer scheme that will work."

On July 27, employees received an e-mail from Otay Water District general manager Mark Watton announcing a consolidation of "Development Services and Engineering into one department.... I appreciate [chief of engineering Mehdi Arbabian's] professional orientation and wish him the best in all his future endeavors." In an attached e-mail, Arbabian wrote, "We have reached a mutual agreement so I can now seek other opportunities."

Consolidating Arbabian's responsibilities into his own is chief of development services Rod Posada. He's the one who on February 1 assured Otay district board president Bonilla that the 980-2 pump station project, though a little behind schedule, was going swimmingly.

On August 2, according to spokesman Buelna, the district released retention fees to contractors who worked on the pump station project. But according to my source, "More training is still needed, two pumps and an electronic softstart do not work, and the transfer switch is still in the design phase. These are all contract obligations, not warranty issues." ■

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Am I Seeing Things?

Concerning the front-page story, "Who's in Charge Here?" (August 10), the artist's rendition of the proposed Paseo development is very interesting because in the vertical Paseo sign, it looks as though the s in the middle of the word is a dollar sign. I'm just wondering, is that a coincidence or maybe my blurry old eyes are seeing things that aren't there, or is it a clever trompe l'oeil?

University City

Truth And Guts

I take offense to the editorial cartoon about the Freedom Concert in Chula Vista and Sean Hannity (Neal Obermeyer). Americans have a right to freedom, of all diverse cultures; Sean Hannity has the guts to speak out. He backs it up with truth and helps the veterans' children with profits from his concerts. Leave the insults out — this cartoon smells of 1960s underground papers. Be American, live American, cut out the derogatory statements towards real people who care about our veterans and those who care about diverse cultures. Demonic people who hate our country can move to Muslim countries or Russia, China; take Jane Fonda with them.

> Jack D. via e-mail

End Of Discussion

Regarding Neal Obermeyer's cartoon from the August 10 issue: How tidy and convenient that Obermeyer is able to express in a single-panel cartoon the narrow-minded and bigoted attitude of - not conservatives — but liberals! Nice and easy — categorize the people who attended the Freedom Concert as mind-numb robots (Limbaugh's term) so you can easily dismiss their concerns and ideas. No more thinking needed here — no reason to discuss anything, no reason to engage anyone who disagrees with you.

Maybe the people who attended the concert were like the father portrayed in the "Diary of a Diva" from the same issue — a conservative who can't be stereotyped, attending a gay rights parade because he believes in diversity. It must be too hard a concept to grasp. Better to stick to the stereotype — keep painting the paper tiger to fit the image of what you are against and apply it to anyone who doesn't fit into your way of thinking.

> Marty Lovik via e-mail

A Hawaiian Heads-Up

Aloha! Just a short note to let you know that I really enjoy reading the Reader online. I lived in San Diego until 1997 and now call Maui, Hawaii, home. I especially enjoy the restaurant reviews and am keeping copies of the reviews of restaurants that I want to try when I get back to San Diego. I do want to point out an error in Naomi Wise's review ("A Legend Reborn," August 10), not about the food, but in the location: 454 Sixth Avenue is located between Island and J streets, and not between J and K streets as mentioned in the review. Anyway, mahalo nui loa (thank you very much) for giving me hours of pleasure in reading your paper.

> Glenda Brooks via e-mail

The Big Agenda

In response to the headline at the bottom of the August 10 issue, which read, "Prayer Tents Edge Out Drugs and Nakedness." Since when is nakedness a bad thing, something to be ashamed of? Are we not all born naked and technically nude under these clothes we have decided are necessary? I'm trying to write a good letter here, but I just can't because I would never want anything of mine to be published in the Reader. Being associated with the Reader is something to be ashamed of, the free magazine with its Christianzealot editor who every week approves some inane story setting back intellectual progress on the cover. Some of you in this magazine are good writers — get out and go on to better things. I'm disappointed in the Reader's agenda.

Name Withheld

Hometown Disappointment

In the current issue of the

Reader marked August 10, there is a very tasteless cartoon about Stevie Salas ("Famous Former Neighbors"). There is mention of him losing his girlfriend, which is not only a very private thing but also a very backward way to discuss his successes and accomplishments. If that is in fact what the article was trying to achieve, it would have been better to stick to the positives, i.e., his successes with Mick Jagger and other said musicians who recognized and utilized his talents. I am very disappointed that my hometown paper would allow such a tactless and nasty depiction of someone's career. Stevie also being from San Diego should have been able to count on getting more than a rude comic strip from his hometown paper as well. I suggest that you keep a close eye on Jay Allen Sanford, as he does not seem to be attracting the right kind of attention to the Reader.

Emily M. Tessmer via e-mail

Bad City! Bad City! I just read the article on

Over the Line today ("Beer, Blondes, and More Beer," "Crasher," August 10). I follow the "Crasher" column and love it a lot. This one really upset me. The fact that the City of San Diego and San Diego firefighters would be involved in this type of event and want to even be represented at OTL is shocking. The picture of the Porta Potties that, among several other derogatory signs, showed "Jews," "Muslims," and "Real Women" was actually shocking. The whole event should not have the appearance of any City approval, except for authorized public safety operations. Are those San Diego Fire Department personnel being paid with our tax dollars? Now, that's a good gig.

I thought Josh did a really good job capturing the absurdity of Over the Line. I am not a big fan of OTL at all. I think of them as a bunch of white, sexist old men. I know a woman who once went and she was groped.

I liked the dig on Rod Luck. I had a bad experience with him once, so that was funny to read.

I love this column. It's written with a great sense of humor that is tongue-incheek. The column has a unique tone, and Josh has a rare voice and the ability to put you right in the middle of the party.

> **Quentin Proulx** Mira Mesa

Nose Of The Camel

Regarding SeaWorld, James Comstock (Letters, August 10) stated, "[I]t was announced that a restaurant was going to be built there called SeaWorld. That's right, a restaurant. Well, that never happened...."

Mr. Comstock must be senile, because Atlantis restaurant was built and served excellent cuisine. Unfortunately, SeaWorld used it as a camel's nose into the tent, closed it down, replaced it with corporate offices, and expanded. But San Diegans are not a bright bunch. Relatively recently, they voted to allow SeaWorld to build a Mission Bay blight tower, Atlantis resurrected.

Being no fan of Sea-World, I must admit that Mr. Comstock is ignorant or, at best, forgetful.

Fred Crowe via e-mail

Welcome Back

I am delighted to see John Brizzolara's return to the "TGIF" column in the Reader. I have known John for almost 20 years, and he remains a wry observer of the human condition, a fine prose stylist — and a very funny fellow. In addition, there is no better friend when times are bad than John Brizzolara.

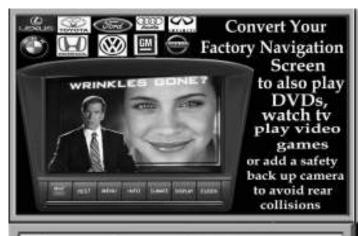
Thanks for providing a forum for John's writing. Even though I no longer live in San Diego, I check out the Reader weekly, and "TGIF" is my first stop.

Mark Martin Tacoma, Washington

Two Degrees Of Separation

In answer to Mr. Ashton's question to me (Letters, Au-

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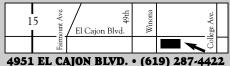




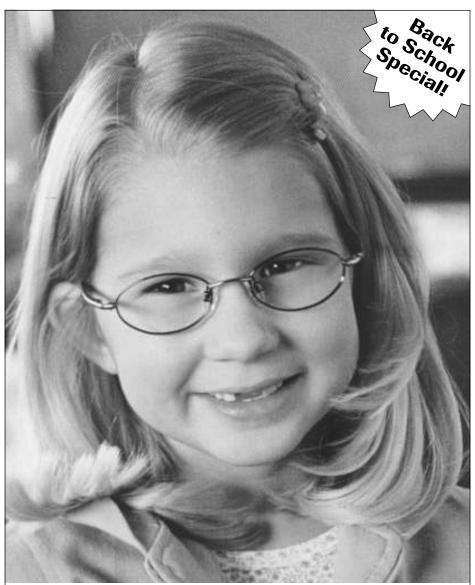
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gust 3). No, my tiny paragraph to you did not make me feel better...until now.

Your bragging about having just received your bachelor's degree does not impress me, due to the fact that I hold a higher degree.

As a former school administrator, I always got a chuckle out of my eighth graders bragging about how great they were. The kindergartners next door were in awe of them, while the high school seniors down the street couldn't care less. It's all relative.

I would suggest you take a big breath and just relax. It's really not worth getting upset over nor telling people to "piss off." You're now making yourself look like a fool.

> Ron Clayton via e-mail

Honest? Ridiculous

I wanted to comment on Barbarella's "One Life to Lead" column ("Diary of a Diva," August 3). Specifically, I wanted to comment on your not signing a getwell card for a sick coworker. In my opinion, not signing the card doesn't make you "honest" or "consistent," it makes you "ridiculous." Have you ever spent time at home sick or been in the hospital for an extended period of time? After a while you get lonely, and it's nice to hear from friends or coworkers. All you had to do is sign the card "Get well soon — Barb." Would that have killed you or compromised your "integrity"? It's not as though you had to give her your phone number or make plans to hang out with her. Get over yourself.

Dave via e-mail

Alien Nation

Ollie's senseless TV tirade column ("Remote Control King") infuriates, disgusts, and alienates me. It's also the first thing I turned to this morning.

> Tamara Arnold Golden Hill

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



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Dear Matthew:

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I can understand how the odor molecules get to our odor sensors, and I can understand that these sensors send the signals directly to our brain. But I cannot understand what are the processes inside the sensors themselves. Do they distinguish the size of molecules, or do they feel their forms, or perhaps there are some specified chemical reactions in these sensors giving the signals? It is more or less clear how we can hear, a little less clear how we can see, but how do we feel the odor?

— Yuri Balega, astronomer from Russia

Yeah, we've figured out how to feel the burn, but we're not so clear on feel the stink. But there's hope. Since two American scientists made a Nobel-winning smell breakthrough back in the '90s, the bio-chem guys have been up our noses with a vengeance. Actually, up rats' noses mostly, since they're a popular lab model for the human schnozz and rats are champeen smellers, after dogs. But there are even scientists who managed to coax out grant money to study smell ability in fruit fly antennae. Fruit flies have big old genes, easy to see, but don't ask me where that work is going.

The Nobel-worthy discovery was a set of genes dedicated to producing individual smell sensors in noses. We have about a thousand of them. Each sensor is different from the other 999 and is configured to detect a very narrow and chemically similar range of odor molecules. Oh, I probably should say that what we call the smell of cow pies is actually formed by a unique combination of basic chemical molecules that produces "Aha! Cow pies!" when recombined in our brains. There's no single cow-pie-smell gene or single cowpie molecule.

So we snort in a good, rich stink, the molecules are grabbed by mucus in the smelldetection area at the backs of our noses, and they lock into the appropriate sensors. Unfortunately, there's your question, and though they're toiling away like little beavers, the science guys don't yet have a solid answer. But it looks like sensors recognize the molecules by their size, shape, and the physical organization of their surfaces.

Anyway, the connection between the sensor and the odor molecule changes the chemistry of the sensor, which generates a signal (unique to each sensor) that passes through a series of smell-dedicated cells. The many signals that make up "cow pie" hit our brains, our brains recognize the "cow pie" pattern, and we look down to see what we've stepped in. The whole system, from nose to brain, is a physical connection of cells. And, of course, the whole system is much more complicated than I've made it sound.

From our thousand receptors, the science guys figure there are enough signal combinations to allow us to detect about 10,000 odors. Actually, only 500 or 600 of our sensors may actually still work. In the animal world, humans are smell wimps, and we've lost some detection abilities through the millennia. We don't have to rely as much on smell these days to keep ourselves safe or find food or mates. (But the love-connection thing does have a smell component, even though we are not consciously aware of it.)

Back in the real world, there are big bucks in smells. The emotional and behavioral associations we have with odors are strong motivators. Get a scent just right and it could make your product a winner, even if it's not a food or a perfume. And, personally, my nose seems okay, but this whole thing has given me a headache.

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The phrase "break a leg" comes from the understudy [in the theater who hopes the star will] "break a leg" so that they may have his/her chance to go on in their place. Simple? Mike Flinn, dot com land

Simple as folk, Mike. Wrong as folk, too. Another widely believed folk etymology. Sorry.

According to my high school history teacher, it's true that [some cultures] wish bad luck on someone in order for them to have good luck.... The Germans even have a word for wishing bad things on someone else, so that you may feel good (schadenfreude). Of course they would come up with the concept of wishing you bad luck with the intent of fooling the karma gods into providing you good luck instead. A friend of mine (of German descent, no less) often wishes people after a party or whatever, "Drive fast. Take chances." It's his way of doing whatever he can to direct good fortune on his guests by reversing whatever bad juju he may personally bring into the equation by wishing them good luck.

— Paul Willemssen, Bav Park

And perhaps his way of raising the highway death rate among people who don't get the good-luck/bad-luck switch.

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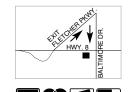
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"As we sing 'Empty Me' together, just make it a prayer in your heart," said the music leader before the penultimate song. "Say, God, empty me of everything I am.' It was his second such request for prayer, and it lent the opening music a meditative quality.

Pastor Barry Minkow's opening prayer picked up the theme: Our prayer today is specific: that we would release our grip and cling to You."

The rest of the service was mostly a commentary on the eighth chapter of John's Gospel, verses 37-59. Minkow's compact form bobbed with restless energy back and forth across the stage he roamed, down the stairs and out into various parts of the congregation, now tugging at his shirt, now pointing at the screen, returning now and then to the podium before striding forth again.

His sermon followed suit, launching out in all directions, but always coming back to the text, and occasionally to a central notion: "Jesus is confronting a religious system, and it's a heated debate. The religious elite of the day were controlling the common people through guilt.... Jesus came to say that access to God is not by force or by guilt; it's by a free love relationship. They made the common people feel like they weren't good enough.... Jesus Christ comes and says, 'You are so good enough. In my eyes, you're good enough for eternity forever with me." But the religious elite "didn't want to relinquish their grip on the power that they had."

Minkow said that, "In like manner, a lot of us are clutchers. Then we get confronted with a Gospel that says, 'I've got to go into the foot-washing business to be great in the body of Christ'.... Would you be willing to relax your grip on your privileges and prerogatives for the Lord Jesus Christ? The answer for the Jews was no, but it's still a valid question."

Jesus, noted Minkow, "was not a clutcher,"

but someone who "although he was, by very nature, God...made himself of no reputation...to come and save you and me." That humility, that desire to do His Father's will and honor His Father, persisted throughout the reading. At the end, Jesus obliquely revealed his divinity by saying, "Before Abraham was, I AM," and when his opponents took up rocks to stone him, "He hid himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them."

'This is the confirmation of the Bible's authenticity," said Minkow. "He wanted to live and preach the truth and love people another day, and he just quietly — without drawing any supernatural, phony, Hollywood attention to himself — concealed himself so he could walk

That was the principal theme; on to the digressions: When the Pharisees said, "We are the children of Abraham," Minkow warned against trusting in "what you did in the past for Jesus at some formal religious ceremony.... Your upbringing is not the issue, your obedience is, and your love and passion for the Lord Jesus

Christ." He expounded on "the works of Abraham" that Jesus mentioned - "it's when you believe God when it doesn't make sense.... That's when Abraham got saved."

The Pharisees: "We have one Father, God." Jesus: "If God were your Father, you would love me." Minkow: "Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart? I know what it looks like when I love something. If the answer is yes, how do you reconcile that with your lukewarm approach? The truth is, we love ourselves."

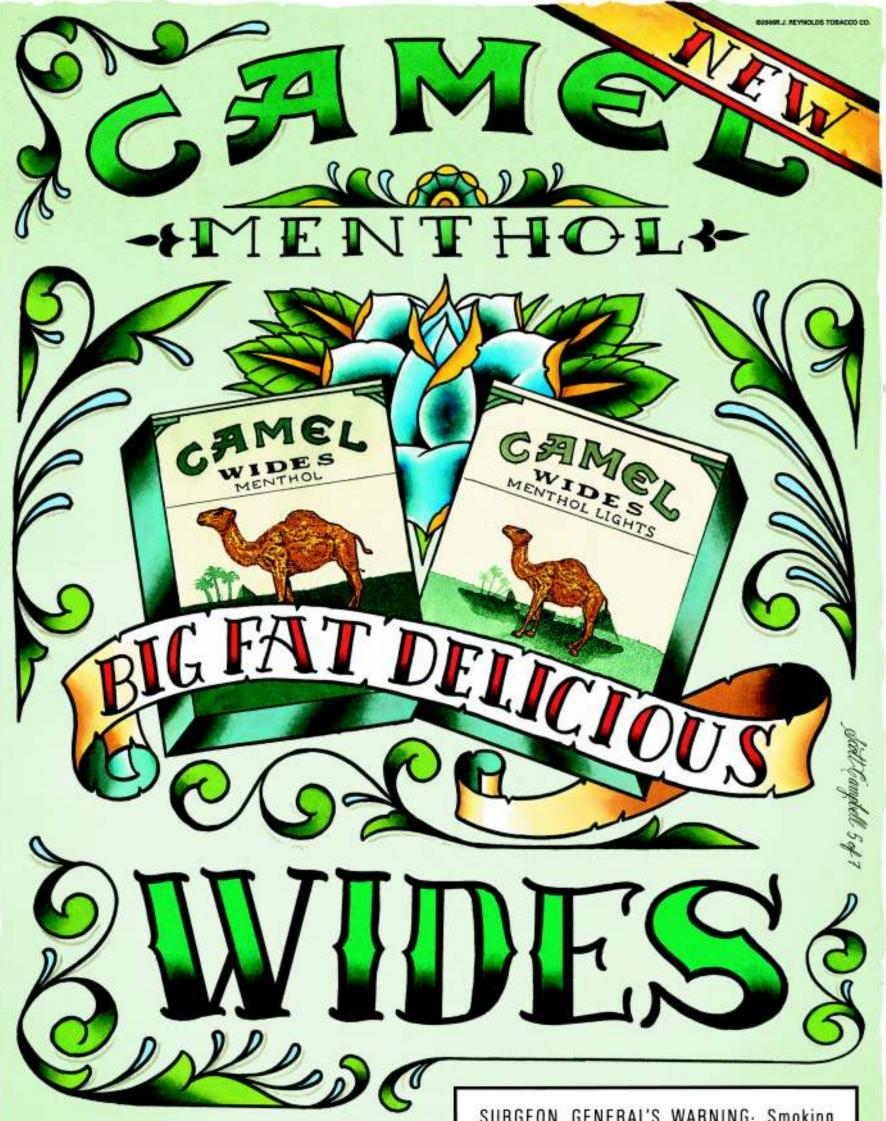
When Jesus told the Pharisees that their father was the devil, Minkow said it put the lie to the supposedly soft God of the New Testament, and he took the occasion to celebrate objective truth over the rule of feelings. When Jesus asked, rhetorically, who could convict him of sin, Minkow said, "He lived a sinless, perfect

life — that's who you follow." He then read an account of Mohammed's leaving nine widows, one of whom was nine when she married him.

And when Jesus promised, "If anyone keeps my word, he shall never see death," Minkow took the opportunity to explain. "When your brainwave goes flat and they pronounce you dead, less than one millisecond later, when you open your eyes, you're in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. But in the Bible...death is also separation: 'You he hath quickened who were dead in your trespasses.' If you don't know Jesus, here's what you have in store for you: when your brainwave goes flat, and you open your eyes less than a millisecond later, you will be eternally separated from God in a place called Hell. Eternal separation is the second death — you'll see death. When Stephen was being stoned, he said, "Look! I see the heavens opening up and Jesus at the right hand.' He didn't see death.'

– Matthew Lickona

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The shortbread tasting was a success. Now I needed jam for the tea party shower I was throwing for my pregnant friend. Tasty strawberry jams I had covered, but I wanted to find a fruity blackberry jam to spread over the crumpets. My husband Patrick agreed to assist at the tasting, as did my mother. With his delicate palate and my mother's

jam knowledge accrued over years of having "foursies"—tea and toast at four — I knew we would come up with a winner.

The jam hunt had an ominous beginning. Trader Joe's had none on their shelves, nor did Henry's. I was beginning to wonder if we'd have enough variety to compare. But after trudging through a few more stores, I came away with a wide selection.

We popped open the lid of the Smucker's Seedless Blackberry Jam (\$3.88 for 18 oz. at Vons). "Oozes in the mouth," I muttered. "Tastes like jelly. I would have thought it was grape jelly if I didn't know better," Patrick added.

Smucker's Simply 100% Fruit Spreadable Fruit (\$3.51 for 10 oz. at Vons) suffered from too much sweetness. "This is deceptive," said Patrick, "you would think from the name that this jar would be full of chunks of fruit, but it's not."

"Too syrupy, not enough berries," added Mom.

The last Smucker's jar fared no better. Sugar Free Seedless Blackberry Jam (\$4.05 for 12.75 oz. at Vons), though it hit the tongue with a strong blackberry tang, was quickly followed by a lingering NutraSweet aftertaste.

Knott's Berry Farm's Pure Seedless Jam (\$4.13 for 16 oz. at Vons) had the consistency of rice pudding and the taste was syrup sweet. "I'm beginning to wonder if the jams that have corn syrup don't all tend to have a uniform sweetness that is not the sweetness that comes with a berry off the vine," questioned Patrick. "Corn syrup makes jam taste like Dr. Pepper."

Vons Seedless Blackberry Preserves (\$3.35 for 18 oz. at Vons) was another loser, overly sweet with only a faint echo of black-

berry. "Another jar suffering from a grape jelly identity crisis," noticed Patrick.

Patrick.

We had begun
to give up hope in
finding a keeper
until we tasted Safeway Select Blackberry
Jam (\$2.74 for 11.5 oz.
at Vons). It was the first
jar that was made from seeded
blackberries. "The crunch and bitterness of
the seeds combined with the sweet tang of the
blackberry make for a sweet-and-sour effect
that I just love," opined Patrick.

Organics Blackberry Preserve (\$2.79 for 11 oz. at Vons) was another favorite for the group. Popping open the jar, the jam looked reddish. "Looking at it, I would think it was a raspberry jam," noticed Mom. "Bigger seeds than the last one, and a strong fruit taste," added Patrick. Another keeper.

Cascadian Farm Blackberry Fruit Spread (\$2.99 for 10 oz. at Whole Foods) was another

"Corn syrup makes jam taste like Dr. Pepper."

jar for the loser group. "A runny jam, and I taste lemon," said Mom. "I got a whole blackberry, which was delicious," added Patrick, "but between the fruit is a liquid jelly that tastes like syrup." Mom dug into the jar searching for another blackberry but came up short. "You found the only whole fruit in the jar," she said. "If you have to search in the jar for a piece of fruit, that's no good," laughed Patrick.

Blackberry Fruit Spread by 365 (\$1.59 for 10 oz. at Whole Foods) melted away on the tongue. "I want more blackberry," said Mom, "and I'm only tasting grape."

"It seems that with some of these jams," noticed Patrick, "like the Organics jam, the sweetness in the jam brings out the flavor of the fruit; it doesn't overpower the fruit flavor. But a lot of these brands, like this 365 jar, the sweet fights against the fruit and you're left with no fruit, just sweet."

Another winner was the Whole Foods Blackberry Jam (\$2.69 for 12 oz. at Whole Foods). In the thick consistency of the jam, you could see pieces of berries. It was odd how few jars that could be said for. "Just the look

of it reminds me of picking berries," reminisced Mom. The tart of

the blackberry was strong, held up with a subtle backing of sugar. We wondered, however, about one of its ingredients, lemon juice. Some of the jams that contained it tasted too lemony, but this jar you couldn't taste lemon. "I guess it's like the lemon in guacamole," said Patrick. "It should bring out the flavor of

the main ingredient, not overpower it." We set it aside as a definite keeper.
We set the Hero Blackberry jam (\$3.29 for 12 oz. at Whole Foods) with the collection of too-sweet jams and did the same for the

next jar of Hartley's Best Blackberry Jam (\$4.99

for 340g at All Things Bright and British).

The last two tastings were recommendations from storeowners. The saleslady at the British tea shop had suggested I try the Robertson's Bramble Jelly (\$4.99 for 340g). "Bramble jelly is quite similar to the blackberry jelly," she explained.

"After tasting chunky jams, it is hard to go to jellies; they suffer by comparison," said Patrick. "But as jellies go, this is passable."

"I'm not tasting much fruit at all in this," I added, setting it aside.

Last, we dug into The Irish Shop recommendation, Chivers Blackcurrant Jam (\$6.50 for 454g). Each of us had a different reaction. Patrick, the opinionated one of the bunch, had the first word.

"I like the resistance you get when you dig your spoon into the jam, but I don't like all the chewy bits I have to work through in my mouth."

"That's what I love about it," I disagreed. "I want to chew a bit with jam. And the black currant has a strong fruit flavor." Mom liked the consistency but not the flavor. We set that one aside as a draw and settled down to some tea to wash the sweetness off of our palates.

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Crasher

SHADOW BOXER

by Josh Board

was invited to a gay pride party on July 29, when the Pride parade would pass through Joseph's neighborhood. Getting to the party was difficult, however, as University Avenue was closed, and 100,000 people were lining the streets of Hillcrest.

This year's was the 32nd annual Pride festival. I went to Pride several years ago to see Cyndi Lauper and Candy Kane perform. This year, they had 20 bands, including Debbie Gibson and Tiffany (yes, the one that went from malls singing "I Think We're Alone Now" to posing in *Playboy*).

I wasn't going to Balboa Park, but with the number of cars exiting the 163 there, it seemed like everyone in San Diego was headed for the park.

After 45 minutes stuck in traffic, I found a spot near Extraordinary Desserts, which was around the corner from Joseph's apartment.

Joseph was running back and forth between his party and the table he had set up to sell T-shirts. I asked him how difficult it was to get a permit to do this. He laughed and told me he didn't have one. He just figured he'd set up until he was told to leave.



Top: Gary, Eli Hans, Stacie Birky Greene, Joseph Bennett, Karen Bernauer; Bottom left: Chili Chilch, Brooke, Colleen Finnigan; Bottom right: Eli Hans and Karen Bernauer

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water to third-world countries. Although, as people walked by, the charity talk sounded awkloved and lost, than to be stuck with the bitch for the rest of your life," and "Nobody knows I'm a mystery shopper."

Some of them were simple — "Great catch," "Author, unknown." I got one for a friend that said, "If life is a stage, I'm gonna need better lighting."

After an hour, the police shut Joseph's table down. He folded it up and moved it in front of his apartment. There were fewer people walking by, but those who stopped

laughed at the phrases as they picked through the pile looking for their size.

A rainbow banner was hanging from the balcony, and a bubble machine was going full speed.

A few people shared time at the table between runs upstairs to grab food.

I admired Joseph's art on the walls and his interesting shadow boxes. It turns out Joseph has his work hanging in galleries in New York, Chicago, and Berlin. A few of his pieces were abstract, and I went into my complaint about abstract art. He laughed and said, "When there's a piece vou don't understand, the artist can always say, 'It's about man's inhumanity to man."

Joseph said his love for this type of art started at his father's workbench — tangled wire, rusty metal, dusty cabinets, the hidden treasures beneath cobwebs. As I looked at the art, I said, "It must be hard for you to walk by antique stores." He laughed and said, "Yeah, I can find lots of stuff at thrift stores and in alleys. These are objects that were once used and loved, held for a time and then dis-

"These are objects that were once used and loved, held for a time and then discarded."

would be a good idea to get people talking. We donate a portion of the money to charity. I'm not going to be hawking shirts the rest of my life."

shirts. "People will comment

on your shirt. But if it doesn't

say anything, people won't say

hi to each other. Rob Halford

[of Judas Priest] is my neigh-

times on the street. I say hello

down. His partner is the same

way. So, I thought these shirts

bor. I've passed him several

to him, and he just looks

I looked at the brochure for the charity. It had to do

ward. I think people felt it was a big sales pitch and often didn't stop.

I laughed at the phrases on the shirts: "The Artist Formerly Known as Undiscovered," "It is better to have

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carded.... I think curators like the fact that I'm using stuff in my art that would end up in landfills. Right now, I have so much rusty metal and dolls' heads in various drawers."

I was introduced to his partner Eli, and I asked how they met. Eli said, "It was six years ago at a mass commitment ceremony in Balboa Park. There were 110,000 people, and we just turned and looked at each other and decided to do it. We've been together ever since."

Joseph adds that they have a lot in common. Both are artists. And they both have the same middle

When I went out to the balcony, I met a woman who told me her party stories. She was from St. Louis and said that she was at a record-release party for Deep Purple decades ago. It was at a tiny café, and the band trashed the place. They got coke (I'm not sure which kind) all over the movie projectors and were throwing wheels of cheese around. She said, "After their concert, they came back to the café. We all locked the doors and hid, hoping they'd just go away. They were pounding on the door yelling, "It's Deep Purple! It's Deep Purple, let us in!"

I noticed some bubbles going into the house, and I asked Joseph if they would damage his artwork. He said, "That's a good

I talked to another woman who pointed to a wasps' nest. She said, "They're mud daubers." I asked if she knew a lot about wasps and bees. She replied. "Yeah, I'm allergic to them." I said, "Even wasps? I didn't think their sting was the same as a bee's."

I also wondered why she was still standing out there if she was allergic.

She told me allergies to bees run in her family and related a story about her brother riding a motorcycle near Sacramento. A bee flew into his helmet

and stung him, and there was no place for him to stop. By the time he finally got to the hospital, his head had swelled so much, they couldn't get the helmet off.

Joseph came out and we pointed out the wasp. He said to me, "Do you

want a stick?" After a short pause he added, "I wonder how many times you've been asked that

I laughed and said, "I'm not going to touch that thing. I got stung messing with a wasps' nest when I was five."

From the balcony, we had conversations with the people walking by on the sidewalk below. I said to one person who had been at Joseph's party, "I can see your bald spot from up here." He covered it up with his hand and threw a hat on as he smiled. A

woman looked up and said, "That's his little solar panel."

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by Barbarella

Getting to Know You

I always feel like somebody's watching me.

— Rockwell

played it off as a joke when David gave me binoculars for my birthday last year, something that would have been easier to do had they not been so expensive-looking, so *serious*. The first few days of owning my new toy, I watched birds and made a game of trying to read street signs farther and farther away.

When the new building began to go up next door, birds and street signs gave way to workmen. With my fancy binoculars, I could zoom in close

In five minutes of anonymous observation, I can potentially learn something about a man that took his best friend five years to discover.

enough to acquaint myself with the benign mole on one guy's cheek, the nostril hairs of his fellow laborer, and the chin acne of their young assistant. I watched them pick their noses, smoke their cigarettes, and scratch their asses, the frequently visible cracks of which I did my best to avoid viewing. I witnessed sweat drip from their brows as they painted hot tar on the roof, and I held my breath like a nervous mother as they fearlessly

scaled the scaffolding.

I am a voyeur. Not the freaky "got-one-hand-onthe-magic-button-andwaiting-for-the-action-tobegin"-type of voyeur, or even the sadistic "if-I-keepwatching-there's-boundto-be-blood"-type; rather, I am the curious amateur anthropologist, the dogged "I-wonder-what-sort-ofthings-I-will-discoverwhile-watching-the-behavior-of-one-who-doesn'tseem-to-think-anyone'swatching"-type of voyeur.

People look different when they think they're alone. In repose, I have a tendency to relax my jaw; because I do not have a perfect bite, this means my mouth is left open — not a yawning gape, just a narrow, tooth-revealing interlude between my upper and lower lips. Despite my belief at one time that this

was a pleasing, sexy Marilyn Monroe sort of look, if I suddenly become aware that I am being watched, I smartly obey the wise words of my father that echo in my head: "Shut your mouth, you look like a retard!"

To those around me, the moment I remember I am not shielded within some opaque bubble is pathetically transparent — a subtle shift in my posture, the swift closing of my mouth, and a slight raise of my chin (similar to the position I assume when a camera is pointed my way) make it clear that I am no longer existing in a state of complete and natural relaxation.

If I behave differently, depending on whether or not I think anyone can see me, then of course everyone else must do the same. The workmen left months ago, and the first residents, a young couple and a cat, have just moved into one of the two-story units. I feel like I know them. On Saturday morning, when I sit at my desk to check my e-mail, they're eating breakfast together at the dining table in their typical at-home garb — a white robe for her, a pair of dark shorts for him. He reads the paper and looks up every now and then to respond to something she says. Meanwhile, the cat tentatively explores its new domain.

"We should invite them over," David said, after he noticed the couple sitting on their terrace with a few friends the other night. "Don't you think they'd find that a little...weird? I mean, think about it — 'Hi, you don't know us, but we live in the building next door, and we can't help but notice you going about your day — by the way, I dig your new couch that's still wrapped in plastic — and we were wondering if you wanted to hang out with us.' Come on, David, that's creepy," I said.

"What if we held a sign up to the window? Something like, 'Wanna come over?' and our phone number?" I raised my brows at him and stayed quiet, allowing him time to picture this scenario in his mind, along with all of the potentially uncomfortable consequences of either coming on so strong to complete strangers or holding up a sign with our phone number for anyone who happens to drive by to see. "Fine, you're right," he allowed. "That might be a little weird.

I don't need to be friends with our neighbors, I just want to keep tabs on what they're doing; it gives David and me something to talk about: "Hey, the cat jumped out of the window again, wonder if this is the day it will either take the plunge off the side of the building or shit in the bamboo planter," I'll say. "Looks like a pizza party on the terrace," David will note. "Hey, is that Scrabble they're playing?" I'll ask. "Wonder when they're going to put all that crap away in the spare bedroom," David

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will speculate. On Monday mornings in offices across the country, people gather around the water cooler to talk about the latest reality TV shows; David and I discuss the real-life, unedited version in our back yard.

I often forget that it's as easy for my new neighbors to see me as it is for me to see them. I'll be sitting at my desk, obsessively tweezing my brows or making strange faces at my computer, and then notice *her*, standing at the window, holding a cordless phone to her ear. Did she see me? What did I look like? Should I be embarrassed? I can't help my reaction; I sit up straighter, drop the compact mirror and tweezers down on my desk, and slap an "appropriate" expression on my

Ironically, I'm terrified of being caught in my natural, relaxed state – my jaw hung slack, my shoulders hunched, my brows furrowed in thought, much like a hairless monkey passing the time. I know it looks bad. I know it's not "proper," but, man, it sure is comfortable. And yet, even though I don't want to be seen with my guard down, part of me wants to be watched, as if the interest of another person somehow validates me, as if my purpose is not just to sit here looking stupid, but to look stupid so that someone else may watch me do

Some of the most intimate things we can share

with another person are our little routines, our quotidian rituals. I feel like I'm being let in on some kind of secret when I watch someone who doesn't seem to know I'm watching. In five minutes of anonymous observation, I can potentially learn something about a man that took his best friend five years to discover. Just as my neighbors might catch me attempting to gauge my flexibility by touching my big toe to my cheek, a habit I managed to hide from David for the first few years of our relationship.

It's interesting to feel such intimacy with people I've never officially met. This morning I went across the street for a cup of tea when I spotted her, the neighbor I watch, walking toward me. I smiled the familiar smile of an old friend and had the urge to run up to her, embrace her, and ask her what she was up to. She returned my silent greeting with the reserved smile of a stranger passing on the street. Seeing this, I withheld my barrage of questions in the sudden realization that I didn't even know her name. ■



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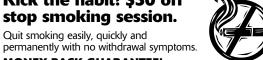
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Ja Rule

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6:02: "We don't sound like any other station in Southern California. Musically diverse radio for San Diego — a Lincoln Financial station." Quite the claims. It segues into the Queens of the Stone Age's "Go with the Flow," which I think came on around the same time as "Take Me Out." If FM 94.9 was trying to be a nostalgia gap—closing classic rock station, I think they'd be doing okay. As to the claim of not sounding like any other

station, somehow I get the impression that that is an unverifiable claim. If you are bickering with the other local rock station by slashing artists from your playlist because they are playing the other station's concert, wouldn't that lead the readers of the station's mission statement to assume that your station sounds similar to the other station?

6:05: Radiohead, "High and Dry," an instantaneous

transition into this song.

Haven't had a commercial yet,
which is nice. This Radiohead
song is played too much, but
as far as I'm concerned, they
could replace all of the
"Karma Police" plays with it,
and it wouldn't be too much.
I think I was in seventh grade
when this song came out. I
remember seeing the video
for it once or twice, but I
don't remember it getting a
lot of radio play. It probably is
the radio equivalent of an

Office Space effect, ignored in its time but regarded as a classic and seemingly omnipresent after a few years have passed.

6:08: The FM 94.9 mission statement is an entertaining read. "#8 — Deeper Tracks — We will play more than just the hit singles from albums, both old and new" doesn't seem to be in effect yet. We've had three hits in a row. If only the 94.9 softball team could get that lucky! *Zing!*







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6:09: This is Tom DeLonge from Angels and Airwaves. "You're listening to my favorite [bleep]ing station, FM 94.9, where it's about the [bleep]ing music." Now they're going to play an Angels and Airwaves song, which, from what I've heard, are very long. That bleeping out of the swear words may have gotten me banned from listening to this station when I was younger. I still remember the talk my mom had with me after my two-year-old brother turned on the radio in my bedroom, which was set to WAVA, and started dancing to Salt n' Pepa's "Let's Talk About Sex." I was forced to "take a break" from that station for a while. If only it could have been "What a Man"; things



Rage Against the Machine

might have turned out very differently.

6:12: This band is the new project of the lead guy from blink-182. I came to San Diego after blink had made the big time, but I'm guessing that a good number of music fans found their rise to prominence on the national music scene an infuriating prospect. I saw them twice at festivals. Their stage banter reminded me of Terrence and Phillip on *South Park*. Realizing that they made the same dick jokes at every show was sobering.

6:14: Extended Edgeesque delay-effect guitar fadeout on this song. They have expanded their musical horizons indeed.

6:15: Ah, an announcer! They're taking a break, but when they come back we've got "Piggy," "a Zero," and a "Bombtrack." And, what's this? Traffic is forthcoming! But for now, a Kaiser Permanente ad. Kaiser Permanente "lets doctors be doctors." You know what happens when we do that? Your doctors become even better doctors!

6:16: Ad for Malibu rum with guys using fake, borderline-offensive Jamaican accents reenacting scenes from island life. Going to the shrimp shack, drinking rum. They sound a step away from singing "Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah," mon.

6:17: Verizon V Cast phone commercial, featuring songs from Yellowcard and the Subways. I wonder if that ad was pitched as having the feature that people might hear these songs playing while flipping channels, and they stop on the station thinking it was playing the song they'd excerpted. I bet it was. Screw those ad executives.

6:18: VW ad featuring a fake German accent. Don't know who thinks those things are good ideas.

6:19: One more commercial, but we're back! Liza with traffic. My old boss would say that one of the reasons she didn't want satellite











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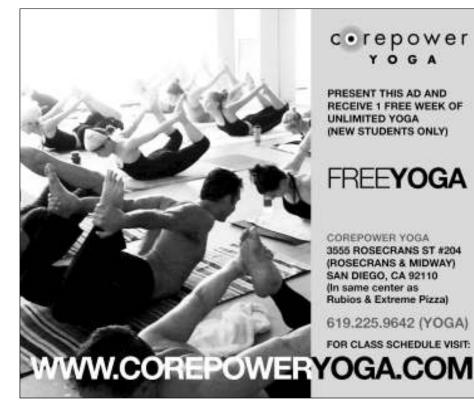


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radio was because she liked traffic and weather. Never mind that XM has an entire station devoted to San Diego traffic and weather; we have SigAlert, which, if you've ever lived in a state without it, seems like God's gift to drivers. The "absence of local channels" is a selling point that indicates desperation in the case of whoever is pushing it — the cable companies vs. DirecTV or terrestrial radio vs. satellite. In any case, it was one of the first features added, making the pathetic argument obsolete.

6:21: The Cure's "Boys Don't Cry" is playing. I always thought the Cure was gloomy. Doesn't sound too gloomy to me. Doesn't sound too good either, but whatever.

6:22: I guess the "Piggy" he referenced was the Nine Inch Nails song from The Downward Spiral. I guess this qualifies as a deep track off the album. I would have preferred "Ruiner," but I haven't heard that song in, like, seven years and bet I would hate it now. It seemed as if Nine Inch Nails was on a cushy path to success with the whole depressed-teenager demographic in the palm of their hand, but they seemed to have botched it. How'd that happen? Was it the long waits in between albums? The unwillingness to go to the embarrassing lengths of Marilyn Manson? The song title "Starfuckers, Inc."?

6:27: "No borders, no boundaries, just great music for America's finest city!" I wonder if the guy who comes up with those sayings goes out for drinks with the ladies who write the sex and beauty tips for Cosmo. I wonder what a conversation between those two would sound like. Would they spew catchphrases to each other all night? They are

playing "Zero" by the **Smashing Pumpkins** now. I had a "Zero" shirt in ninth grade; I admit it. It was given to me as a gift, but I wore it proudly for a while there.

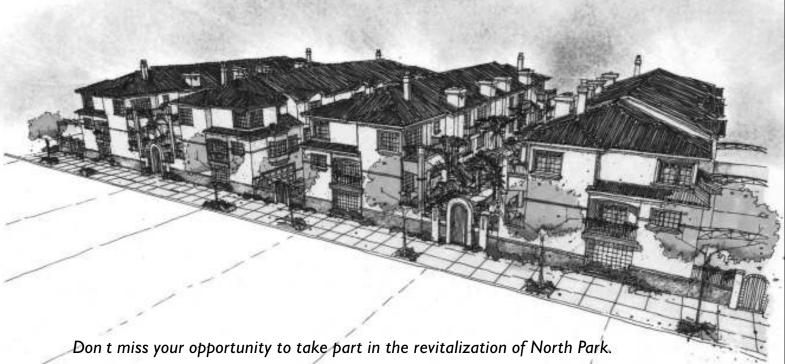
6:30: "Steady as She Goes"! I was hoping they would play this! You know, because it's such a great example of mission statement points #8 (mentioned above) and #9 — "Less Repetition — Although people want to hear their favorite songs more than once, we will

try not to play them out." After hearing "Steady as She Goes" for the first time several months ago, I was wary of the Raconteurs, because this song, frankly, is nothing special. I can imagine that anyone who had heard

this song played to death on the radio must've been unexcited about their July concert. I like the rest of the album, not as much as the White Stripes, but this is a perfect example of an artist with more to offer than

one single, and they aren't going to have their other songs played on the radio, despite the fact that their audience (White Stripes fans) are established. On the plus side, the DJ did inform me that Pee Wee Herman





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6:33: "FM 94.9 — It's about the music!" And the promised "Bombtrack" by Rage Against the Machine. I know the Onion did an article about it a few years ago, but seriously, what has Zack de la Rocha been up to? Could he just retire off his Rage Against the Machine earnings? Would there be any chance that I would like Rage if they came out now? When I first heard "Killing in the Name Of," it seemed almost terrifying, how intense and angry these guys were, and how intense and angry my parents would be if they caught me listening to it. As you get

older and realize that the critics who were acclaiming these guys were all in their 30s and older, it gets tougher to imagine them getting pumped up by something geared to 22year-olds and younger.

6:37: Piano chords start this next song. Some churning studio effect. I have no idea what it is. Could be the Police, based on the reggae guitars.... Ah, no, it's the Clash's "Charlie Don't Surf." There we go, 94.9. Reaching into its deeper-tracks bag to play a rarely heard Clash song. A Clash song that isn't "Rock the Casbah" or "Should I Stay" is a treat. Let's hear some more "Jail Guitar Doors," "The Card Cheat," "The Right Profile," "Janie Jones," "Clash City Rockers,""This Is England,"



"Career Opportunities," "Clampdown," and "Revolution Rock," while we're at it. This song sort

of meanders along. It's already had one fake-out ending.

6:42: "Charlie Don't

Surf" was for Dawn in south Orange County! Call 570-1949 for more requests! New Gnarls Barkley when we come back! I'm predicting the Violent Femmes cover "Gone Daddy Gone."

6:43: Liza is back more accidents. Jesus, people, get home from work before 6:45! Then you can sit around and transcribe your thoughts while listening to staticky radio! They stick a narrated commercial on the end of the traffic as a sort of buffer to ease you into the real commercials.

6:44: A couple of commercials for car stuff. Boring without the stereotypical accents...

6:45: Home Depot ad. I don't listen to much SD radio, but I miss a lot of the jingles from DC radio back home. Jerry's

Ford was the king of ads; their jingle would be stuck in your head for days. Also, Joon Rhee Karate, Senate Auto Insurance, and Bernie Streeter's Arby's restaurants.

6:46: Lexus ad. The average guy enjoying listening to "Piggy" by Nine Inch Nails is probably just about \$24,940 away from buying a Lexus.

6:47: The second "dads and grads" ad I've heard in this segment. That oh-so-clever person should be shot.

6:48: Carl's Jr. ad where two Maxim-reading dudes debate about whether one is allowed to eat a salad. You know, because he is male, not female. It's as if they put a mike at the table the last time my buddy and I went to Carl's Jr.

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6:49: Plug for Bonnaroo! Live streaming video offered on the 94.9 page. Oh, no, you go to their page and click on the same banner I have in my blog ads! The new Gnarls Barkley is called "Who Cares?" and it's safe to say that it will never be as big as "Crazy." The "who cares" sample is neat, but you have to imagine "Crazy" was lightning in a bottle. I can't wait until my parents discover it in about four months. I give credit where it is due; it's good to hear some of the other stuff off the album.

6:52: Gnarls Barkley's St. Elsewhere is one of the station's recommended CDs. That must be in accordance with mission statement point #7 — "Take Risks — We will not be afraid to push boundaries and champion good new music." You know, going out on a limb to recommend the CD with the most popular and



Alice in Chains

omnipresent song that radio has seen in a good long time.

6:53: And, as if on cue, the opening bass rumble of Filter's "Hey, Man, Nice Shot" comes onto my stereo. I think I once saw a list where this CD was, like, the third most likely CD you could find in a used-CD bin. Seriously, screw these guys. This song screams to be used in movie previews or promos for a new, but soon to be canceled, Fox TV series. It doesn't scream to be blaring through my speakers.

6:56: Another song I don't recognize. I Google the phrase "and I feel like William Tell," and it turns out that this is Squeeze, "Pulling Mussels (From the Shell)." I think these guys were on Theme Time the other day. They don't sound like something I care to listen to, kind of similar to that Cure song. I'm just glad that this is winding down. I feel like the guy in *A Clockwork* Orange, when his eyes are forced open to watch the violent footage. Except that I did this willingly.... 6:59: One more

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minute! Is Squeeze gonna be the last thing I hear? Is Squeeze better than Sponge? Is Spoon better than Squeeze? Will the seven o'clock radio hour be devoted to exploring this pressing issue? We'll never know! Because... 7:00: I'm done.

That could have been worse; I'm not gonna lie. We had a Gnarls album track, which was unexpected. The Clash's "Charlie Don't Surf" was as well. Most artists were rock acts from the mid-'90s, which I found strange. It is bizarre to have so many artists who were once a major part of your music-listening experience but which you don't read about anymore in this age of blogs and new stuff coming out every day. You can talk about great old Dylan or Springsteen or Dead bootlegs, or the latest new hype, but somehow the mid-'90s doesn't



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seem to contain many buried treasures.

The commercials weren't as constant as I feared, but there were at least ten minutes of them, which equals onesixth of the time spent listening to the radio. That can add up if you're spending lots of time in the car or listening at work. Commercials suck; there is no way around it. As people stop tolerating the clever, sexy TV ads

because of TiVo and the Internet, boring old radio ads are going to seem intolerable.

The only other point I can make now is the softball comment I made at 6:08. Do you think 94.9 and 91X have softball teams? If they do, they must play each other, right? Can the public obtain tickets to this? If they are this petty and bitchy behind the scenes at the stations,



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I was goaded on by some comments left on the 94.9 diary, asserting that San Diego did have better radio than the rest of the country.

I wrote this diary today from 6 to 7 p.m., one week after the 94.9 diary.

6:00: We join 91X in progress. Alice in Chains' "Would" is about halfway through. For any baby boomers who shook their heads and said, "This stuff will never last" about the '90s MTV bands, San Diego radio in the year 2006 would be the perfect rebuttal. Another reason why 'Canes' tribute bands are a booming business.

6:02: A new Red Hot Chili Peppers song begins. Regarding "Dani California," do people have that big an attachment to California? The state is enormous. You could get 100 people in a room, and all of them would value different things about the state of California. A love song about the state seems to be about as deep as a love song about food. Seriously, what the hell?

6:04: Still going on. This song doesn't do much for me. It has a catchy, grunting chorus that I bet will be popular. It sounds like "Whoomp (There It Is)," but I guess that song was popular.

6:05: A Frusciante guitar solo that sounds "awesomely bad." That was how *Rolling Stone* described the guitar solo in Weezer's "Beverly

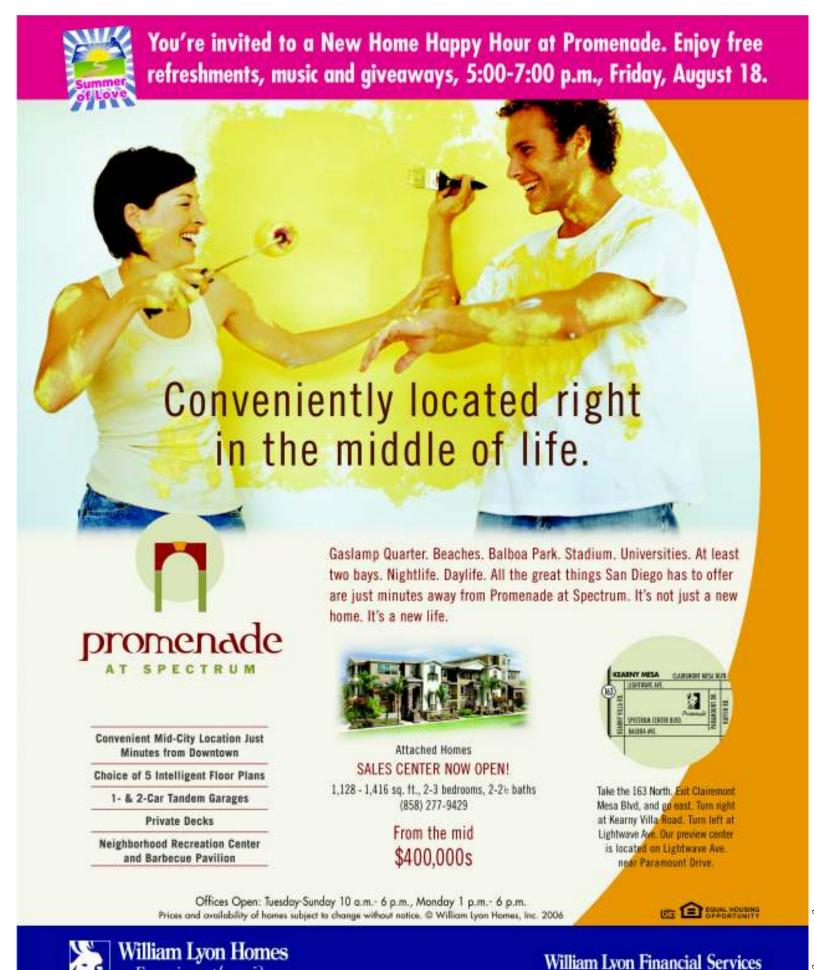
Hills." I think a better way to describe it would be "bad." "Bad" done insincerely, on purpose, is a fine line to walk, one that is rarely done well. The DJ comes on now to talk about how someone probably has hearing

loss. Probably from hearing the kick-ass Rage Against the Machine "Guerrilla Radio" playing in the background.

Amazing, another song from the late '90s/turn of the century. It could be worse, but it is bizarre...at

the beginning of this song, there is, like, 20 seconds of instrumentation before the lyrics start. The DJ did the patented "talk up until the lyrics begin" thing that radio stations are known to do. This is one of 94.9's ten

commandments, that they will never talk over the beginning or ends of songs. To me, this isn't a big deal. It doesn't ruin too much for me. Two minutes into the song, I've forgotten that it happened. I can't think of



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too many situations where I would be furious to hear the DJ talking over intros. Maybe if they interrupted each song of the *Abbey Road* closing suite to prattle on about the X-fest or whatever, but yammering over a Rage song doesn't seem to diminish the artistic merit of it.

6:09: New...91X... Music...(echoes). A new song that I don't recognize plays. The way I would describe this song is "Perfect for MTV." I haven't seen music on MTV in God knows how long, but this sounds about as archetypical an MTV song as possible; i.e., it blows, and it won't be getting radio play ten years from now the way the bands above it have. This is the song where on the chorus the guy makes his voice go high. I can't even make out what he's saying. I would put odds at about 50/50 that this band is playing at Street Scene. Let's Google some

lyrics...I thought they said, "These are the lives you have to lead," but that turns up nothing.

6:12: 91X world tour — listen every hour to pick up Pearl Jam tickets. Make your reservation with us today. Go straight into a commercial for the World Cup.

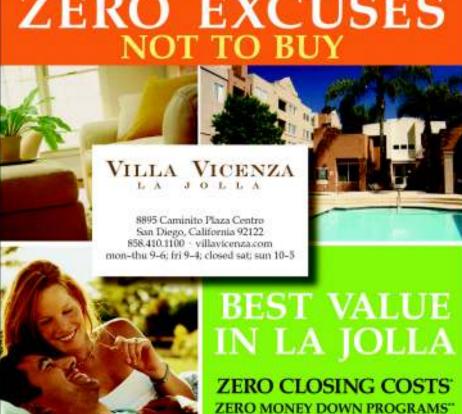
6:13: The top three reasons this woman is getting a new washing machine from the Home Depot. They are all good reasons, but I feel lucky just to have a washing machine and am not considering getting a new one. You'd figure that many listeners are in a similar position as me. Next is a Scion commercial. I drove a Scion the other day. I like the boxy ones. I used to hate them, but I like them now. Boy, these thoughts are vacuous and annoying.

6:14: Carpet Barn commercial. You know what is weird? The next time you hear a shitty jingle for a shitty local company, remember that there are real people who recorded the vocals and music for that jingle. You imagine these things coming preformed, like the prerecorded tracks on a Casio keyboard, but no, they take time and effort by real people.

6:15: I heard the same Verizon V Cast, Yellowcard, Subways, Depeche Mode commercial on 94.9. It's good to see that the stations don't have the policy where they ban a commercial that the other station plays, as they do with artists such as the Flaming Lips.

6:17: Captain Morgan rum commercial. I didn't know you could advertise hard booze on the radio. The ad states that it is copyrighted. What the hell is that all about? Who is infringing on this Captain Morgan commercial's copyright?

6:18: Bob Baker Ford ad. They are gonna pay for people's fuel for the



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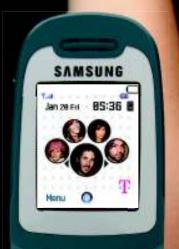


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rest of the year. Screw those guys. I think that Ford and GM's struggles are hilarious. When we drove the Scion, the dealer said that the Ford guys don't like the Toyota guys. He said that Toyotas are more reliable,

cost less, get better mileage, and all the Ford guys have going for them is that they are "made in America." Screw Ford.

6:19: I think we're coming back. I heard the first "Independent Radio the way it should be"

claim. I never paid attention to 91X going "independent" from Clear Channel, but think it is hilarious. It's as if all of a sudden Scott Stapp was, like, "Hey, I don't suck anymore! You know, for the past decade, I've

blown, and I admit that. I mean, how lame was I! But now things are different!"

6:20: I don't recognize this song either. "It takes my pain away." Google informs me that this is Jimmy Eat World,

and the song is "Pain." It is terrible.

6:22: The DJ is talking over the beginning of "Steady As She Goes." He's talking about the Pearl Jam contest. I don't know how to enter it but would like to try. This is

the first repeated song from the 94.9 diary. It doesn't sound better on 91X. You'd figure that with all the independence floating around there, there might be a radical thinker trying to play another song off the Raconteurs album. But, maybe, just maybe, they are SO independent that they are trying to be "awesomely bad," and playing the old, old single off this album is part of that image. That would be the ultimate irony: a radical independent station that was so independent and gave so little of a fuck that they played as many commercials and played out songs as your typical Clear Channel station would. I think I'd respect that station from afar, while avoiding listening to it like the plague.

6:25: Vintage 91X music. Ho-lee shit, they are playing "Zombie" by the Cranberries. My jaw just dropped. Holy shit. What the hell are the Cranberries up to these days? Is this being played as a put-on? It has to be...it has to be. This could have slain me had a friend put it on at the right point in time, but right now, I'm amazed. Think about this. Someone out there in charge of playing records that thousands of people are going to hear just put on "Zombie" by the Cranberries, and as far as you and I know, there will be no repercussions as far as his being fired is

concerned. 6:28: The fact that they play this song leads you to believe that their playlists aren't entirely corporately derived. I mean, nobody could still have a financial interest in getting this song played. They aren't promoting an upcoming concert. So for the LOVE of GOD, if you get one song per hour that you get to pick, why not play something fantastic? Reach into the bag for one of your favorites,



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something that people may not have heard but will be eager to learn about. "The King of Carrot Flowers," "How a Resurrection Really Feels," "A Minha Menina." Why "Zombie"? Why!? Why!?

can't understand why artists who are as popular as Radiohead, who have reached the heights of fame and success

6:30: "Zombie" straight into Radiohead's "Creep." The lineup so far this hour could have played the '95 Lollapalooza. I get to see Radiohead on Monday, and I hope that they don't play this song. I think it blows. That's another thing: these DJs love Radiohead. Everyone loves Radiohead. They are one of the least accessible bands out there that are inexplicably beloved. So playing one of Radiohead's deeper cuts, hell, even something like "Might Be Wrong" isn't going to have anyone changing the station. In fact, it would discourage way more people from switching the station than "Creep" for the 8000th time would. I

logue of radio-played songs, aren't given more of a chance by the radio. The fans are there. The critical acclaim is there. The DJs are fans. But we get "Creep," "Karma Police," "High and Dry," maybe "Fake Plastic Trees," but that's about it.

6:34: Question of the day: when can I get Pearl Jam tickets. Having sex in the lavatory is not allowed; in fact, it's damn near impossible. A clever promo. Caller number nine wins Pearl Jam tickets, so I give it a shot, because I'm not made of stone (and it would be awesome to win the tickets while writing this diary). It's constantly busy. I've had all right luck with radio contests in my life. I won tix to a GNR show (that ended up canceled) and got tickets to an advance screening of Revenge of the Sith last summer. So those contests do work. But it looks as if today isn't my day.

6:38: A terrible song is playing — distortion and shrieking. Standing on the rooftop ready to fall. Evidently it was Rise Against. They may be at the Street Scene.... The guy who wins the Pearl Jam tickets is named David. He says he's on the way to school, but he sounds as if he's on his way to the set of The Dukes of Hazzard. He loves 91X, thank you. The DJ has the unenviable task of picking a winner, so he's gonna let David decide how the drawing is done. David is

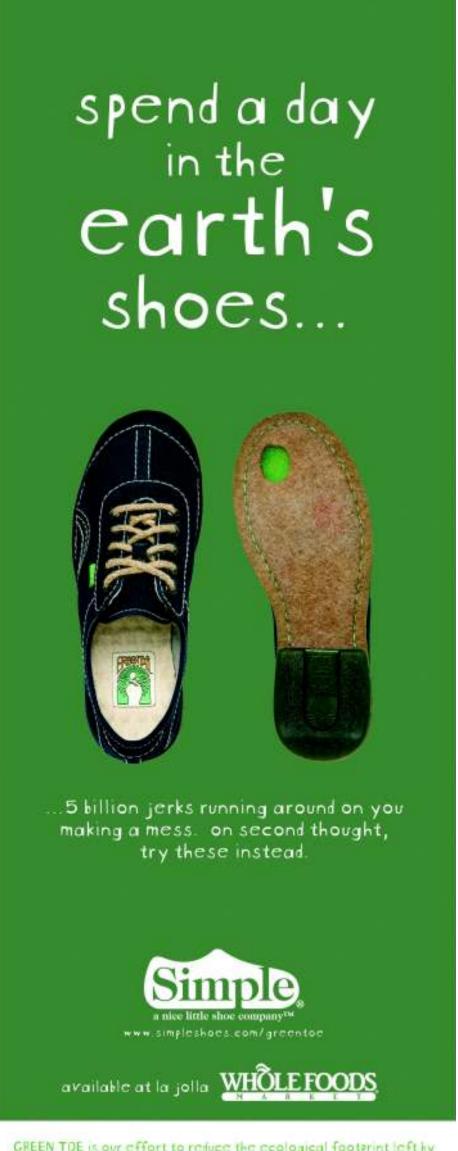




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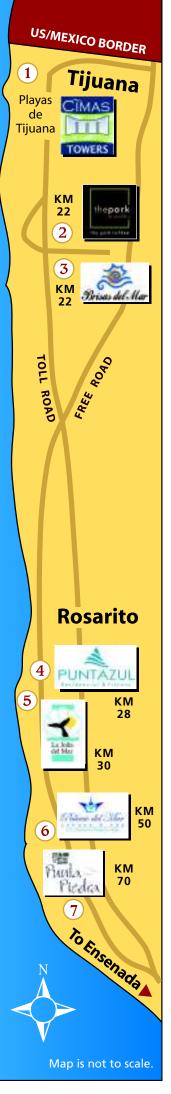
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6:41: The DJ will announce the winner of the San Fran trip before 8 tonight. Until then, we'll do some commercials. This weekend, save up to 75 percent off at Guitar Center. Deals from the Warped Dimension. That doesn't even make sense. They've invented the fourth dimension, then punned on that title to create something that doubly doesn't exist. The prospect of six more minutes of commercials makes me wish I could disappear to the warped dimension, though.

6:42: VW ad with German stereotype talking. I don't like German accents, I'll be honest.

6:43: Two buddies discuss the master plan of summer fun. They're not gonna waste a minute of summer. They are excited about the master plan and headed to Sports Chalet to stock up on everything. Imagining the guys recording this dialogue is sobering. I wonder if the director gives instructions like, "Sound like a bigger tool."

6:44: Hyundai Sonata ad. Screw this. I don't know anything about Hyundai, but I bet their company is doing better than Ford. Screw Ford.

6:45: Wow, the world-famous Deja Vu is looking for girls. "Dance your way to financial freedom" is a quote from this ad. All dances are only ten dollars this Friday. This is impressive. You never see strip club ads on TV.

6:46: Hilary's 91-second music news. News about how the guy from Faith No More was on the 91X music show. They are playing a Next Big Thing concert in July at 'Canes for 91 cents. I think that it can safely be





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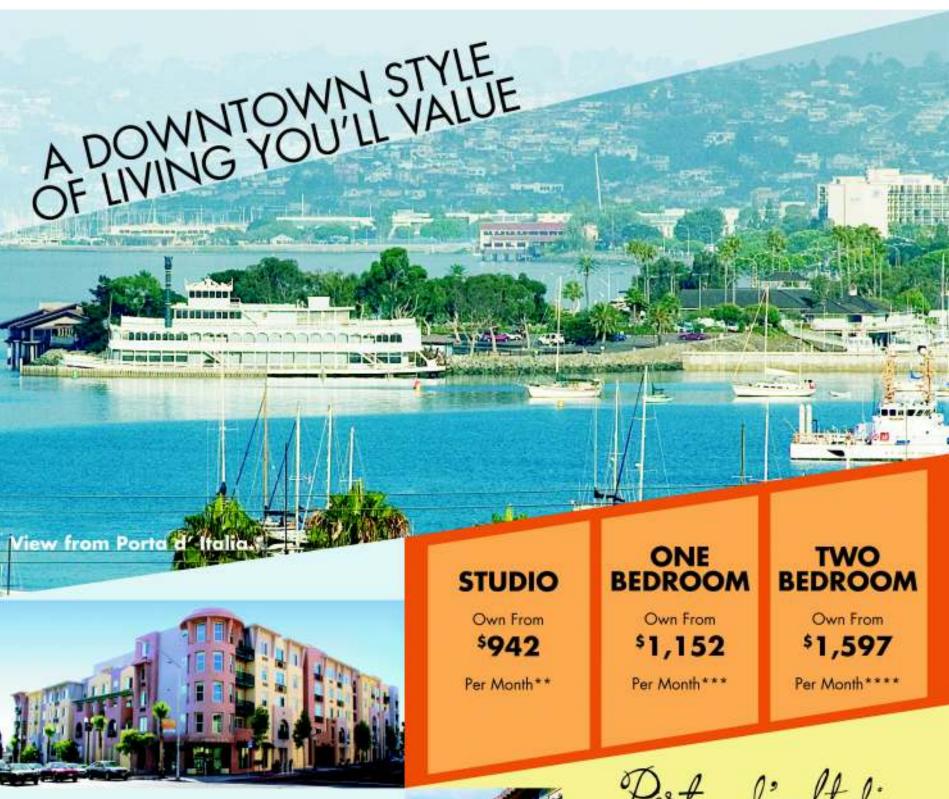
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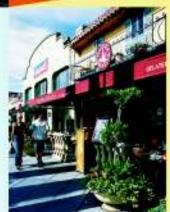
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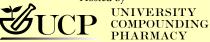
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said that no Next Big Thing has ever played at 'Canes. They guarantee that nothing but passionate fans of his new band Peeping Tom will come out for the show. Wow, Mike thanks the guys for being involved with his band, says it "takes some cojones." The DJ responds, "It comes with the independence, man." !!!!! I guess "Zombie" comes with the independence as well.

6:48: Wolfmother and the Shins have been added to Street Scene. That is news. Good for those guys. Wolfmother I think I like. If you wait 30 years to rip off a band's sound verbatim, especially a band like Black Sabbath, who most people only know a few songs by, then you're going to make some fans. I wish I had thought to do it first.

6:49: Cake's "Let Me

Go." Cake seems like one of those bands where soon we'll hear that, like, the guitarist from Cake used his modest earnings from a lifetime in the band and invested them in the IPO of Google or something and can now buy and sell us all. Hopefully he writes a song about how that feels.

6:52: "Fans of news will be a little perplexed by this new music from Knights of Cydonia." The DJ encourages us to go see this band live, but he times his speech wrong and the song cuts him off. Kind of funny, but it still doesn't irritate me. I think it's kind of funny each time because 94.9 acts as if it is an issue that music fans are frothing at the mouth about, as if not being able to hear the first ten seconds of a song by the Knights of Cydonia uninterrupted is a crime of taste.



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6:54: I think this song is an instrumental. Nope, there's some vocals. A list of instrumentals that I like:
"Bron-Yr-Aur," "Kid A,"
"All Around the World
(Reprise)," "Trombone

Dixie."

6:56: Song is still going on. It blows.

6:58: A mechanical prerecorded voice told me that I just heard a song by Muse, off their new album. Don't know what that was all about. I think I'll go on record as hating both bands, to be safe.

6:59: It looks as if we'll end with Spacehog's "In the Meantime." Probably not too many people clamoring to hear this song lately, but whatever. If you're gonna play the hits from the '90s, it's better to play this song than "Zombie."

Thus ends another diary. There seemed to be more commercials on 91X, but both stations took two commercial breaks during the hour, and both lasted around five minutes. Both stations played Rage Against the Machine. We heard

tons of bands from the '90s that are defunct and/or jokes by now. 91X played a few newer bands that blew; 94.9 played a few older songs that blew.

91X's "independent" claims strike me as awesome. I don't know how
they impact what is
played on the station. It's
too bad we can't hear a
side-by-side comparison
of 91X during its Clear
Channel days. For a station that trumpets its
independence, the product sounds similar to
what you get a few
notches up the dial.

Today I heard "Zombie" when I could have been listening to "King of Carrot Flowers." Until someone explains how this paradox of the universe happened to me, I'm going to be walking around in a silent Chief Broom—type daze.

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want to ride my bicycle/ I want to ride it where I like." Queen expressed the joy and freedom that riding a bicycle provides. If you are eight years old, a bike can transport you to magical, faraway places (or in circles around the cul-de-sac...which seemed magical to me). My neighbors, my sister, and I would traipse around our neighborhood on foot, plastic car, skateboard, and bike, pretending we were traveling in faraway places. We fled from horrible orphanages in the dark of night, rode in wagons across the prairie, and drove up and down streets drawn across the driveway in chalk.

The most important thing was that I traveled in style. Long before people began to care about what car they drove, we worried about the looks of our bikes. My favorite bicycle was much cooler than the Volvo I now borrow from my mom. My bicycle, a birthday present, was little and purple and adorned in multicolored stars, a horn (so that even though I was outside I could still annoy my parents), a little white basket, and training wheels. Because of my lack of coordination, the training wheels stayed on for a while; but it was my first upgrade from the world of tricycles, and even with training wheels I felt cool riding it.

I eventually abandoned my little bike for a mountain bike with different gears so I could keep up with the boy next door in races down the hill and around the lake near our house. Though I was injured from the reckless behavior, I recall the mountain bike fondly. I took long bicycle rides with my family at my Grandpa's summer house in Michigan.

Next year, I'm going to school in a college town with lots of bike paths, and I can't wait to take advantage of non-fossil-fuel transportation. That little purple bike started it all.

> — Megan Zapanta, El Capitan H.S.

y first bicycle was not some extravagant gift from my parents. It had no gorgeous Barbie or Cinderella design, nor did it have pink tassels hanging from the handlebars. Rather, it was a simple sporty-inspired bike that my dad's friend gave

I was about six years old and still did not know how to ride a bike without training wheels, so my dad was determined to teach me to ride. We found a straight and (more importantly) flat strip in the middle of the street, and he held the bike while I balanced on it. He held onto the back and walked with me as I pedaled. Once I got the

rhythm going, he let go as I glided at a speed faster than I was comfortable with. I made it down the street and into a pile of leaves and brush. Though I recall being melodramatic at the time, I suffered no serious injuries...several light scratches, maybe.

After that crash, I had more confidence to get back on the bike and try to ride again. The extent of my riding, however, was limited to around the block. I would go around the block one way, practicing my left-hand turns, and then go the opposite way, practicing my right-hand turns. I wasn't the biggest risk-taker (and still am not) when it comes to physical activity.

Once I got more comfortable riding, my mom and I scoped out a few biking paths around town. On summer evenings, we would ride down to the local ice cream shop and lock up the bikes outside while we got scoops and cones.

I am unable to remember the fate of my first bike. We never touched it up, painted it, nor gave it a makeover. My guess is that it was passed along to some other neighbor, to be used again as a trainer.

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got my first big-girl bike for Christmas when I was four years old. It was bright pink with a flower design and a basket. Learning to balance without training wheels did not come easily. I used to make my dad run behind me and hold onto the seat to help me balance. After weeks of this, I could finally balance on my own.

The biggest crash I ever had happened one summer day shortly after I learned to ride alone. I hadn't mastered the whole steering concept yet; however, this inability didn't enter my head when I decided to ride down the inclined driveway. All went well until I realized I was headed straight for the curb on the opposite side of the road. I panicked because I didn't know how to steer away from it. As I approached the curb, I squeezed my eyes shut. When my front tire slammed into the curb, I went over the handlebars. Upon impact, I burst into tears. It took several days and a few intense pep talks before I would go anywhere near my bike (not to mention the curb!) again.

I still have my first bike. It was hiding somewhere in the garage under layers of dust and cobwebs. It has lost some of its glamour; the pink basket fell off years ago from excessive use and the paint has begun to peel off. My younger brother Luke recently replaced the old wheels and now uses it

young age, but a child younger than ten believes someone with a decade of life experience is an elder, a veteran, a shaman. So, imagine my embarrassment when I was the only ten-year-old on the block who could not comprehend the complexities of a bicycle.

My parents were not

ONE DAY, A BURST OF AMBITION EXPLODED INSIDE OF ME: I COULD LEARN, I WANTED TO LEARN, I HAD TO LEARN.

to go over dirt jumps. That poor bike has been through so much...I'm sure there is a golden seat waiting for it in bike heaven.

> — Emma Seemann, Carlsbad H.S.

could not ride a bike until I was ten years old. From an adult's point of view, ten seems like a

reluctant to teach me, but I was reluctant to learn. At the age of five, I had limited coordination. Every time I attempted to ride my shiny two-wheeler, I would crash into a bush, into a tree, or into a fence. Many times I had heard the maxim, "If you fall off your horse, get up and try again." But I was young and restless, so I gave up without deliberation.

My five-year-old bicycle remained in mint condition, stranded in my room, kept like a priceless vase in a museum. It gathered dust as I grew more self-conscious. Nothing was more embarrassing than telling others that I was the kid who could not ride a bike; it was like a farmer admitting he never learned how to milk a cow. I was only ten years old, and I wore a scarlet "B" wherever I went (usually on foot).

Then, one day, a burst of ambition exploded inside of me: I could learn, I wanted to learn, I had to learn. I did not care if I had to train on crowded sidewalks where all could observe. All I cared about was riding my first bike for the first time. And so I did.

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I was born into a family of worry-warts. My grandpa is convinced that one day our toaster will burn the house down, and my mom won't let me put my flute together in the car because she thinks I'll be impaled by the flute if the

air-bags inflate. So, when I went to Harry Griffin Park to learn to bicycle, I thought I would break my five-year-old neck.

My bike was not one of those girly bikes with the pink tassels on the handlebars; it was red and black and named something macho such as "Xtremo" or "HotRod 360." (I can't remember.) The bike was a Christmas present, and I enjoyed it with the training wheels on. Riding on two wheels seemed impossible. Cars can't even go on two wheels! How did my mom expect me to survive?

I recall walking my bike up to the top of a grassy knoll (Mt. Everest to a worry-wart) and pretending to listen to my parents' advice before careening down. On the way down the hill, the bike under me transformed from a contraption of death to merely

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a maiming machine. But terror was soon replaced with exhilaration when I fell into the soft grass. I learned to ride my bike that day and survived unscathed.

Since then, I have survived kayaking, roller coasters, and white-water rafting. I don't see myself ever mus-

tering up the courage to bungee jump or sky dive, but I start driving classes soon, a hurdle into adulthood. Let the worrying begin.

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Native resistance to early Spanish colonization

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If Spanish soldiers continue to molest native women, Father Junípero Serra wrote in 1774, "the poor pagans, until now as gentle as sheep, will turn on us like tigers."

On August 12 and 13, 1769, Kumeyaay briefly attacked San Diego's by makeshift mission at the Jeff foot of Presidio Hill. On S mith August 15, around 20 pelted the compound with clubs, rocks, and arrows, wounding several and killing José Vergerano. Father

eral and killing José Vergerano, Father Serra's young servant. At least three natives died from the first muskets fired in anger in San Diego.

In August 1774, the friars moved the mission six miles upriver, into the heart of Nipaquay village. They wanted to bring the church closer to water and to keep "presidio influences" from Kumeyaay women.

The original buildings, on a low, barren mesa overlooking the river valley, were made of log posts stuck in the ground. Only the mission had a tile roof. The rest had roofs of thatched tule. The priests

had a house with two rooms. The soldiers had a separate house, and a room for servants. There was also a smithy and granary, and a recently built, three-walled kitchen area. Although 400 natives had been baptized, the new mission evicted most of Nipaquay to make room for itself. Only 13 residences remained for 19 families.

The friars preferred the new locale. But Lieutenant Pedro Fages, who called the natives "friends of treachery," saw danger in splitting the military force between the mission and the presidio.

Now stationed at Carmel Mission, Father Serra refused to heed Fages, whom he detested. "We gladly take notice of the many new Christians who have followed the Fathers to the new place," Serra wrote in August 1774, "doubtless recognizing its advantages."

Father Luis Jayme, who recommended moving the mission inland, heard warnings of an attack. But the thin, darkskinned, 35-year-old from Majorca couldn't believe his "trusted children" meant harm. According to Father Pedro Font, in mid-October 1775, Jayme grew angry when an Indian told him hundreds of natives were banning together. "If he ever came again with such a tale," Jayme vowed to punish him.

In the fall of 1775, Carlos, the kwaipai (leader) of Nipaquay who'd led the original assaults in 1769, and his brother, Francisco, were accused of robbing seeds and fish from two elderly native women. Fearful of flogging just days before, several natives got 25 lashes for attending a "pagan" dance — Carlos and Francisco fled inland. Others joined them. Soon Kumeyaay from at least 15 villages, all south of the river, had assembled at two points: near Spring Valley and just south of Chula Vista.

"They wanted to kill the fathers and soldiers and live as they did before," a neophyte told investigators after the attack. A letter from Father Jayme adds another reason. Soldiers would ride into the country and lasso native women "like cattle, to become prey for their unbridled lust. At times Indian men would try to defend their wives, only to be shot down with bullets."

Not all the villages joined the band, which grew in size to between 300 and 600

But the core group, led by ex-neophytes Carlos of the Nipaquay, Francisco of Cullamac, Oroche of the Magtate, and Bernardino of the Matamo, reacted to Spanish abuse of the Kumeyaay and to a violent new idea: along with a powerful alien god, the fathers preached about hell, where unbaptized sinners would burn forever. Eternal torment was com-



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pletely foreign to the natives. Setting fire to the mission and presidio would torch the intruders and the savage afterlife invading the Kumeyaay cosmology.

The assaults of 1769 began after Gaspar de Portola led most of the healthy soldiers north to find Monterey. On October 19, 1775, Lieutenant José Francisco de Ortega, Father Fermin de Lasuen, and 12 soldiers left San Diego to found Mission San Juan Capistrano.

On the night before the full moon, November 5, 1775, the large band of natives split into two groups near the river. One headed for the mission; the other, the presidio. The plan: burn the garrison first. A blaze on Presidio Hill would signal the mission group to attack. Leave no survivors.

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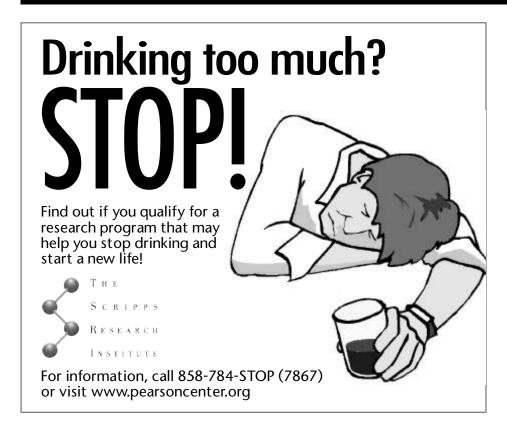
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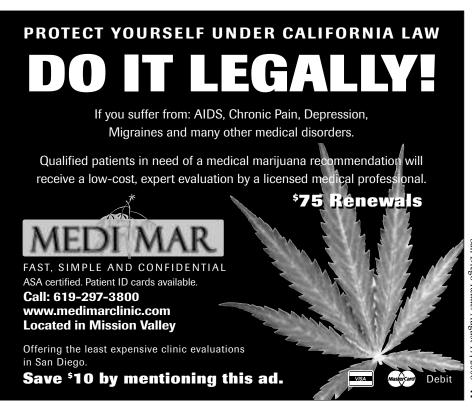
2. Michael Connolly Miskwish: "Spanish records give accounts of Indians who were sickly, easily injured, or would 'clumsily' break their tools — all telling signs of intentional

slowdowns of forced labor. Whether passive or outright, the Kumeyaay fought the Spanish every step of the way."

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Around one p.m., Kumeyaay crept into the mission-neophytes' huts. "Not a word," they whispered, "go outside and die." A warrior stood guard at each door.

Some baptized Indians were frightened. Others were glad to see the moonlit horde wading across the riverbed. Hundreds crawled up the bank, fanning left and right, surrounding the mission.

A small group entered the church. In the sacristy, men smashed locked chests with stones. They donned the white vestments and battered church furniture. Two ran out with statues of the Virgin Mary and St. Joséph. They handed the icons to awaiting women, who dashed down to the river and, encouraged by

Kumeyaay shouts, into the night.

Still no sign from the presidio.

Too late. The assault was on. A native grabbed a burning branch from the sentinels' fire and set the church ablaze. He sprinted from building to building, howling and igniting the dry tule roofs. One by one the structures flickered like candles, then grew into bonfires, then, when the logpoles caught fire, became a living hell.

The noise woke Corporal Juan Estevan Rocha and his three soldiers. Rocha peeked out the doorway. A covey of arrows vaulted toward him. Rocha fired his musket. The natives drew back

José Arroyo, the presidio blacksmith visiting the mission, grabbed his sword and ran out of the burning smithy. Arrows spiked his chest. "Compañero," he shouted to his fellow blacksmith, José Romero, as he staggered back inside, "they have killed me!"

Romero grabbed his

musket. He leapt over his dead companion and took shelter behind the bellows. His first shot brought down a native. The blast stunned the attackers. In the confusion that followed, Romero fled to the barracks.

José Urselino, the mission carpenter, had been ill for several days in the barracks. When the sounds awoke him, he grabbed a musket and went outside. Two arrows stung him, one through his stomach.

"Ha, Indian, you have killed me," he shouted into the haze of flames and war cries. "God forgive you!"

Urselino crawled back

Father Jayme left his quarters. Father Vicente Fuster, who had slept in the nearby granary, watched his beloved friend walk into the mob. Holding both hands high, smiling, Jayme gave his familiar greeting: "Amar a Dios, hijos"—"Love God, my children."

Fuster, who raced to the barracks, saw Jayme no more.

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the soldiers. Before they could answer, "so many arrows that you could not possibly count" rained on the blazing guardhouse. Against the wall, Fuster shielded himself with his brown cloak. "There we were, surrounded on all sides by flames."

Time to move.

The soldiers, Father Fuster, Urselino, the black-smith, and the two boys raced to the priests' quarters. Hoping to rescue Jayme, Father Fuster ran into the building — by now a furnace — but found nothing. As he ran out, the roof beams crashed down in a cascade of sparks.

Hammered by stones and war clubs, and with several men hit by arrows, the fugitives headed for the small cookhouse. Three sides had three-foot adobe walls. The cook had fashioned loose reeds for a roof. The soldiers barricaded the open side with sacks, chests of clothing, and boxes from a nearby storeroom. All knew the cookhouse, only "five paces square," would be their

ast stand

Kumeyaay headed for the presidio watched the inferno rising from the mission. Soldiers at the garrison would see the flames and bring many guns up the valley. So the natives turned back. On the way, a runner told them that the "praying one" — Father Jayme — was dead. Hearing the news, hundreds danced in jubilation.

Now they wanted the other one, Father Fuster, who told the people of Nipaquay that, if they didn't move their village to make room for the new mission, he would burn it down.

Behind the barricade, the priest, the two boys, and the wounded soldiers reloaded muskets — Father Fuster with one hand; the other held a thick pillow that stopped an arrow inches from his face. Corporal Rocha and José Romero fired through holes in the walls. The horde closed in.

To suggest he led a large force, Rocha shouted commands loud enough for a regiment to hear.

Gunshots kept the Kumeyaay at bay. They hid behind the burning walls of buildings, which were so close to the cookhouse, Fuster wrote, "the enemy could fire on us with precision."

A dead native lay eight steps from the barricade.

Firebrands streamed onto the cookhouse roof. It went up fast. Then arrows, rocks, and lumps of adobe flew in from a hundred directions.

"They threw so many at us," Father Fuster wrote, "it looked like they wanted to bury us alive."

To relieve the soldiers of at least one worry, Fuster grabbed their 50-pound sack of gunpowder and tried to shield it with his body. Several times he snatched flaming sticks "right off the top of the sack."

A large rock cracked him on the shoulder. So the soldiers "wouldn't grieve" for him, Fuster concealed the blow, and his near-blackout pain.

"Comrades," he suddenly announced, "the situation is very bad. Let us

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truly ask Holy Mother to repress the fury of our enemies....To obtain this favor, I promise to fast nine Saturdays and to celebrate nine holy Masses in her honor."

Just after the soldiers made their vow, "the Heavenly Lady seemed to hear our prayers. For although the enemies were only fourteen paces away from us, and our only protection was low adobe walls, not one of the arrows, nor the stones, as much as touched us."

Then the arrows stopped. The natives still threw rocks and "fiery darts" but wanted to save their remaining spears and arrows for a final assault at sunrise.

Inside the battered cookhouse, clogged with smoke and encircled by burning structures, Fuster prayed for daylight, "for there was plenty of the other kind. That night seemed to us as long as the pains of Purgatory."

As dawn approached, Father Fuster recognized native voices nearby: "those who had formerly been my faithful children giving orders to kill us all."

At daybreak, arrows swarmed the cookhouse. The embattled soldiers knew they'd soon be overrun. Like their attackers, they hadn't fired in some time, to save ammunition. They had enough for one last reply. Muskets popped from all four walls.

"God so decreed," Father Fuster wrote, "that our discharge of guns just in the nick of time disheartened them and caused them to scatter" across the river and into the hills.

The siege had ended. Hundreds of arrows stuck in the ground. Warclubs and stones pocked the fresh adobe walls of the half-completed

cookhouse.

Rocha and his soldiers had at least three wounds each (one unnamed defender had nine). Urselino's punctured stomach would prove

His mind "tottering and weak," the priest didn't want to leave the "kitchen of sorrow." Neophytes from the village approached him. Then natives from other villages, many of them armed, came near. "I began to suspect a trap."

But after they assured the priest they'd chased the attackers away - and would have sooner but were "afraid of the dark"—they embraced him and called him "father."

"I cannot describe this action," Fuster wrote Serra, "for I do not know if anxiety or joy filled me the most."

Where is Father Jayme?" he shouted, hoping his fellow priest had been

hiding in some willows. "We do not know."

"Their answer," wrote Fuster, "was a sword piercing my heart."

He sent runners to the presidio. He dispatched others to search for Jayme, to fetch water to put out fires, especially at the granary, and to round up the livestock. Then he heard a shriek from the river. A neophyte ran up the bank.

"Alive or dead?" asked Fuster.

"Dead."

Fuster raced to the river. Jayme's naked corpse wore a cloak of blood. "His chest and body were riddled through with countless jabs," Fuster wrote, and 18 arrowheads. Jayme's flattened face was "one great bruise." Only his tonsure and the whiteness of his hands made Jayme recognizable. "His death was so

completely cruel it must have satisfied the barbarians fully." Fuster fainted at the sight.

When Fuster came to, around 8:00 a.m., Corporal Mariano Verdugo and four soldiers arrived from the presidio. They hadn't seen or heard anything, they said, and assumed that the light in the east was just the moon (all eleven "were in their quarters sleeping!" wrote Pedro Font, "for thus they performed their duty, those evil vagabonds!").

The mission was ashes: manuscripts, records, icons. Searchers found 40 small sacks of wheat, door hinges, and field instruments. The intense heat had fused the censer, a chalice, and some coins into a single mass.

Verdugo prepared five stretchers: two for the corpses of Father Jayme and José Arroyo; two for the most seriously wounded soldiers; one for the dying Urselino.

Around noon, the survivors, stretchers, and livestock made a sad procession down Friars Road to the Presidio. Fuster walked next to his martyred friend, asking himself with every step, "why was such a fate not mine?"

Fuster wrote Father Serra about the devastation and Jayme's death. To demonstrate the fire's intensity. Fuster included the blackened censer/chalice/coins.

When Serra heard the news he exclaimed, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Thanks be to God. Now the soil is watered. The conversion of the Indians will succeed."

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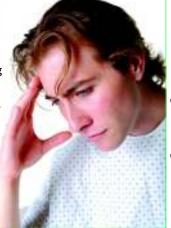
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YOU KNOW ABOUT MR. MIRANDA?" asked Biggers.

I knew something, but not enough. I'd come all the way from Atlanta to write about the Hotel San Diego. Miranda had once owned it. I was the tourist, Biggers was the hotel manager; better to let him be helpful; no need to pretend I was ignorant. I shrugged; Biggers smiled: he liked filling in the blanks. "You know about the Pussycat Cinemas?" he asked. I nodded. "They showed dirty movies, and Miranda owned

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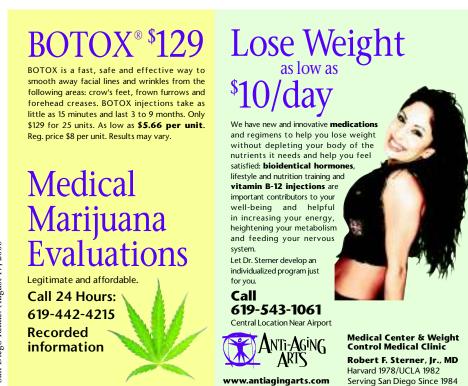
them." "Miranda and his partner," Biggers corrected me. "They owned 50, maybe 70 of them, all the way up the coast, from here to L.A." "Miranda had a partner?" I asked. "More than a partner, you might say," said Biggers. That I hadn't heard. The idea of two gays getting rich selling heterosexual fantasies had never occurred to me. All I knew was how to read a map: to me, San Diego looked like the end of the line; the regional equivalent of Homer, Alaska, the last outpost; an ocean to the west, a desert to the east, a little city, crushed between L.A. and Mexico. I knew I knew nothing.

I nodded at Biggers again, meek and mild. Biggers continued. "They started buying property, stuff that was next to their theaters, run-down parts of town, has-been commercial real estate. They bought it cheap and held it. Just in time for urban renewal. They made out like bandits." He grinned. "Which is how Miranda came to own this place?" I asked. "You bet," said Biggers. "Bought it at a bankruptcy."

Biggers was 20 years younger than me; not so much handsome as cute. A college baseball jock who'd torn a muscle and given it all up to sell computers, until a buddy of his told him about hotels. He was a young man of the '80s, tanned and terrific, sitting behind his own desk, ready for the next decade.

He leaned back and put his hands behind his head. "Yeah," he said. "Miranda bought this place and fixed it up. Very fancy. Lots of red velvet wallpaper, etched glass, big chandeliers. Antiques from all over the world. Like the phone booth in the lobby that used to be a confessional. He got it from Spain. Some kind of a joke. And that big window over the front door, that came from a church in Scotland. The hotel bar he did it up like it was a place from World War II, lots of Betty Grable posters and newspaper headlines. He even had photos of himself and his partner — I think it was his partner — dressed up like sailors, which is what they were when they met." "Jesus," I said. "Oh, yeah," said Biggers. "This place was his baby. I guess it was because he

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"Wait a second," I said. "He started out here?" Biggers pitched forward and leaned his elbows on his desk. He folded his hands under his chin and looked me in the eyes. He must have sold a lot of computers in his day. "You didn't know that?" he said. I shook my head. I'd been in town less than 12 hours. "Oh, yeah," Biggers said. "Miranda used to be a bellman in this place." I was surprised and looked it. Biggers was pleased and showed it. "See — that's why what's happened is so natural," he said. "Miranda started out here; he put so much of himself into this place. So when he died, it just made sense he'd come back."

I'd heard of Miranda's ghost. To write about that was a good reason to visit San Diego, but Biggers had just made the story even

better: "Gay Bellman Haunts Hotel/Homosexual Millionaire Pornographer Returns to the Place He Loved." I asked Biggers the next question. "Have you ever seen him?" Biggers pretended to be surprised."Not - but Fabian, the head housekeeper, he's seen him. Fabian's been here for years. You ought to talk to him." Biggers stood up. "Come on, I'll give you a tour. Then I'll take you down and introduce you."

We walked through the lobby, turned down a corridor, past a guard at a desk. "What's with the guard?" I asked. "Not so loud," Biggers said. "Court's in session." I thought he was joking. He pointed down the hall. "All these rooms, they used to be meeting rooms. Now we rent them to the Superior Court. The county's got more cases than courtrooms.

So we rent 'em space, here and upstairs. Downstairs is the Municipal Court; they rent space. They've even got payroll and personnel records over here." "Blind Justice in a Haunted Hotel," I thought.

Biggers turned his head to the guard at the desk. "He works for us. The courts have their own." The guard looked up at us. "As a matter of fact," said Biggers, "one of the guys who works for us — he was on duty here a couple of weeks ago and he saw Mr. Miranda. He looked up and there he was. It was just before the earthquake. He's someone else you ought to meet. A former border patrolman. Very trustworthy guy. Anyway -" Biggers turned to face the corridor. "Come over here and look at this."

We stopped in front of a large black-and-white photograph, framed and mounted on the wall outside one of the courtrooms. Eleven bellmen, dressed in double-breasted blazers, six brass buttons down their fronts; grey trousers, black shoes, white shirts, and dark ties; the men standing at ease, hands behind their backs, posed in front of the elevators in the lobby. I looked at them and asked, "Late '40s?" Biggers didn't answer me. "See the one, fifth from the left?" he said. I nodded. "That's Mr. Miranda." I looked at the face: sharp features, high forehead. Slim and serious. I thought of the last frame in a Kubrick movie called The Shining: Jack Nicholson, grinning, dressed in a tux, standing in the foreground of a photograph made 50 years before he and his family ever came to spend the winter at the Overlook Hotel. "The ghost in uniform," I thought. "If I see

"Let's go," said Biggers. "I'll show you the rest, then I got a meeting with the comptroller." We took the elevator to the sixth floor

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him, I'll know how to rec-

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and walked down, floor by floor, Biggers opening various rooms and suites with his passkey, stopping now and then to deliver a little speech or point out a view from a window. In a front room on the fifth floor, he showed me where vice squad detectives stood, once a month, to survey the pimps and hustlers who did business in front of Cindy's Topless across the street; from a rear window on the fourth floor, Biggers pointed out a huge, bricked-up hole in the back wall of the hotel that had connected the lobby to a bar called the Silver Dollar.

"When you talk with Fabian," Biggers said, "see if you can meet his friend José. José used to clean the floor there. That was his job, just the floor, but from what I hear, he needed a mop and a shovel." "That bad?" I asked. Biggers didn't bother to answer. "It used to be people from the bar could walk into the lobby and check in." "Brief stays?" I asked. "As long as they liked," Biggers said. "What happened to the bar?" I asked. "Torn down," Biggers answered.

"Torn down" or some variation on those words was how Biggers answered many of my questions. The hotel was full of past tenses, bricked-up doorways, sealed elevator shafts, and stairways that had once led somewhere but now stopped at ceilings. There were trap doors to tunnels and crawl spaces that no one used anymore; horizontal air shafts whose purpose no one quite understood; and gutted rooms that had been fitted with new doors and locks but hadn't been occupied by anything but mice for years. The hotel was nearly 80 years old; it seemed to have survived so many owners, to have been redecorated then neglected, rehabbed then abandoned, patched, rebuilt and rearranged in so many cycles of competence and incompetence that — as Biggers locked and unlocked one room after another — I began to think of the place as a cross between the Winchester House and some ancient city, a ruin built on a ruin built on a ruin, full of dead ends, sealed chambers, and abandoned passageways, a place full of negative space, perfect for ghosts.

By the time we reached the third floor, it occurred to me that we hadn't seen a single piece of red velvet wallpaper. Instead, every wall seemed to have been sprayed beige, white, grey, or a shade of pink that lingerie manufacturers call salmon. Biggers told me that there were 220 rooms in 39 configurations, but the pink, beige, and grey, offset with blue-green upholstery and floral bedspreads, kept appearing with such regularity that the rooms began

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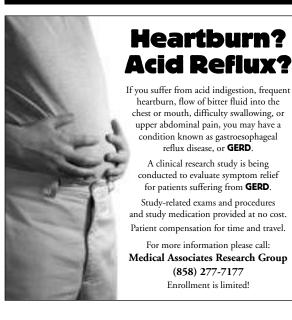
to look the same to me. I leaned up against a wall and took a close look: the beige had flecks of pink and squiggles of blue in it. I ran my fingers over it: the surface was slightly textured, but it was as hard and glossy as enamel. I tapped it. "What is this stuff?" I asked. "Zolotone," Biggers said. "What a great name," I answered. Biggers wasn't sure if I was serious. "It's a three-color palette with nine possible variations, based on machine settings. It won't chip. It'll stick to anything. We sprayed the whole place, updated the whole decor, top to bottom." Great," I said. I'd seen a Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, Florida, and a Best Western in Columbus, Ohio, coated with the same stuff, done up in the same colors. Zolotone seemed to be the hospitality industry's midpriced version of Dr. Seuss's Ublick, the green gunk that fell from the sky and coated everything. No matter that Miranda's confessional phone booth still stood in the lobby: every room in the current Hotel San Diego now looked the way a microwave dinner

tasted.

"This wasn't your idea?" I asked Biggers as we reached the lobby. "Me? No. I've been here only a year. It was Dr. Glass, I think." "Dr. Glass?" I asked. "He's the owner," said Biggers. "What kind of a doctor is he?" I asked. "A plastic surgeon," said Biggers. The headlines kept coming: "Plastic Surgeon Announces Face-Lift for City's Grand Old Lady." Biggers shook my hand. "I have to go," he said. He looked at his watch. "You lucked out," he said. "Go downstairs through the unmarked door. That's housekeeping. Fabian'll be having lunch in his office."

Fabian was eating at his desk, his telephone next to his two-way radio. There were boxes of toilet paper and mildew remover in one corner. Across from him, another man sat at another desk. Fabian was a large man in his late 20s, still young enough to be fleshy

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San Diego Institute of Plastic Surgery 16766 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 109, San Diego 92128 instead of fat. He was a lightskinned Mexican, his face unlined and open. He stood up when I introduced myself. Biggers had told him to expect me. He introduced me to the man at the other desk. "My friend, José."

"Ah, José," I said. "Mr. Biggers told me a story about you." José was in his late 40s, well-built and alert. He looked at me thoughtfully. "Oh, yes?" he said. "Mr. Biggers said you worked at the Silver Dollar. He said you cleaned the floors." José cocked his head as if he'd heard a sound he couldn't identify. In clear, unaccented English, he said, "No. That I never did. Mr. Biggers said I cleaned the floors there?" I nodded. José just shook his head. I turned to Fabian. "And Fabian," I said, "Mr. Biggers said you'd seen Mr. Miranda — his ghost, I mean." Fabian gave me a wonderful, bright smile. His accent was more pronounced but his answer was nearly the same as José's. "No," he said. "Not me. I never seen his ghost. Other things, but I never seen his

ghost." I sat down and grinned. Being ignorant had its uses. "Mr. Biggers has been telling me stories. I guess you'd better set me straight."

Fabian raised his hands, palms out to me. "Sure," he said. "I'll tell you; I can tell you. But I never seen him." "You've been here a while though, haven't you?" Fabian looked at the ceiling, then at José. "How long, José? Ten years?" José nodded. "Ten years," said Fabian. "So vou knew Mr. Miranda when he was alive?" Fabian nodded. "When did he die?" I asked. Fabian looked at the ceiling again. "I think '85, but I knew him before that.""Yeah," I said. "Tell me about him." For the next hour, Fabian did, occasionally looking at the ceiling or at José when he wasn't quite sure of how one event had followed the other.

It was Maria Cisneros, a housekeeper the others called Mamacita because she'd worked so long at the hotel, who'd seen Mr. Miranda's ghost. She was cleaning his room. "His

room?" I asked. Fabian nodded. "Oh, yes. He had a room." "He lived here?" I asked. "Sometimes," Fabian said. "Not all the time. He had a big house in L.A. But he had a room here. We called it the Miranda Suite." "What was it like?" I asked. "It was a suite. It was fancy. It had a bed with a mirror; it had a tiger skin; it had four big posts twisted with gold." After Miranda died, and even before, the hotel rented it to special guests. "Like who?" I asked. Fabian paused to think. He began to count them on his fingers: David Copperfield, the magician; Amelia Mendoza, the singer; Ron Jeremy, the movie star. "Ron Jeremy?" I said. "He's a porn star." Fabian shrugged. I apologized. "Sorry I interrupted. Tell me about Maria Cisneros." Fabian continued: Maria Cisneros had gone to clean the room. Inside, in front of the door to the room, was a partition fitted with an etched-glass window that blocked the view. People had to step around the partition to see

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Fabian. Once he was walking down the stairs between the third and fourth floors. There were no lights. He heard someone behind him. He thought it was a guest or a guard. He stopped. The person stopped. He took a few steps. The person took a few steps. He stopped; the person stopped. He walked; the person walked. On the third-floor landing, he stopped, but the steps didn't. He looked behind him. No one was there, but the steps kept coming. He felt a slight breeze as if someone had passed him and stirred the air. It was a cool breeze, but the air was empty. Fabian looked at me. "What else?" I asked.

thing else?" "Oh yes," said

"This happened before he died," said Fabian. "Mr. Miranda was strange sometimes." I couldn't imagine how else to describe a millionaire homosexual pornographer. "How so?" I asked. Fabian explained: Fabian

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was on a ladder, changing a lightbulb. The ladder was rickety. As he changed the bulb, he felt the ladder steady, as if someone had taken hold of it. He looked down. There was Mr. Miranda. They said hello to each other. Fabian looked back up at what he was doing. When he looked down again, Mr. Miranda was gone. After he put the ladder away, he asked at the front desk. No one had seen Mr. Miranda in the hotel. The manager said he'd spoken with him by phone, Miranda was at home in L.A. "Whew," said Fabian and shook his hand like a fan.

"You mean you saw Miranda in the hotel while he was still in L.A?" "Oh, yes," said Fabian and looked to José. "That's what Fabian told me," said José. "And Fabian is an honest person." I looked from José to Fabian, "You're telling me you think Miranda was in two places at once?" Fabian nodded. "Fabian," I said, "correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't witches supposed to do those sorts of things?" "Yeah, I guess," he said. "What do

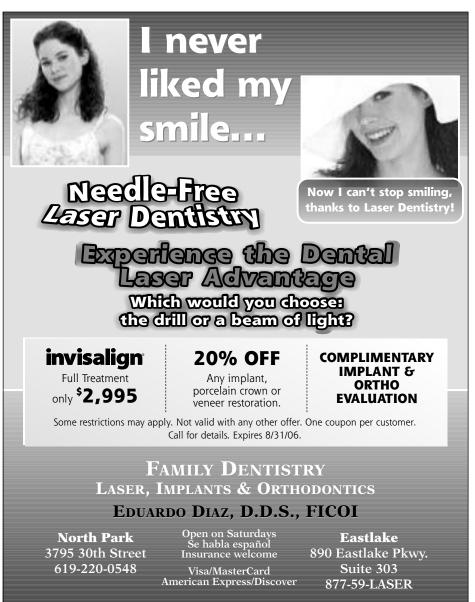
you call them?" I asked. Fabian frowned and shrugged. "Don't you call them *brujos*?" I said. Fabian shook his head. "I don't know."

"Did Miranda die here?" I asked. "No," said Fabian. "Mr. Miranda died in the hospital in L.A. He had a window on the second floor yelling, "Nothing can kill me!" Fabian had heard him hit the street, head first. Then there was a house-keeper whose boyfriend had deserted him: he came to work and drank a bottle of mildew remover. "Blood was coming out his mouth

As they rounded the corner, they saw a man dressed in a bathrobe, walking down the hall—into room 264. What was strange was that his feet didn't touch the floor.

some kind of cancer or maybe he had AIDS. I don't know." "Did anyone else ever die in this hotel?" "Many people," Fabian said. He didn't have to use his fingers to count them. First there was a Marine who thought he could fly: he'd gone out and everything," said Fabian. The rest were women: one butchered in a bathtub; one cut up, stuffed in a garbage bag, and left in a closet; one beaten to death with a baseball bat; one thrown off a fire escape. Fabian had cleaned up after all of them.

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"Lots of dead women, Fabian," I said. "How come?" Fabian arched his eyebrows and looked at José. "Maybe they tried to take the men's money," said José. "Maybe more than what they agreed." "You mean they were whores?" I asked. Fabian nodded solemnly. "Has anyone seen any ghosts who were women?" I asked. "No," said Fabian. "But José and me, we both heard children once. Down here in the basement. Only when we looked, there weren't any children." "What do you mean you heard children?"

"Children playing," said

José. "And once, up on the third floor, there was a group of dancers from Mexico." "Ghosts?" I asked. "No. Guests," said Fabian. "They said they heard horses." "Horses?" I said. "Galloping up and down the hall." "What were horses doing up on the third floor?" Fabian shrugged and shook his head. "Children, horses, and dead women," I said. "Anything else?" Neither man spoke for a bit. Then Fabian slapped his desk. "Sure," he said. "I remember. Mr. Miranda's friend." "His friend?" I asked. "I think," said Fabian. "He was his friend from the Navy. They were on the ship together. The USS Mississippi.""This was his friend, not his business partner?" "Yes. You know — his personal friend.""And — they were in the Navy?" I asked. Fabian nodded. "I think. I remember from Mr. Miranda's obituary." "No," said José. "Mr. Miranda was in the Coast Guard." "You got the obituary?" I asked. "I don't know where it is," said Fabian. "What about his friend?" I asked. "He was the resident manager. He died here; maybe he was murdered. I think it was about drugs. He died up in room 264. That's where he lived." "You sure?" I asked. Fabian nodded. "But 264 was the Miranda Suite." "That's right," said Fabian. "But this resident manager lived there?" "That's right," said Fabian. "Sounds like a lot of people lived in 264." Fabian and José both laughed. I wasn't trying to be funny.

All I knew about ghosts was what I'd seen in the movies. According to Hollywood, it should have been the ghost of the resident manager and not Mr. Miranda that Maria Cis-

neros saw from the waist up. The resident manager or one of the prostitutes. I didn't know what to do with the children and the horses.

"Fabian," I said. "I'm very confused. Mr. Biggers said one thing, then you said something else. I need to talk to more people. Besides you, who's been here the longest?" Fabian looked at José; José looked at Fabian. "Consuelo," said Fabian. "She's been here four years. She's at the front desk. And Alice, the housekeeper. She's part-time now, but she used to be full-time. She's been here 16 years, but she won't

talk to you. Consuelo will, but Alice, she doesn't like to talk to people. She knows all about Mr. Miranda, though. She knows everything. You should go up and talk to Consuelo. Her brother-in-law was Mr. Miranda's driver. She can talk to you."

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I knew who Consuelo was: she was the beautiful, dark-haired woman behind the front desk. I'd seen her the moment I'd entered the hotel. I went to lunch, then came back and introduced myself. "Sure," she said. "I got

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a break at 3:00. We can talk then." At 3:00 she came out from behind her desk. She wore a beige skirt and a cream-colored satin blouse. She had long legs. We sat on a couch in a corner of the lobby. According to Consuelo, Mr. Miranda was a wonderful boss: her brotherin-law drove him everywhere. He even had his own bedroom in Mr. Miranda's house. When Mr. Miranda came to San Diego, if someone at the hotel was sick or hadn't come to work, Mr. Miranda would roll up his sleeves and take their place. "He'd go in the kitchen and cook. He loved to cook. That's how he got his start, he told my brother-in-law. Up in San Francisco. He was a Portuguese. He redecorated the whole hotel. He loved this hotel."

"And," I said, "he lived up in 264?" "Yes," said Consuelo. "When he was here. What about the resident manager?""She lived on the sixth floor." That startled me. "She?" I said. "Fabian said the manager was a man and he lived in the Miranda

Suite." Consuelo looked puzzled. "No, no," she said. "She lived upstairs. She and Mr. Miranda used to drink together. That's why they liked each other. They drank." "There was no resident manager who died in 264?" I asked. "I never heard of that," Consuelo said. We sat and looked at the lobby for a while. Finding out about the living was as confusing as finding out about the dead.

"Consuelo," I said, "Fabian and José and Mr. Biggers have been telling me ghost stories. Do you know any?" She smiled a perfect smile. "Sure," she said. Two things had happened since she'd been at the hotel. Both had to do with room 264. The first happened during a comic book convention. "A what?" I said. Consuelo repeated herself: a comic book convention. "They come here every year," she said. I could imagine the lobby full of people dressed in capes and tights. "They trade and they talk," said Consuelo.

The last morning of the

convention, three of them came down to the front desk. They told Consuelo they'd seen something strange the night before. They were returning to their suite, room 242. They were a little drunk, but they weren't loaded. They heard some noises; then, as they rounded the corner, they saw a man dressed in a bathrobe, walking down the hall, away from them. As they watched, he walked into room 264. What was strange was that his feet didn't touch the floor. "Did he open the door or walk through it?" I asked. "They didn't say," said Consuelo. "When was this?" I asked. "Nineteen eighty-eight," said Consuelo.

"And the second?" "That was also 1988. It was two rich people." They'd checked into the hotel and were shown to the Miranda Suite. Consuelo described it as Fabian had but added a large-screen TV, a carved upright piano, and a builtin mahogany bar. The couple unpacked and rested. They made plans to go to

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dinner. The man dressed and went down to the lobby to wait for his wife. She went into the bathroom to apply her makeup. As she sat at the counter, looking at herself in the mirror, she saw someone pass behind her. She was surprised: she thought her husband had left already. She went into the living room to see who it was. As she turned the corner into the room, to her right was the piano with a lamp on it. As she passed, the lamp turned off then on, then off and on again. She fainted.

Her husband grew impatient waiting for her in the lobby. When he came up to the room, he found her on the floor. He called the front desk; the front desk called an ambulance. The woman spent the night in the hospital. The doctors found nothing wrong with her. The next day, when she was released, she refused to return to the room or the hotel. "Did any of these people — the couple or the conventioneers — did any of them know anything about 264?" I asked. "Did anyone joke with them or tell them a little story?""Oh, no," said Consuelo. "That wouldn't be good for business."

I looked at my watch. "Consuelo," I said, "what are the chances of us taking a look at 264? Is there anyone staying there now?" Consuelo's eyes widened. "I don't know," she said. "I'll have to ask security." She walked back to the front desk and used a two-way radio to call a guard. The same man who'd been sitting at his post when Biggers showed me Miranda's bellman photograph met

us at the front desk. "I dunno," he said. "I think court's adjourned for the day." I didn't understand what court had to do with the Miranda Suite, but I decided not to ask. The guard led us back to his post, then up the stairs, the same stairs where Biggers had said another guard, the exborder patrolman, had seen Mr. Miranda just before an earthquake shook the building. We walked up one flight to a landing, then up another. At the head of the stairs, we turned left, and the guard stopped in front of a door. "This is it," he said. Biggers hadn't included 264 on his tour. The guard knocked. "There's no one in there," he said and unlocked the door.

Directly inside was the etched glass partition that had sprained Maria Cisneros's wrist. I walked around it, expecting to see the carved piano and the big TV that Consuelo had described. Instead, the room was bare. To the left was the built-in mahogany bar. It divided the room in half. On the other side of it was a big rectangular table, draped with a white linen cloth. Twelve steel office chairs were drawn up around it. Polystyrene cups and cheap glass ashtrays were the only decorations. I turned to Consuelo, who stood several feet behind me. "What's happened?" I said. "What is this place?" "It's a jury deliberation room" said the guard. "The Miranda Suite?" I said. "Yep," said the guard. "It's just a coincidence about the name?" I asked. "You mean the Miranda Suite and the Miranda case?" "Yeah," I said. The guard grinned. "Just a coincidence."

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I turned to Consuelo again. "Everyone said this place was so fancy." I walked into the bathroom: it was big and marble, but it was as cold and bare as a public toilet. I walked into the bedroom. There was no evidence that a four-poster with a mirror above it had ever been there. The place was eerie only because it was so empty. "What happened to all the furniture?" I asked. "It was auctioned," said Consuelo. "It all got sold." I wondered if the juries knew where they were deliberating. "Who sold it?" I asked. "Dr. Glass," said Consuelo. "He sold everything."

The next day, I made an appointment to have lunch with Dr. Glass. We met by the front desk. "Lenny Glass," he said as he smiled and shook my hand, "just like the window." He was a trim, dapper, middle-aged man, dressed not for business or medicine but for golf. "Is this your day off?" I asked. "Oh, no," he said as we walked across the lobby to

the hotel restaurant. "I haven't practiced medicine for years. Retired, burntout. I gave it all up back in '82. Got out at the top; peaked, you might say." We settled into a booth. Glass studied the menu. The waitress came a minute later. "I'll have the usual" he said, "tuna fish on whole wheat, no mayonnaise, water to drink." I ordered a chicken fajita and some iced tea.

Glass looked at me sternly. "What's your blood cholesterol?" he asked. Fortunately, I'd just had a physical. "Two-oh-one," I said. "Once a doctor, always a doctor," I thought. Glass shook his head. "How old are you?""Forty-five," I said. "You better watch it, Mike. You can't be too careful. My ex-wife always made fun of me, but I've had mine down for years." "Middle-aged men comparing their cholesterol levels," I thought. I couldn't resist. "What's yours?" I asked. Glass beamed. "One sixty-seven and I'm ten years older than you." I was tempted to ask him about his prostate, but then I thought, "Let him win." "Congratulations," I said. Glass beamed and settled back in the booth. "So, Mike," he said, "how can I help you?" "Dr. Glass," I said, "I'm curious how a plastic surgeon such as yourself ended up owning a landmark hotel like this one." Glass's answer lasted all through lunch and into the afternoon.

He'd started out poor but ambitious. He was only the second Jew to come out of Johns Hopkins, trained in vascular and thoracic surgery. "That was my specialty. Very demanding stuff." His medical education wasn't free; he had his debts and his obligations. He played it safe and went into the Army. The Army made him an officer and put him in a MASH unit, 70 kilometers west of Saigon. "Forty-fifth MASH," he said, "at Tay Ninh, right on the Cambodian border. We served 50 small combat units. With Medevac, what we got was everyone's nightmares 15 minutes after they happened." Everyone he saw

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was 18; everyone he saw was blown in half.

Sometime in early 1967, he was sitting in a leaking tent, thinking that the last thing he'd ever wanted to do was exactly what he'd ended up doing. "I wasn't thinking too clearly," he said. "All I could see, for the rest of my life, were horror stories. I didn't realize that once I got back to the States, most of what I'd be doing would be gall bladders and appendixes. All I could think about were blown-up bodies. That's when I decided to go into plastic surgery. There's no life and death there."

When he came home, he apprenticed himself to a master surgeon at the University of Michigan. "He was the real thing, classically trained, a great maxillofacial surgeon. He was tough, but what I learned was worth its weight in gold." I soon understood that Glass wasn't just using a figure of speech. His first post was with an HMO in L.A. From there he joined the practice of — to use his words — "a psychotic Beverly Hills plastic surgeon. Of course, that's a tautology, isn't it?" He lasted a year.

With \$1500, a wife, and

kids, he moved to San Diego and began visiting hospital emergency rooms. "Who do you call," he'd say, "when you need a maxillofacial surgeon in the middle of the night?" "No one," people would answer. "No one?" Glass would say. "That's right," they'd answer. "No one, because no one'll come." That's when Glass would give them his card. "I'll come," he'd say. "You call and I'll come." By 1979, he was working 100-hour weeks. Later, after Glass and I left the restaurant, he took me up to his business office in the hotel. On his wall was an aerial photograph of what looked like a small resort. "That's the home I built for my family," he said. He'd grown rich, very, very rich. "But it cost me," he said."I didn't know when to stop. My work cost me my family."

He got a divorce, sold his practice, and began making investments. "I liked the

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action," he said. In 1982, he and a partner built a hotel. A year later, Glass's partner bought him out. "I made \$1 million." Glass snapped his fingers. "I thought the hotel business couldn't be easier. Boy, was I wrong." He formed another partnership and started buying more hotels. Within four years Glass, his partner, and others owned or had management contracts for hotels all over California and Arizona. "I thought the hotel business was inflation-proof: if my costs went up, all I had to do was raise my rates. I was right about that. What I hadn't anticipated was deflation: if you have fixed costs — like borrowed money — but if you have too many rooms chasing too few guests, then you get caught. You have to lower your rates, but you still have the same overhead. What you have is trouble."

Vincent Miranda died in 1985. Glass bought the Hotel San Diego from Miranda's partner in 1987. The hotel "plus a 99-year ground lease for the whole

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block," said Glass. "That ground lease is very important." By this point in the story, we had finished lunch and were sitting in Glass's office. "What's so important about a ground lease?" I asked. Glass's eyes sparkled. "The hotel's on the Historic Register. We're stuck with it. Miranda and his partner paid \$1.4 million for it back in '74. We bought the building plus the ground lease for \$6 million. Why do you think we'd do something like that?" I was going to guess maybe he loved old buildings, but Glass answered his own question. "Development," he said. He pulled a map out of his desk and handed it to me.

The hotel was marked with an X. All around it were stars. Glass began naming the stars. "Koll Center, 21 stories, \$160 million budget; Emerald-Shapery, 30 sto-

ries, \$132 million budget; Great American Plaza, 33 stories, \$200 million budget. We're right in the middle of the action, Mike. We've got two back parking lots and a two-story building we lease to some bail bondsmen and lawyers. All that can go when the time is right. The land alone is worth \$8 million. We can leave the hotel as is and build a 100,000-square-foot mixeduse commercial space directly behind it." I started thinking about Monopoly. Glass hadn't bought a hotel — he'd bought a square on Boardwalk. Still, he did own the Hotel San Diego.

"I understand you did some redecoration when you bought this place," I said. "Redecoration is an understatement," he said. "This place was done up like a New Orleans bordello. It was a glorified flophouse

full of antiques. We put in a new computer, a new phone system, new carpeting, new furniture, new plumbing, a new heating and cooling plant, we repainted the place inside

them, but I don't. We got rid of it all — except the phone booth and the window in the lobby."

"So — how's business?" I asked. Glass's face fell. "Mike," he said, "do you

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and out — then we sold all the junk." "The antiques?" I said. "If that's what you want to call them. Miranda's partner said they spent \$2 million on all the couches and chandeliers and bric-abrac. Maybe the IRS believed

know anything about our convention center?" "A little," I said. "You know it's the biggest financial and planning boondoggle this city has ever indulged in?" "I'd heard something like that." Glass's voice grew quieter. "The city called us all in. They told us to get ready for a bonanza. Everyone started building, getting ready for the new tourists. We've got a total of 35,000 hotel rooms now; there're more coming on-line every month. We've got a citywide occupancy rate of 70 percent. And it's falling fast." "What's yours?" I asked. Glass's voice grew even quieter. "Last Friday, we were 25 percent occupied. Yearround we're at 50 percent. We were going after families, bus tours, people on pensions, retired military. With the convention center, we were targeting the people who manned the exhibits, not the convention-goers. We had a marketing strategy, but my God, everyone's been lowering their rates. We're between a rock and a hard place." I looked at the map Glass had

handed me. Nearly all the places he'd named had plans for 200- or 300- or 400room hotels.

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off parts of the hotel. We've become a commercial real estate operation. We've had to to survive."

I kept staring at the map he'd handed me. The hotel had become a chip in a poker game, but the longer Glass sat at the table, the less his markers were worth. I looked up at him. He no longer looked as debonair as he had at lunch. "Dr. Glass," I said. "I appreciate you being so candid with me, so I'll level with you." Glass's face became somber. "Yes, Mike," he said. "Dr. Glass, I've been hearing a lot of stories from different people here in the hotel." "What sort of stories, Mike?" "Ghost stories, Dr. Glass. People who work here say this place is haunted. They keep talking about Mr. Miranda. They say he never left the place." Glass's face lit up. He laughed. "I've heard all that," he said. "I'm sure you have," I answered. "But — you're in the hotel business and I'm a writer. I didn't come all the way from Atlanta to make trouble for you. But people have been telling me stories, and I just might have to write about them. Do you want to tell me your side of things?"

Glass smiled and settled back in his chair. "Mike," he said. "I've been a doctor for nearly 30 years now. I've been in Vietnam; I've been in private practice; I've been in business, and one thing I've learned is, if people want to believe something like this, there's no way I can stop them. If they want to believe the earth is flat or the moon is made of green cheese, I can reason with them all day, but if they want to believe it, there's nothing I can say or do to change their minds. People are superstitious, and there's nothing I can do to prevent that. So — if you want to write about Vince Miranda's ghost, you go right ahead." "That's very enlightened of you, Dr. Glass," I said. He laughed again. "In fact," he said, "I've got a story of my own for you. This is just to show you how some people think."

Glass said it took him

months to negotiate an option/purchase agreement with Miranda's partner, a man called George. "It was nerve-wracking," said Glass. "George was such an eccentric guy, plus he was a very shrewd businessman." The final agreement gave Glass and his partners an option to purchase the hotel. That option — which cost \$50,000 — gave them time to raise the money to buy the place.

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Glass looked at me and laughed. "There you go, Mike. That's my story. George finally did take the money. He even helped us finance the deal, but," Glass's eyes twinkled, "his partner nearly spooked it." "This guy ought to be on TV," I thought. I stood up and we shook hands. "Thanks for everything, Dr. Glass," I said. By then it was nearly dinnertime. I walked down to Anthony's and ordered some fried squid. I thought it

might help my cholesterol.

I took a long walk after that, trying to make sense of everything I'd heard: the horses, the porn star, and the dead resident manager, maybe a he, maybe a she; Miranda being in two places at once, then giving business advice from beyond the grave. Whatever had happened — if it had happened — had centered around 264, but 264 had become a jury deliberation room, and the whole hotel had been either Zolotoned into respectability or leased to Burger King. It was after sundown when I walked back into the lobby. Consuelo was still on duty. An old woman dressed in a

in the wrong place.
"Oh, Mr. Lesy," said
Consuelo, "I want you to

housekeeper's uniform was

leaning against the front

desk as if it were a bar. She

was smoking a cigarette and

talking with Consuelo. Con-

suelo gave me one of her

smiles; the old lady turned

and looked at me as if I were

meet someone." She turned to the old lady. The old woman had hair like a scouring pad. Her face had lines in it that might have been cut with a wood chisel. "This is Alice Faye," said Consuelo. As I came close I caught a whiff of her; she smelled like an ashtray. Alice looked at me and nodded. "Pleased to meet you," she said. From the front, she looked like a leprechaun. "Alice," I said. "I'm very glad to meet you. Fabian's told me a little about vou." Alice frowned when she heard Fabian's name. "He said you knew Mr. Miranda." Alice watched me through the smoke of her cigarette. "He also said that you didn't like to talk to people." "It depends who they are and what they want," she said. "I'm a writer," I said. "I'm here to write about this hotel. I'm not here to get anyone in trouble. If you want to talk to me, fine. If not, not."

Consuelo turned to take an incoming call. Alice kept looking at me through her cigarette smoke. Then she started coughing — the

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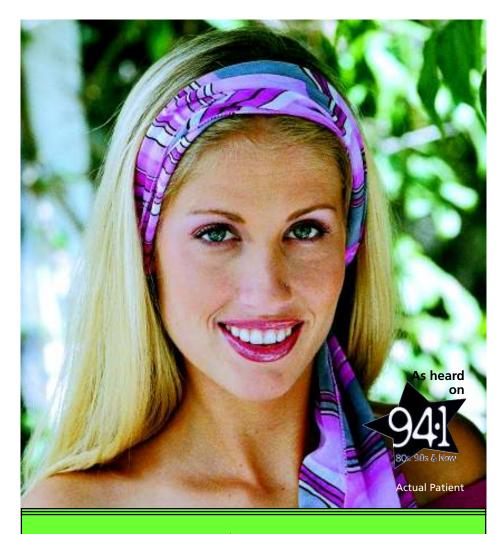
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thick, phlegmy cough of someone with chronic bronchitis. She bent double, came up for air, bent double again, came up, then went down once more. By the time the coughing had stopped, her face had turned red, then white. "You OK?" I asked. "What's it look like?" she said. I waited. She put out her cigarette and took a long look at me. "So you want to know about Vince Miranda?" she said. "A couple of things," I answered. She cocked her head and gave me a wink. She looked even more like a leprechaun. "OK," she said. We walked over to the same couch where Consuelo and I had

"First of all," I said, "I understand that Mr. Miranda had a house in L.A?" "That he did," said Alice and lit another cigarette. "But that, when he was in San Diego, he always stayed in 264." "He didn't start doing that," said Alice, "until after Don Wortman died. Wortman lived in 264. Mr. Miranda stayed up on the sixth floor. In room 666."

I'd never heard of Wortman, and Miranda's room number was straight out of the book of Revelation. I didn't know what question to ask first.

"Don who?" I said.
"Wortman," said Alice. "Two
sixty-four was his home.
You should have seen it:

booth. "The confessional, the stained-glass windows. He even put pictures of himself and Mr. Miranda up behind the bar. He had taste, though. He chose all the stuff, did all the work. He made this place look like something special." "I thought Mr. Miranda was

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theater posters, leopard skins, stuffed animals, you couldn't hardly walk, the place was so full. He did it all. He decorated it. He decorated the whole hotel. All the antiques, the restaurant, everything." She looked across the lobby at the phone

the one who did it all," I said. "No," said Alice. "Wortman did. Mr. Miranda paid for it, but this whole hotel—the way it looked—Wortman did that. Mr. Miranda just wrote the checks."

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me," I thought. "This Wortman," I said, "was he a resident manager?" Alice shook her head. "No. He was a theater director. That's what he did. Mr. Miranda owned movie houses and theaters. Wortman was a theater director and an interior decorator. He worked for Mr. Miranda. But they were friends." "And he lived in 264?" I asked. "I just told you, didn't I? Wortman lived in 264. After he got killed, Mr. Miranda moved downstairs. He started staying there when he came to town. Used to have parties there." "Fabian's story was halfaccurate," I thought. "Someone had been murdered. But he wasn't the hotel manager."

"How did Wortman die?" I asked. "From what I hear," said Alice, "he went up to San Bernardino to visit his family. This was in '81. It was New Year's. He went out for a drink, picked up a guy in a bar. Wortman and Mr. Miranda were both faggots. Mr. Miranda used to pick up Marines. Used to introduce them to people as his nephews. Mr. Miranda had lots of nephews. Anyway --- Wortman picked up some guy and took him home. Back to his sister's house is what I heard. Can you imagine? His sister comes home and finds her brother between the bed and the wall with his neck broke. You talk about rough trade." Alice looked at me and cackled. Then she started coughing again.

Once she recovered, I asked, "Did they ever catch the guy?" "Oh yeah. They caught him, but they didn't have enough to convict him." "So - Wortman didn't die in the hotel?" Alice gave me a hard look. "Don't you listen? I thought writers were supposed to be smart. I just told you: he died up in San Bernardino." "Sorry," I said. "What happened to his room after he died?""The hotel turned it into a guest suite." "And Mr. Miranda?""He never liked that 666 upstairs. He was superstitious. He said the number was a bad number. So he moved into 264. Plus, he redid the hotel bar. Got rid of those pictures of himself and Wortman. Like I said, he was superstitious." "But he never *lived* in 264?" Alice looked exasperated. "Are you some kind of dummy? I told you. Mr. Miranda had a mansion in L.A. Why should he want to live in a hotel?"

I apologized again. "I really am sorry," I said. "I'm just confused. People have been telling me all sorts of

stories." "Who's been telling you?""Fabian," I said. Alice made a face. "Don't believe anything that bean eater tells you." "That what?" I said. "Bean eater. Bean eater," said Alice. "Where are you from, anyway?" When I told

her, she snorted.

"Who else has been telling you stuff?""Mr. Biggers," I said. "Oh, yeah," she said. "What's babyface been saying?" "He said Mr. Miranda started out here as a bellman." Alice looked like someone had just shot her in the back. She started to guffaw, then she began to chortle, then she cackled, then she started coughing. Once she could breathe again, she said, "That's the goddamn funniest thing I

ever heard. He said Mr. Miranda was a bellman? Here? Biggers's been here less than a year. He don't know shit." "But he showed me Mr. Miranda's picture." Alice looked at me like I'd just said I could fly. "He did,

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did he?"I nodded. She stood up. "Why don't you just show it to me."

I led her down the hall to the bellman photograph. I pointed to the man Biggers had pointed out. "Impossible," said Alice. "Biggers is just telling you shit 'cause he wants publicity for this place. He wants it to be like the Horton Grand." I didn't know what that was, but I decided not to interrupt. "Mr. Miranda was never a bellman," said Alice. "Not here or anywhere. He started out as a cook. When he was in the Navy. In Hawaii. He never worked in this place till he bought it. Then he pitched in along with everyone else. He was a great guy."

"So much for what I learned in the past two days," I thought. The hotel did have a mythology, and 264 remained an important part in it, but Miranda seemed less and less likely to be the ghost who haunted it. If there was a ghost, it belonged to Wortman. Whoever he was. Alice and I walked back to the lobby. She lit another

cigarette. So far I hadn't said anything about ghosts, and neither had she. "Alice," I said. "Let me get this straight: Wortman died in 1981?" "Yeah," she said. "Then Mr. Miranda died. In 1985?" "That's right," she said. "What killed him?" Alice waved her cigarette at me. "Throat cancer," she said. "He smoked like a chimney. He didn't like dying." "No one does," I said. "Which is why, I guess, it makes sense what everyone says about him coming back to haunt this place."

Alice looked me in the eye. In a cool, calm, level voice, she said, "Someone's been jerking you around, bright boy." "I thought that might be the case," I said, "but I wanted to ask your opinion.""There aren't no ghosts in this place," said Alice. "I ought to know. I've been here, day and night, on and off, since 1973. I would've seen 'em. Who's been telling you this shit?" "Aaron Biggers," I said. Alice made a farting noise with her mouth. "Fabian," I said. Alice made the same noise. "Consuelo."

Alice didn't make a sound. "Consuelo's a lovely girl," said Alice, "but she's a little short on experience. Biggers is just trying to get you to write something to bring in the tourists. And Fabian — all those bean eaters, they're just lazy. They make up ghost stories just so they won't have to clean rooms. Don't you believe a one of 'em."

Alice sighed and stood up to leave. She was so sure of herself and her prejudices, so crude and so explicit that, besides Glass, she was the most believable person I'd met. "Alice," I said, "if there was a ghost..." She looked at me as if I were dumb and crazy. I continued. "If there was one and the choice was between Wortman and Mr. Miranda — who would it be?" Alice snorted. "Wortman," she said. "He was more of a faggot. Mr. Miranda owned this place, but Wortman loved it. It was like he was playing house." I was going to say something else, but she waved me off and walked away.

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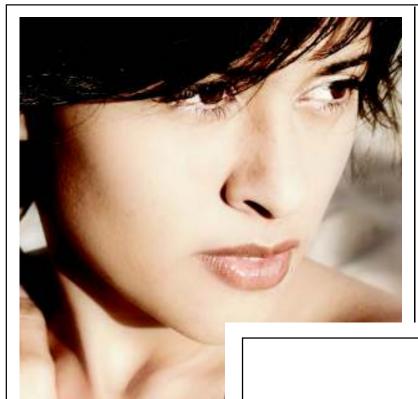
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I spent the next day on the phone, talking to newspaper reporters. Whether or not Wortman or Miranda were ghosts, they seemed to have been the principal actors in the hotel just before it became a square on a Monopoly board. All I knew about them was gossip, full of contradictions. What newspaper reporters could tell me was a different kind of hearsay, but at least reporters had professional pretensions to accuracy. The first man I talked to had started out as a city-planning bureaucrat during the redevelopment controversies in the '70s. He had met Miranda then because

Miranda and his partner as Biggers had told me owned parts of what eventually became the site of Horton Plaza shopping center. The reporter didn't want to be quoted for attribution. "I'll give you background," he said. "You take it from there." "Agreed," I said, and in the well-modulated voice of someone who knew the price of everything, the reporter told me his version of events.

'Those guys were outlaws," he said. "Outsiders. They had a fundamentally different take on what a city was and what it was supposed to be and do than the people who ran city hall. They took on the Establishment and tweaked its nose. The big guys wanted everything squeaky clean; a nice, safe place for them and their friends to make money. Vince liked the old stuff. He thought it had character. So he ended up on the side of the preservationists."

"But Miranda was a pornographer," I said. "He and the preservationists must have made strange bedfellows.""That's an odd choice of words," said the reporter, "but you're right. A lot of people assumed that Vince and his partner were connected with the mob. Not that they were major players, just local reps for the people in L.A. Porn wasn't exactly legal, but it wasn't exactly illegal either. Plus, it was a cash business. It generated a lot of cash and — if you needed to you could flush a lot of money through it from a lot of different sources. After Miranda died, I tried to find out the provisions of his will, but they'd done a good job of keeping things hidden. I think everything ended up in the hands of his partner."

"What about Miranda himself?" I asked. "What kind of a guy was he?" "He talked like a crook," said the reporter. "He looked like a crook; he acted like a crook. He drank too much; smoked too much. Drove a Rolls and a Bentley. Drove them

himself." ("So much for Consuelo's brother-in-law," I thought.) "He wasn't a big guy, but he came on tough, like a Damon Runyon character." "And Wortman?" I asked. "A coarse, roughedged guy," said the reporter. "Dark eyes and a beard. Used to load this old Cadillac full of furniture he'd buy at estate sales. He had a great eye. He had an amazing collection of old showbiz posters up in his apartment in the hotel."

The reporter paused to think. "That's who you ought to talk to," he said. "Welton Jones. Jones knew both those guys. Call Jones. He can tell you a lot more than I can." I said I didn't know who

Jones was. Saying that in San Diego was like someone in New York wondering out loud what the Statue of Liberty was. "Welton Jones!" said the reporter. "You don't know who Welton Jones is? He's a San Diego institution! He's the theater critic for the Union."

When I called Jones, I discovered that trying to interview a local institution — who knew he was a local institution — was different from talking to an ordinary civilian. Not that Jones wouldn't speak with me. As soon as I told him I was trying to find out about Don Wortman and Vince Miranda, the man wouldn't stop talking. The prob-

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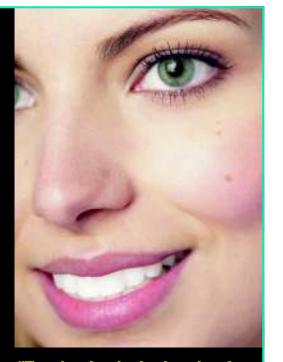


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lem came early on, when I tried to interrupt to ask a question. "Let me speak, goddamn it," he snapped. "Let me finish. If you say one more goddamn word to me, if you interrupt me once more, I'm going to hang up! You just keep your mouth shut and your ears open and you might learn something." Since he was a local version of a great man, and I was still almost as ignorant as I'd been when I'd first spoken with Aaron Biggers, I did as he ordered. For the next 90 minutes, the words came out of Jones like water

from a high-pressure hose. Opinions he declared as facts; facts he pronounced like edicts. Occasionally, I'd venture a timid question, but only to let him know what a fool I was.

"Miranda came from Northern California somewhere," said Jones. "During the Second War, he served as a cook in the Coast Guard in Hawaii." How he got started selling pornography, Jones didn't know, but sometime in the early '70s, he bought an old theater at Third and F, called the Hollywood Burlesque. He

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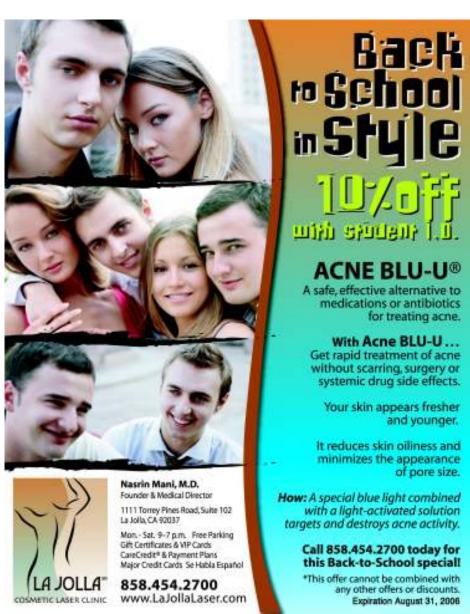


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way. He ran it as a legitimate theater. "No tits and ass," said Jones. "Musical comedy." Miranda didn't produce anything himself: he leased the theater to people who did. He functioned as a landlord/impresario: under his ownership, producers staged Anything Goes and Guys and Dolls; the road company of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown performed there. The shows were so good that the Chamber of Commerce presented Miranda with a key to the city - not for showing dirty movies, but for fostering theater downtown.

renamed it the Off-Broad-

In '73, Miranda leased the theater to a man named Hartzog. Hartzog hired Don Wortman as his producer. "And that was the beginning of a love/hate relationship," said Jones. "Between Miranda and Hartzog?" I asked. "No! No!" said Jones. "Between Miranda and Wortman! Miranda was a restless guy. He'd flit from one project to another. Wortman was always one step ahead of him. He always

had a project waiting — a project he knew Vince would like. And a project that Don wanted to do. They were very catty about each other — very bitchy — but they worked well together."

"Tell me about Wortman," I said. "I was about to, if you'd only keep your mouth shut," said Jones. "His father was a German Iew: his mother a Syrian one. Talk about a combination," said Jones. "You just know that couldn't last." The father left early: the mother doted on her son; the boy had a voice; the mother took him to auditions; Donny became a kid actor. After high school, he got a job with a department store in San Bernardino as an interior decorator. Then he left for New York. He met Josh Logan there. "Who was he?" I asked. "Christ!" said Jones. "Josh Logan was the original producer of South Pacific. That's how Wortman got his start: he fucked his way up the ladder. He started out as an underage chorus boy. He had a nice ass. He got the role of the professor. That show made him. It was his career show. He stayed with it until it closed on Broadway."

Then The King and I opened. Wortman heard about auditions for a road company. He shaved his head, bought the wardrobe, and got the part of the king, but it was a road-show part. It was a step down from South Pacific. He burnt out, came back to New York, and started his own agency. His big-name client was Shirley Jones — the original Marian the Librarian in The Music Man. He specialized in what he called his "ladies" — film actresses who had begun to fade after 20 years in front of the cameras — Hollywood stars like Lana Turner, Dorothy Lamour, Ann Miller, at one point, even Lauren Bacall. He got them stage roles in summer stock. He booked them all over the country. He became known as the King of Summer Stock. He did well: he had 15 people working for him; he moved from a brownstone in Greenwich Village to a penthouse on the

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Zealand — where it died." He went broke. He spent a everyone." month lying on a beach in Hawaii wondering what he was going to do with the rest of his life. Then the Famous Agency called him from Hollywood: Would he be interested in doing the same thing for them as he did in New York? He moved into a bungalow in Beverly Hills and became the King of Summer Stock — West. But he got bored again. Which is why he ended up in San Diego, producing for the man who leased the Off-Broadway from Miranda. In '75 Miranda closed

the Off-Broadway and turned it into the Pussycat Cinema. Wortman talked him into staging one last live production before Deep Throat began. "I think it was called Take It Off," said Jones. "It featured Georgina Spellman, who had starred — if you want to

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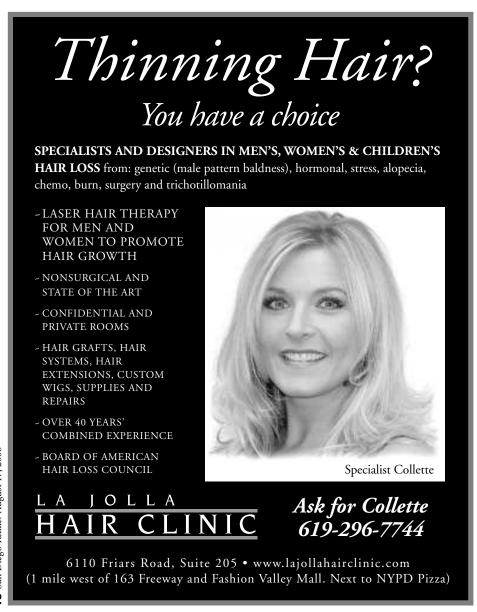
On Halloween night 1975 ("Why Halloween?" I wondered), Wortman opened the Broadway Dinner Theater in the Continental Room in the basement of Miranda's Hotel San Diego. "Don did a terrific production of Cabaret," said Jones. He did Fiddler on the Roof; he did Sound of Music, he did South Pacific. He did ten shows in all. The room sat 400. It served food and liquor. Miranda closed it in 1977 — the same year he opened the Backstage Restaurant in the Commodore Hotel, next door to the Pussycat Cinema.

Wortman took the repertory company from the Broadway and recast them in a revue called Toppers at the Backstage. "It was cute," said Jones. "Singing waiters and waitresses. They'd be serving you drinks

one minute and be up on stage the next." The Backstage became a political hangout. "It became the place to be for city hall and newspaper people. It didn't hurt that to get to the restroom you had to walk through the lobby of the Pussycat. People used to joke about guys taking 40minute pisses." Miranda lost interest in the place in '79. ("Every two years," I thought to myself.)

"Meanwhile — Wortman was living in the Hotel San Diego?" I asked. "Of course he was!" said Jones. "He redid the whole hotel. Where else would he live?" I could think of other answers, but instead I asked a question. "What was his apartment like?" I asked. It was the only time Jones was at a loss for words. "I can't describe it," he said. "It was a whore's dream. No. Better than that — it was like an upscale Beverly Hills antique shop. When MGM auctioned off its props from Culver City, Don bought a lot of their stuff. His bed came from there. He said it

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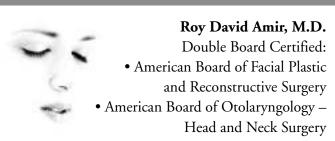






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came from the set of Cleopatra. He was always buying things, changing things, rearranging things. He redecorated the whole hotel, room by room. Every room was different. The lobby alone the chandeliers came from an old Hollywood movie theater. The front desk came from a pharmacy in Spain. The bar was straight out of World War II. He even had four packs of wartime Lucky Strike Green framed on the wall."

I interrupted. I couldn't let the moment pass: "I understand he also had some framed photos of himself and Miranda in naval uniforms." "Who the hell ever told you that?" Jones said. "Miranda never was in the Navy. And that picture of Wortman was from South Pacific." I knew I was taking a chance, but I kept going: "The whole place sounds so theatrical," I said, "like a collection of props and stage sets: a bed from Cleopatra, chandeliers from a movie house, a publicity still from a Broadway show, a bar out of World War II inside a hotel that was built in 1911."

Jones exploded. "Jesus Christ!" he said. "Who in the hell did you say you were working for?" I told him. "No wonder!" he said. "You're so typical with your bullshit ideas. 'Stage set!' You don't know what you're talking about. Have you ever heard of the Horton Grand?" I had, but I didn't want to tell him I didn't know what it was. "Yes," I said. "Well, then," he said. "That's your stage set. That's a bastard piece of architectural makebelieve if there ever was one. They tore down the original hotel and put the façade in crates. Then they tore down another building and put that façade in crates. Then they built a whole new building, stuck the old façades on the outside of it, and had the gall to call it the Horton Grand. It's no more the Horton Grand than Main Street in Disneyland was once a road. It's a hoax. It's a Laura Ashlev fake. It's a complete stage set. They even claim they've got a ghost! Talk about a fake!'

Jones took a few breaths. "I'm sorry," I said. "I didn't mean to upset you." He exploded again. "Upset!" he said. "I've had just about enough of your goddamn



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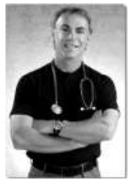
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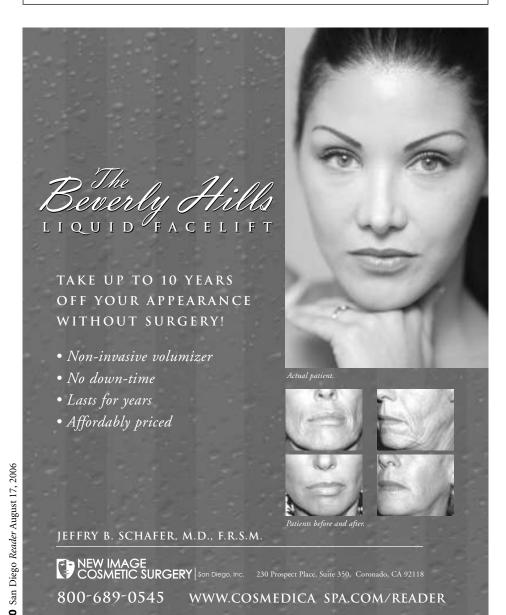
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condescension. Do you know anything at all about this city? Have you ever heard of the Del Coronado?" "Yes," I said. "That's real," said Jones. "That's authentic. That's a truly grand hotel. Don was trying for that. Of course he couldn't succeed. There was no way he could succeed. But he tried. The Hotel San Diego was as real as the Coronado. The Coronado was for outsiders. It was and it is. It's for tourists. But the Hotel San Diego was where everyone in town of any consequence had their meetings and luncheons. It's where lawyers met; it's where people did business. It was the city's hotel. It was a civic institution. A meeting place. The Coronado was where the tourists came. The Hotel San Diego was for the people who lived here."

Jones's voice grew quieter. "Those guys were so alive," he said. "Wortman was amazing, covered with tattoos, smoking a cigarette, those dark eyes drilling into you. Those guys really had balls. Don't get me wrong: I'm not gay, but I felt something for the two of them. Don got murdered, Vince died of cancer, and the hotel

got sold. I went to one of the last auctions. I was standing there looking at a lamp. I remembered when Don had bought it. One of the auctioneers came up. 'You know anything about this stuff?' he said. I lied. 'No,' I said. 'It all belonged to the guy who used to own this hotel.''Really,' I said. 'Yeah,' said the auctioneer. 'In fact, he started out as a bellman here.' I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. I walked away. It was as if everything those two guys had done, everything they'd tried to do, even who they were, had all vanished into thin air." I didn't have the heart to tell Jones what had happened to Wortman's apartment. I asked him if he could recommend anyone else I might talk to. He mentioned a few names and said goodbye.

One of the people he mentioned was Charlie Combs, a member of the repertory company that Wortman had carried with him from the Broadway in the basement of the hotel to the Backstage next to the Pussycat. When I called Combs to ask about Wortman, he answered with

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"Those days," he said, "those days were the best times of my life. I can remember standing backstage between scenes, looking up at the ceiling, just thanking my lucky stars for the chance to have been there." He'd met and married his wife in that show; ten other cast members had met and married as well. "Don was magic," Combs said. "He could do it. He could make things happen. He had the power to make you believe, just for a moment, just before the curtain went up, just before you went out there, that what you were doing was real, that it wasn't just an illusion, that you really were who you were pretending to be."

"It's funny you should use the word magic," I said, "because I've been hearing a lot of stories about Wortman making — how shall I say — some recent guest appearances at the hotel." "You mean, like, Don as a ghost?""That's exactly what I mean.""Well," said Combs, "I'm not surprised." "You're the first person I've talked to who's said that." "Well," he said, "I'm not surprised at all. Don believed in all that stuff. He used to hold séances — up in his apartment and over at the Off-Broadway. Did anyone ever tell you about that pack of Lucky Strike Greens?" "All I heard was that he had four packs of them framed behind the bar in the hotel."

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Combs laughed. "Those?" he said. "Those were fakes. He painted those. They weren't real." ("So," I thought, "maybe I was right about the hotel as a stage set.") "No," Combs continued, "the pack I'm talking about was so real, it was spooky.

"I can't remember if it was during or just after a performance of Gypsy, but a pack of Luckies came floating down from the fly loft onto the stage. Shook people up. Lucky Greens hadn't been produced since the '40s. Don held a séance in the theater after that. He was sure it was haunted. And he always said the hotel was spooked. 'Spooked' was his word. Sometimes he'd get really scared. His friend Holly used to tell me.

"Holly was his oldest friend. They grew up together. She was part of the company at the Broadway. After performances she used to stay upstairs, in the hotel. She used to tell me: Don would call her room in the middle of the night. 'Holly,' he'd say. 'Come down quick, I'm dying. I'm going

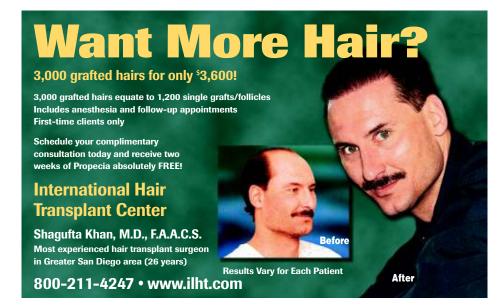
to die. I don't want to die alone.' She was the only one with a key to his apartment. She'd rush down and let herself in. He'd tell her for the 100th time where he'd hidden his jewelry, where he'd hidden this, where he'd hidden that. She'd sit with him and tell him he was being silly and calm him down until he fell asleep, then she'd go back upstairs to bed."

"Tell me what he was like, physically," I said. "Don wasn't a big man," said Combs, "but he had a presence. He was stocky, but he had broad shoulders. Receding hair, but he had a full beard. Dark hair, dark eyes. He had plastic surgery on his eyes." "On his eyes?" I said. "Yeah. He said they were too baggy. So he had 'em tucked. By the same guy who worked on Ann-Margret's legs after her traffic accident." ("Wortman must not have known about Dr. Glass," I thought.) "What did he usually wear?" I asked. "Levi's and a black-andwhite striped, short-sleeve shirt. Black was his color.

He had a black robe with gold piping he used to wear at home. On opening nights he'd dress up." "How so?" "Like a banker. Very well-cut suits. French cuffs. Very class-looking."

"And Miranda?" I asked. "Oh," said Combs. "I don't have anything good to say about him. He never showed respect for any of us, so we never showed respect for him. He used to sign the checks, but we all worked for Don. Miranda would come in and order Campari and soda. He'd drink until closing time, then pour himself into his Rolls. I don't know what he was like at other times in his life, but when I knew him, he was just an unhappy, sour drunk." "And Wortman's apartment?" I asked. "An amazing place," said Combs. "It was his lair. It was sort of enchanted.""How'd you like to see it now?" I asked. "Sure," said Combs. "Great," I said. "I'll meet you by the front desk of the hotel in 30 minutes."

Combs wasn't as well groomed as his voice. He





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ran a silkscreen business and had come from work. He looked around at the beige-and-white color scheme of the lobby. "This place has changed a little since I was here," he said. "Wait until you see Wortman's room," I said. We walked down the hall to the guard post at the foot of the stairs. A man I hadn't seen before was on duty. He gave us a professionally blank look. "Can I help you

gentlemen?" he said. I explained who I was and what I was doing. I mentioned Biggers and Glass for references. "Say again what you're doing?" asked the guard. I explained once more. "Right," he said. "Just a minute."

He keyed his radio and called the front desk. The front desk called Biggers. Biggers was out of town. Glass wasn't in his office. "Look," I said. "All we want

to do is get a look at the Miranda Suite. Can you open it up?" The guard gave me an even blanker look. "I can't do that, sir. Court's in session." Combs looked as puzzled as I'd been when I'd first heard that line. "They turned Wortman's apartment into a jury deliberation room," I said. "A what?" Combs said. "A jury deliberation room," I said. "They stripped it to the walls." "If I was Don, I'd be a little

pissed," said Combs. "I'll bet he's rolling over in his grave."

The guard listened as Combs spoke. I looked up the stairs. "So — Wortman's room was up there on the second floor," I said. "Yeah," said Combs. "And the Broadway Dinner Theater where was that?" I asked. Combs nodded at the descending staircase behind the guard's desk. "Right down those stairs in the basement. All Don had to do was walk down two flights to get to work." I asked the guard if it was OK to go down the stairs. His face wasn't as blank as it had been. "Sure, go ahead," he said. Combs and I walked down. There was another guard post at the foot of the stairs. "San Diego Court House Annex/Municipal Court," read the sign. "These are all courtrooms," I said. Combs looked bemused. "All this used to be open space," he said. "The bar was over there. The stage was through those walls. Everything's changed. It's strange." "I'll bet" I said.

We walked back up the stairs, past the guard. "It's so different," Combs said. We shook hands. The guard looked on. "Thanks for coming," I said. "Do you want me to walk you out?" "No. That's still the same." As Combs walked away, I thought, "Maybe Wortman's not just rolling over in his grave. I guess I'd be upset too. Upset enough, maybe, to come back every once in a while to let people know what they'd done."

"Excuse me, sir," said the guard. I'd been standing in the hall, watching Combs walk away, thinking about ghostly revenge. I looked over at the guard. "Are you the writer who's been asking people about Mr. Miranda's ghost?" "Sort of," I said. "I don't know if it's him or not, but you're right: I'm the writer who's been asking people questions." "You should have said so," said the guard. "I'm John Bouis. I saw him while I was on duty.""You?" I said. "It was right before the earthquake." "Are you the former border patrolman?" I asked. Bouis nodded. "Mr. Biggers mentioned that you'd seen something." "I sure did." "Go ahead and tell me." Bouis nodded again.

"Like I said, it was just before the earthquake. I was sitting right here, and I felt this prickly feeling on the back of my neck, like someone was looking at me." "Uh-huh," I said. "So I looked up and I saw this old guy standing up there." Bouis pointed at the landing of the stairs. "He was standing there, looking at me. I looked down at my desk, then I looked back up at him, but — he was gone. He'd just," Bouis snapped his fingers, "disappeared. I can remember thinking to myself, 'How could he have moved so fast?' 'Cause it looked like he was headed down, but then he wasn't there. It was like two beats boom-boom — and he was gone. Then, all of a sudden, everyone started running out of the courtrooms. In a panic. I thought they'd seen the ghost.""You mean the old man you'd just seen?" "Yeah," said Bouis. "Only they hadn't. It was an earthquake. Where I was sitting,

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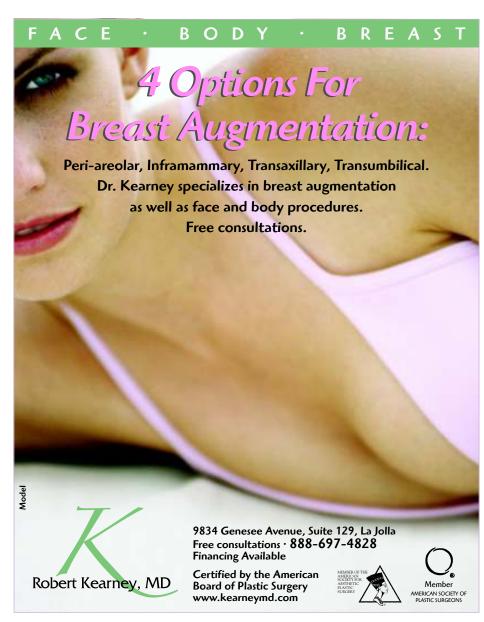
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Clarence. I don't know what else to do." I went to a pay phone and made the call. A woman answered. I introduced myself. I said Alice had told me to call. The woman didn't say anything. She put the phone down, and a few seconds later a man answered. "Yeah?" he said. "I'm calling Clarence," I said. "You got him," he answered. He had the gravelly voice of a blues singer. "Clarence," I said. "I

I hadn't felt it, but it had

started the chandeliers shaking and everything. So every-

one ran." Bouis looked at

Bouis. "Middle-aged." (Wort-

man had been in his 40s when he'd been killed, I

remembered.) "What did

he look like?" I asked. "Whitehaired. Going bald." "Any beard?" I asked. "Clean shaven." ("So much for Wortman," I thought. "Unless he died then went to a barber.") "Height?" I asked. "Average," said Bouis. "Fat? Thin?" "Sort of stocky." "Dressed?" "Dark grey suit." Bouis looked at me again. "Thanks," I said. We nodded to each other. I walked back to the lobby. I looked at the floor and thought.

"Whoever Bouis saw," I thought, "it wasn't Wortman and it wasn't Miranda. It would have been great if it had been Wortman —

commuting to work. But it

wasn't. So — what the hell is going on?" "Mr. Lesy?"

someone said. I looked up.

It was Consuelo. "Good morning, Consuelo," I said. "I have a message here for

you, Mr. Lesy. Alice asked me to give this to you.""Thank you very much, Consuelo." I unfolded the call slip.

"Clarence," it read, then a

phone number. "Consuelo,"

I said. "Do you know any-

thing about this?" I handed

the note back to her. She

read it. "'Clarence?" she

said. "The only Clarence I

know is the Clarence who

used to work here. Alice

knows him. He was here a

long time." She handed the

note back to me. "What the

hell," I thought. "I'll call

"OK," I said. "Now tell me again about this person you saw. He was an old man?" "Not *old* old," said

"Clarence," I said. "I don't know who you are, but I got a note from Alice at the Hotel San Diego to call you." "Yeah, I know," he said. "What you want?" I thought

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for a second. "I don't know, Clarence. I'd like to find out a little about you. Then I want to ask you about the hotel. I understand you worked there a long time." "Twenty-five years," he said. "What did you do?" I asked. "A little of this and a little of that. I did everything that needed to be done." "Were you a bellman?""You don't need to know," he said. "You don't need to know nothing about me. You don't even need to know my name," "It is Clarence, isn't it?""It'll do," he said. "What I'm going to tell you, it don't matter." "Fine," I said. "What do you want to tell me?"

Clarence didn't say any-

thing for a bit. Then he said,

"What I want to tell you is, don't believe anything those assholes tell you. There ain't no ghosts there. That's just something they cooked up after Miranda died. Those guys — they don't know what they're doing. They ain't running a hotel. They're just running something to make themselves money. They're not running a hotel." "And why is that?" I asked. "Cause after they bought the place," he said, "they just fired everyone. There was more than 100 people working there. People who had been there a long time. And they just fired everyone." "Did they fire you?" I asked. "They didn't have the guts," he said. "They put me parttime in the gift shop. A man can't make a living working part-time in no gift shop.

I quit." "Is there anyone left from before?""No one but Alice," he said, "and they got her on part-time. They fired everyone. They fired everyone or they quit, 'cause those people just don't care about the place. All they care about is their pocketbooks."

Clarence kept talking about the assholes who'd fired him, but I stopped listening. Not because what he said was a long, bitter complaint; I'd heard more than one bitter complaint since I'd started asking questions about the hotel. I stopped listening because I suddenly realized where the ghosts had come from. I waited for Clarence to take a breath, then I thanked him and said goodbye. I hung up the phone, sat in the booth, and stared at the opposite wall.

"They fired everyone," I thought. They weren't villains, but they'd fired everyone. They'd cored the place out. Economic necessity. The convention center. The bottom line. Cash flow problems. Overcapacity. All that, so they'd fired everyone. Everyone who had any memory of the place. Any memory of the place before they'd bought it and any memory of the place before Miranda and his partner had bought it. They'd fired the collective memory of the hotel. That's what those 110 people were, the staff of the gift shop, the restaurant, the bar and the liquor store, the housekeepers, the bellmen, the laundry workers, and the kitchen crew, all those people — they'd purged the collective memory of the hotel. Lobotomized it. Emptied it and reamed it. Zolotoned and sublet it.

Then they hired new people. There were still a few old-timers left: Alice, Fabian, maybe a few others. The new people asked the old people, "What is this place?" The old people told them. Then some of the new ones were fired. Fired or quit. And more new people came. They asked the ones who remained, "What is this place?" And the ones who remained told them. But what they told them was only a part of the whole story, only a fraction of the whole truth. As one group of employees succeeded another, the story of the place, its true history, was told and retold; but with each retelling, the story grew more and more remote from the original facts. It was like a child's game of telephone: 20 kids stand in line; the first kid whispers a word into the ear of the second kid: "apple," says the first kid. By the time the last kid hears it, whispered into her ear, it sounds like "antler."

That was part of it, then: stories were distorted in transmission. But there was more: the ghost stories weren't just the result of poor communication. The hotel had been stripped of its special identity. It had become a barren place. Interchangeable with a thousand others. Question: If human beings are confined to barren places, cells or stalls or cubicles, what do they do? Answer: They scribble on

the walls. That's what those ghost stories were: they were graffiti. They were the natural reaction of human imaginations to the pastel walls of an empty place. The ghost stories were decorations. They were efforts to transform the emptiness. And what better materials to use than the reputations of two such men as Miranda and Wortman? Both were sexual outlaws. Both were people who traded in illusions. Wortman made plays and stage sets; Miranda sold sexual arousal made from pictures.

Combs said Wortman had "magic." Welton Jones had spoken of both men as being "so alive." In fact they were so alive, they were so "magical," they were so charged with illicit energy that when they died, their reputations survived them. The memories of these men became the colors that the people who worked in the hotel used to spray-paint the walls of a place that had become a square in a game board.

Finally: no matter what the new owners did, the hotel remained the hotel. It had a past — an immediate past embodied in men like Miranda and Wortman, and a more distant past, connected with a time when all the important people in the city of San Diego came and went through its lobby. Miranda was no preservationist, and Wortman was no historian of the decorative arts. They were both opportunists and fabricators. Counterfeiters. But they'd paid more attention to the past than Dr. Glass and his limited partners. The new owners were intent only on the future. Just like the rest of the city. If there were any ghosts in the hotel, they were rumors of its past. What haunted the place was ignorance of its own history.

I stood up from the phone booth and walked back to the lobby. I'd spent ten days and ten nights in the hotel and hadn't seen a single ghost. Consuelo was still behind the desk. She looked at me and smiled. "I wonder if she's doing anything after work," I thought. ■ — Michael Lesy

Editor's note: The Hotel San

Diego was demolished on April 15, 2006.

Surf Pups

A Contest for Gnarly Pooches

ur only real requirement is that the dog enjoys the water," says surfing instructor Teevan McManus. "If your dog does not enjoy being in the water, there's zero chance [it will enjoy

On Sunday, August 20, McManus will conduct surf lessons for dogs, after which the animals will ride against each other in a "Surf Dog Small Wave Competition."

As owner of Coronado Surfing Academy, McManus primarily teaches humans how to surf. Through the Su'ruff Camp, he has taught over 20 dogs. One of

LOCAL **EVENTS** his recent students, a cocker spaniel, "did a full 360 on the board and kept surfing" while the dog's owners were

filming. "It was one of the best dog tricks I'd ever seen." McManus's goal is to get the dogs surfing by themselves. "I had a couple of really tiny dogs that wanted to stand on the front of the board, so I'd ride with them perched on the nose.

Dogs learn how to surf on a custom surfboard made by INT Softboard Technology in Carlsbad. The board is nine feet long, as are boards made for

people, but it is a few inches wider for easier balance. Rather than the usual foam-top for beginners, the top is slick so that dogs cannot dig their claws into it. "You still have to

wax it up; it's pretty much like the real thing," says INT employee Bobby Hansen. So far, the custom board made for McManus is the only dog board INT has sold. "These [custom dog boards] would probably retail for \$385," Hansen specu-

"When we started doing this, my dog was a little bit hesitant," McManus says of his pet sidekick, Murphy. "But now, once I lay my board in the water, he jumps onto it. He's ready to surf."

McManus likens teaching dogs how to surf to teaching children how to ride a bicycle. "First we try to get the dog comfortable on the board. We'll take the board and the dog into extremely shallow water, ankle to knee deep, and



walk with [the board] and then let go and let the wave take over and [the dogs] cruise in. Sometimes they'll stay on the board all the way till they



Murphy and Teevan McManus

hit the sand. A lot of times they'll look back at us while they're surfing, like, 'What am I

For the competition, dogs will be judged on confidence level, style (or "overall ability to grip it and rip it"), and duration on the board. "There's been talk of a best trick," says McManus, "but keep in

mind, this is dog surfing." Brian Keaulana, a legendary surf instructor from Maui, says in the book *The Dog's Guide to Surfing*, "Once they've been surfing, dogs know they aren't like all the other dogs. They've got a little attitude. They know they're a part of something very special." The book offers tips such as how to keep surf wax out of dogs' mouths and suggestions such as life jackets for dogs.

McManus's experienced surf dog, Murphy, will attend the event, but will not be competing because of his unfair advantage. "He's got some good skills," says Murphy's proud owner.

After the competition, Loews will host a reception at which dogs will be served a "surf 'n' turf dish," a mixture of beef tenderloin and salmon prepared by the resort's chef; meanwhile, dog owners can sip "mutttinis," also known as "cosmo-paw-litans,"

donated by Skyy vodka. Dogs can get pedicures and watch the "furry fashion show," which will showcase "doggie couture" from Lucky Dog Boutique. The pet-clothing models stand to win more than just admiration — every dog in the fashion show is up for adoption.

— Barbarella

Surf Dog Small Wave Competition and Fundraiser Sunday, August 20 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m: Surf lessons for dogs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Surf dog competition 106 Carnation Avenue (near Camp Surf) **Imperial Beach**

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BAJA

Festival of Celebrity Chefs concludes with five-course dinner by chef Pablo San Roman on Thursday, August 17, 8 p.m., in Rincon San Roman Restaurant at Marriott Resort and Golf Club (Tijuana-Ensenada Highway km 19). Menu paired with wines from Guadalupe Valley. \$80 U.S. 619-653-1909. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"Una de Balazos," Pancho Rodríguez lectures about bullets, Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"100% Mexican Beef," exhibition of sculptures, assemblages, and installation opens with reception on Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Galería H&H (Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). 011-52-664-900-6133.

Tour of Tijuana with artist Teddy Cruz hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$80. Reservations: 858-454-3541.

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, August 19. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: \$40 for adults, \$20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (TECATE)

Colores de la Vendimia, harvest festival with wine, food, bull-fighting, fireworks, music, and entertainment at L.A. Cetto Winery on Saturday, August 19, noon to midnight. 011-52-664-638-3641. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

"El Teatro Latinoamericano," lecture by Rosario Moreno, Saturday, August 19, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9636). Free.

Extreme Fighting with 16 boxing teams competing, Saturday, August 19, 4 p.m., at Balak Club in Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río.

OUT & ABOUT

DIVINE LIGHT

of primeval dance — Raja and Radha Reddy, Neurosciences Institute, Saturday, August 19.

(SEE DANCE)



Tickets: \$40, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-681-0360. (TIJUANA)

Run for Fun, 5k night run, Saturday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., starting at Malecón, Playas de Tijuana. 011-52-664-687-9636. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Matadors José Luis Angelino, Omar Villaseñor, and Ismael Rodríguez meet up with bulls in downtown bullring on Sunday, August 20, 4 p.m. 011-52-664-686-1510. Bullring is located on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (TIJUANA)

Harvest Festival — with wine tours, dinners, and festival — continues in Ensenada through Sunday, August 20. Details: 011-52-646-178-3136. (ENSENADA)

Author Gonzalo Celorio reads from and signs his new book *Tres Lindas Cubanas* at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) on Tues-

day, August 22, 7 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Pensar Desde El Cuerpo" is signed, discussed by author Sigifredo Esquivel Marín, Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free.

"Baroque...Without Too Much Adornment," classical music played by Orchestra of Baja California, Thursday, August 24, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (IJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Cultural and artistic ex-

hibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

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

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Orioles, the bright yellow or yellow-orange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in

the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

The Milky Way appears at its most glorious during August summer evenings free of moonlight (this year, these evenings occur from now through August 25). You'll need to be in the mountains or the desert to see it clearly; too much artificial light in or near the urbanized parts of San Diego County renders it all but invisible. The Milky Way seems to broaden and become generally brighter over the south horizon, specifically near the constellation Sagittarius. When we gaze in this direction, we look toward the crowded heart of our galaxy, where millions of dim stars are so closely spaced in the sky that taken together they resemble puffs of steam.

Various Sandpipers are now being seen in considerable numbers within San Diego County's coastal wetland habitats and along the ocean beaches. Some have just arrived from the north; others are juveniles that have bred locally. You'll find sanderlings and willets scurrying along the wet sand on the beaches. Several other members of the sandpiper family can be found in mudflat areas such as the Tijuana River Estuary, the south end of San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel near SeaWorld, and the margins of most North County lagoons.

Friday Frolic, walk around homes and gardens with views over bay and ocean with Walkabout adventurers on Friday, August 18. Moderate walk over mostly flat terrain starts at 9:45 a.m. at Catalina Boulevard

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Night Wildlife Walk planned by Mike Kelly in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Friday, August 18, 7:30–9:30 p.m. Bring a flashlight and look for wildlife. Meet in northern parking-staging area at Camino del Sur and Park Village Drive. Free. 858-484-3219. Wear insect repellent, water, hiking boots. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Leaves and Flowers, naturalist James Dillane leads moderate 3.5-mile walk over Boulder Loop and Rock Ridge Trails in Daley Ranch, Saturday, August 19. Hike starts at 7:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Seek Lesser Yellowlegs, phalaropes, barn swallows, Baird's and stilt sandpipers, and other early fall migrants during Audubon Society birding outing at San Elijo Lagoon on Saturday, August 19, 8 a.m. Meet at end of Rios Avenue, overlooking south side of lagoon. Bring scope, water. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on August 19 at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Birds and Biodiversity, birding expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, Au-

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ROAM-()-RAMA

Starting from Seaview Park in the city of Laguna Niguel, a brief walk on a popular trail will take you past several interpretive panels annotating the common species of coastal vegetation found throughout coastal Southern California. The path leads to a concrete viewing platform offering one of the very best views of the fabled Orange County coastline. In early morning the coast may lie in a blanket of cottony fog, you just above it. By morning or midday, the Pacific Ocean spreads blue and nearly infinitely to the west. Finally, toward evening,



Laguna coast on a foggy morning

the ocean shimmers with a million points of reflected sunlight.

You start at the end of Talavera Street, off Pacific Island Drive, 1.6 miles north of its intersection with Crown Valley Parkway — which is a short way uphill from Pacific Coast Highway. On some maps, the starting point is identified as Niguel Hill (936 feet elevation). Start

walking at the west end of the grassy strip running along the brink of a deep gorge — Aliso Canyon. Follow a wide, ridge-running path going west. Notice the differences between the types of vegetation growing on the two sides of the path. Dense chaparral clings to the steep, north-facing slope to the right, which drops a sheer 800 feet to Aliso Creek. A sparser assemblage of mostly coastal-sage-scrub plants lies exposed to the sun's harshest rays on the left, south-facing side of the path. The more or less unspoiled expanse of canyon bottom to the north is included in Orange County's Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

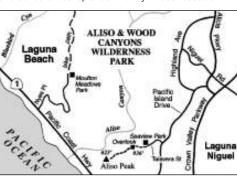
Only a few minutes walk takes you to the concrete platform. Most casual hikers will sharply downward, skirts a residential street, and then rises a little to reach Aliso Peak

SEAVIEW PARK OVERLOOK

Catch a panoramic view of south Orange County's coastline from Seaview Park in Laguna Niguel.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 72 miles Hiking length:1/2 mile or more Hiking difficulty: Easy

likely want to turn back there. Beyond the platform, a narrower trail continues: it pitches (Aliso Summit). From there the ocean shore lies just 0.4 mile away — 600 feet below.



gust 19. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Got Shade? Coast live oak trees provide cool relief from summer heat during guided walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, August 19, 20, and 23, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

A Cemetery, Craftsman Homes, Kate Sessions' Nursery — find out what these spots have in common during Urban Safari led by Patty Fares through Mission Hills, Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (MISSION HILLS)

Twilight Walk with possible owl and bat sightings on Saturday, August 19, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 7 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers to maintain plants at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway), Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Habitat Restoration led by San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Sunday, August 20, 1 p.m., at Crest Canyon trailhead (on Racetrack View Drive). Volunteers remove nonnative plans, repair erosion damage. Bring water, sun protection. Free. Requested reservations: 858-755-6956. (DEL MAR)

Venus and the Very Thin Crescent Moon stand closely together low in the eastern sky at dawn (approximately 5:30 a.m.) on the morning of Tuesday, August 22. Saturn and Mercury (located just below and to the right

of the moon) may be spotted briefly in binoculars, both barely over the horizon, at that same time. This is a rare opportunity to observe four objects in the solar system clustered within a circle of about 8 degrees diameter. Widefield binoculars may be able to show all four in the same field of view.

DANCE

Former Alvin Ailey Star Jeffrey Gerodias leads workshops in Horton technique, August 18–23, 5:30–7:30 p.m., in Wagner Dance Building at UCSD. \$100. Registration: 858-484-7791. (LA JOLLA)

City Ballet summer intensive participants perform Friday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Waltz Variations featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, August 18, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by mixers and open dancing for all ages (until 9:50 p.m.). Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to music by Old Twine String Band and calling by Graham Hempel, Friday, August 18, 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)

Divine Light of Primeval Dance, dance production of "Natya Pradeepam," by Padmabushans Raja and Radha Reddy, with Kaushalya, Yamini, Bhavana Reddy planned Saturday, August 19, 6:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$30. 858-342-5783, 858-578-2705. (IA JOLLA) Summer Showcase, San Diego Civic Ballet dancers perform excerpts from Swan Lake, Cinderella, The Swan Princess, and The Nutcracker, Saturday, August 19, 6 p.m., at Casa Del Prado Theater. Students of all ages, levels will perform. Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-233-3060. (BALBOA PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including August 19, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7.760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Singin' and Pickin' and Dancin' Wingding! Free contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, August 19, 1–3 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). 619-283-8550. (POWAY)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Guest caller is James Hutson on August 20. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$8.858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered Tuesdays, including August 22, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

Two "Citizen Video" Shorts —

The Subconscious Art of Graffiti Removal and Buffalo Common promised during "Open Screening Night," Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Screen on the Green, San Diego Museum of Art hosts outdoor film series in conjunction with "Andy Warhol's Dream America" exhibit. John Wayne stars in *The Searchers*, screening on Thursday, August 17. Elvis and Ann-Margret star in *Viva Las Vegas*, slated for Thursday, August 24. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. on east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931.





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Cinema under the Stars, enjoy Peter Sellers in Being There on Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). See Ryan and Tatum O'Neal in Paper Moon on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, 8:30 p.m. \$12. 619-295-

Leonardo Pieraccioni's Paradiso all'Improvviso (2003) screens Friday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Viva Cuba" showcased for Cinema en tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center, August 18-24, at UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Film "touches upon many of Cuba's contentious issues." \$8.50 general. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights, Saturdays are family nights on Star of India in August. Guests may compete in scavenger hunt aboard the B-39 Russian submarine and then see Run Silent, Run Deep on Friday, August 18. Operation Petticoat (1959) is showcased on family night, Saturday, August 19. Films are projected on special ship sails.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sun-

down (around 8:30 p.m.). Tickets: \$13 general, \$8 for children 12 and younger. Find the Star at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153, (DOWNTOWN)

Matt Ehling's Documentary

Urban Warrior: The Militarization of American Law Enforcement screens Saturday, August 19, 2 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Community activist Janice Jordan and civil rights attorney Iim Dunne lead discussion after screening. Free. 619-538-8165, (MIRA MESA)

"La Mujer de mi Hermano (My Brother's Wife)" screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 21, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Berlusconi's Mousetrap" screens for San Diego Independent Media Center, Wednesday, August 23, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Film chronicles anti-G8 protests and violent response of Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi. Donation: \$3-\$5. 619-378-0946 (EAST VILLAGE)

A Fusion of Music and Nonfiction Storytelling! Brian Hill's documentary Songbirds screens Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Film follows women serving prison sentences in correctional facility outside of London; each woman "eventually breaks into songs written specifically for them." The short Pyramid of

BLACK CINDERELLA!

Sister Carol, Saturday, August 19, WorldBeat Center's Marcus Garvey Day 2006.

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

(IN PERSON)



Women opens evening. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Deep Sea, Greece: Secrets of the Past and Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France (through August 31). "Fridays at the Fleet" features Journey Into Amazing Caves (6 p.m.) and Lewis and Clark at 7 p.m. on August 18. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Off-Road Racing Legend Ivan "Ironman" Stewart talks about his racing career and adventures from his award-winning past at San Diego Automotive Museum on Thursday, August 17, at 7 p.m. "A

Night with Ivan 'Ironman' Stewart" is free. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

Happy-Hour Lecture, learn about pet vaccines and alternatives, Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers to hear Linda Hervig discuss use of software program for plotting land records, Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Take "An Interpretive Walk Through Independence Square" when Iack Sholl speaks for Sons of the American Revolution on Satur-

day, August 19. Sholl was docent at Independence Hall. Group meets at 9 a.m. at Ramada Inn (5550 Kearny Mesa Road). \$13 tickets include breakfast. Required reservations: 760-743-0034. (KEARNY MESA)

"Planting with Your Pooch," master gardener Judy McComber discusses pet-friendly landscapes that discourage chewing, digging, fence-hopping, Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West), \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

A Number of Easter Pacific Green Sea Turtles make their homes in the San Diego Bay. Southwestern College biology professor and green sea turtle expert Margie Stinson describes her re-

search, the biology, and history of the species during workshop, Saturday, August 19, 1 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). \$10. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Wood 'n' Clay, create an unusual pine-needle basket attached to a ceramic base during class led by Carol Lang, Sunday, August 20, noon-5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). For all levels of experience. \$90. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Inside the Vatican." Robert B. Moynihan focuses on "the vision of Benedict XVI, developments in Orthodox-Catholic relations, current issues in the Catholic Church," and other topics, Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary (at State and Date Streets). Moynihan is founding editor of journal Inside the Vatican. Question and answer period follows. Free. 619-222-1408. (LITTLE ITALY)

"The Differences Between English, Irish, Scottish, and American Research" examined by professional genealogist Nancy Carlberg for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, August 22, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after home composting workshop, Tuesday, August 22, 6 p.m., at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation (137 North El Camino













Real). Learn to recycle food and yard waste into valuable soil amendments. Free. Required reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (ENCINITAS)

"How to Live Happily Ever After With Your Cat" presented Tuesday, August 22, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Cat behavior, socialization with people, communication, more. \$15. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"English Probate Records" discussed by Kathleen Lund for England-Wales Interest Class, Thursday, August 24, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-469-1677, (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

Shakespeare (Abridged)" presented by Arts Off Broadway, Thursday-Saturday, August 17-19, 7 p.m., in Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Admission is free, but patrons are encour-

aged to donate to blood drive on August 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 760-735-3302.

"One-Party Country: The Republican Plan for Dominance and the 21st Century" signed, discussed by authors Tom Hamburger and Peter Wallsten, Thursday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue: 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Sandboxed," performance and installation event by Nanette Newbry runs August 18-20 at N. Newbry Gallery (3095 State Street). Piece explores "political, social, and apathetic climate of our media-influenced views and opinions." Public invited to "create their own experience" with Internet and media sources available for utilization. Event begins at 10 a.m.

Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800). Doyle is credited with "inventing the first snowboard and the soft surfboard." Free. (LA JOLLA)

Do You Believe in Ghosts? New Village Arts Theatre presents Hamlet for its fifth annual Shakespeare in the Park productions, Friday-Sunday, August 18-20, on lawn at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring blankets, sweaters, picnics. Free. 760-433-3245. (LA COSTA)

Righteous Brother Bill Medley joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19. Among his hits: "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," "Unchained Melody," "Rock n' Roll Heaven." Evenings conclude with fireworks.

Conscious Comedy Explosion, Friday, August 18, 7:30 p.m., at Tubman/Chavez Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Also on tap: Donnivin the Comedian, Bennie Herron. \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-819-7838. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Downtown Summer Sounds," the Fabulous Woodies plan free concert, Friday, August 18, 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 Sue Palmer and Her Boogie-Woogie and Swing Band, Friday, August 18, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue). 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Blues-Rocker Coco Montoya performs for TGIF Jazz in the Parks, Friday, August 18, 6 p.m., at Calavera Hills Park (at corner of Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Drive). Shuttle service, 5–9 p.m., from Hope School (4100 $\,$ Tamarack Drive). 760-434-2904. Free, (CARLSBAD)

The Backyard concert series continues with performance by Kate and Kacey Coppola on Friday, August 18, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

Businesswoman Ann Nichols Roulac talks about Power, Passion, and Purpose: 7 Steps to Energizing Your Life, Saturday, August 19, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive, 619-220-0175). Free.







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Roulac also discusses her book at 7 p.m. on 19th at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar, 858-755-4254). Free. (DEL MAR. MISSION VALLEY)

Big Rig Deluxe takes stage for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn streets) on Saturday, August 19, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

"Writers of the Future," established authors who have judged entries in this sci-fi anthology and new writers - including Kevin J. Anderson, Brian Herbert, Anne McCaffrey, Todd McCaffrey, Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, Tim Powers, and Robert J. Sawyer — visit Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign books on Saturday, August 19, 2 p.m. Find shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Classical Mystery Tour, Beatles tribute, Saturday, August 19, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino

and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets start at \$25. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

Black Cinderella! Sister Carol plans Marcus Garvey Day concert, Saturday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Modern roots reggae vocalist Zema is also on program. All ages. \$17 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Latin-American Harpist Carmen Barreiro performs with brother Gabrielle (acoustic bass) for summer concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane) on Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m. Free tickets issued at door at 1 p.m. 760-602-2026, (LA COSTA)

Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea at Moonlight Beach conclude with reggae by Resination, Sunday, August 20, 3-5 p.m. Free. 760-633-2740. Dogs, alcohol, glass prohibited on beach, located at western foot of Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

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<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

TRANSMISSION

The Art of Roberto Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark, August 19-November 12, San Diego Museum of Art.

(SEE ART MUSEUMS)



UNTHINKABLE, ROBERTO MATTA, 1957

cert by Peter Sprague and friends on Sunday, August 20, 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)

Farhâd Bahrâmi and members of Iranian music ensemble Darvak perform Sunday, August 20, 7 p.m., at Point Loma Hostel (3790 Udall

Street). Musicians will later be joined by Trummerflora Collective members for "evening of intercultural music and improvisation." Suggested donation: \$5, which includes "all-vou-can-eat s'mores.' 619-223-4778. (POINT LOMA)

Russian Guitarist Dmitri Tchoulanov performs along with wife Anya Ezhevskaya (vocals and poetry), Monday, August 21, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13350 Salmon River Road), Free, 858-538-8159, (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series features Dixie Express on Tuesday, August 22, and Coronado Community Band on Thursday, August 24. Concerts run from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in

Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Authors Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson sign Hunters of Dune, Tuesday, August 22, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The "Cranky Comedy Show" with Lamont Ferguson, Joe Palen, and sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction planned for Comedy Grill on Tuesday, August 22, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5, 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Storyswap — tell a short personal story, folk tale, tall tale, or literary tale, Wednesday, August 23, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Story must be suitable for family audience. Free. 858-484-1325. (MIRA MESA)

Author Ian Phillips discusses, signs The Art of Original Thinking, Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Author Judy Bernstein signs, discusses They Poured Fire Down on the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan on Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

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-

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," this "tale of mischief and misadventure" offered for tenth annual "Sum-

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SPORTS

22nd Annual Oceanside Long-board Surfing Club Contest and beach festival runs August 17–20 at south side of Oceanside Pier and pier amphitheater. Competition starts at 6 a.m. each day, finishing at 8 p.m. Free for spectators. 760-500-0745. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Padres host San Francisco Giants in Petco Park on Thursday, August 17, 12:35 p.m. Home stand continues with matchups against Arizona Diamondbacks, August 18–20, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, 1:05 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Los Amsgles Dodgers arrive for games Monday—Wednesday, August 21–23, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

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.

Alice in Chains plays for 4:00 Fridays on August 18. General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

The San Diego Surf Dawgs baseball team hosts Reno Silver Sox, August 18–20, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, 1:05 and 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Yuma Scorpions arrive for games at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25. Games played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 619–282-4487. (SDSU)

Paopao Outrigger Nine-Man Outrigger Racing starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, in Ocean-side Harbor. Women's racing starts at 8:30 a.m., men's races at 12:30 p.m., with awards at 3:30 p.m. Free for spectators. 619- 861-2083. (OCEANSIDE)

Camp Pendleton Sprint Triathlon, promising a 500-yard ocean swim, 30k bike ride, and 5k run, is Saturday, August 19, 8:30 a.m., on base at ACU-5. 760-725-6836. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Superstar Lucha Libre! Konnan, Rey Mysterio Sr., Blue Panther, and "Nacho Libre's Snowflake" compete on Saturday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., at Montgomery High School (3250 Palm Avenue). Tickets: \$15—\$18 general, \$5 for kids. 619-977-4323. NESTOR)

33rd Annual Midnight Madness Ride, Saturday, August 19. Event begins at 8 p.m. in south lot of County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway) with bicycle ride commencing at mid-

night. Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10 p.m. \$25 per rider. Riders must have helmet, bike light. 619-645-8068. (DOWNTOWN)

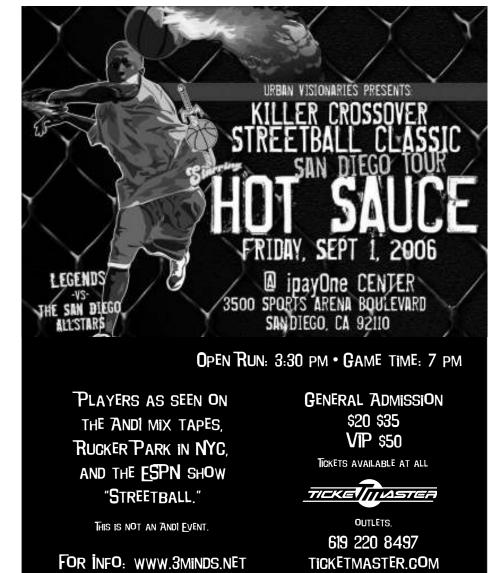
Little Race for Little People, 15th annual event billed as "biggest water fight on the West Coast" benefits neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital. Inflatable dinghie race is Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m., at Chula Vista Yacht Club and California Yacht Marina (642 Marina Parkway). 619-660-1950. (CHULA VISTA)

Know the Way to Mission Bay? Join Knickerbikers for ride from Mission Bay visitors' center north parking lot to Ocean Beach for coffee, Mission Valley for pit stop, up Fairmount, to Caffé Calabria for lunch, ride brakes down Bachman, Saturday, August 19. The 30-miler starts at 9 a.m. Bring money for nosh. 858-272-4710. (SAN DIEGO)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Saturday, August 19, 8–10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

America's Finest City Half Marathon begins at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument and concludes in Balboa Park on Sunday, August 20. Run/walk fast 5k loop begins and ends in Balboa Park. 760-692-2900. (SAN DIEGO)

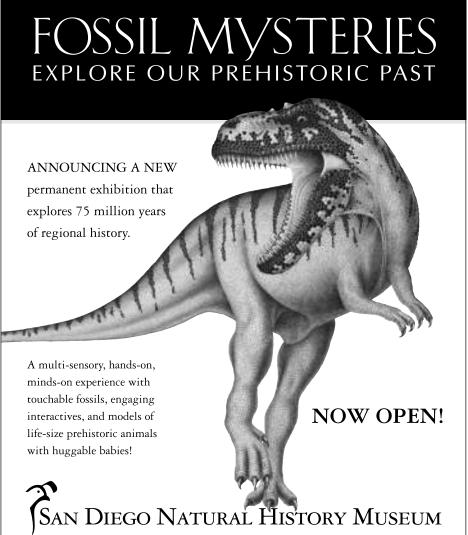
Playa del Run aquathlon series continues with 1000m swim and 5k run, Sunday, August 20, 8 a.m., at Fletcher Cove. 310-260-7898. (SOLANA BEACH)











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SPECIAL

Sunset Food and wine experience, gourmet food, fine wines, microbrews, chocolatiers, live music - all on Thursday, August 17, 5:30 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo Del Verano), \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. 858-748-0016, (POWAY)

17th Annual Taste of MainStreet International Food Festival —

over 30 restaurants participate on Thursday, August 17, 6-9 p.m.; live music, Rods and Woodies classic car show (on Coast Highway between D and G Streets). Tickets: \$20, available at 818 South Coast Highway 101. Reservations: 760-943-1950, (ENCINITAS)

"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 Univer-

sity Library. Exhibit includes works by Donna Barr, Roberta Gregory, Chynna Clugston-Major, others. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Czech Glass Beads, seed beads, fire polish beads, vintage glass beads all on offer August 18-20 at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Hours: noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: free, 619-291-1300, (MISSION VALLEY)

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

An Off-Highway Vehicle Route Inventory of Cleveland National Forest is underway, and organizers want your input on current routes. Final local meeting is Friday, August 18, 5 p.m., in Santa Fe Room of Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West). Free, 858-674-2977, (BALBOA PARK)

"Raykulele Tiki Night," interpretations of classic Hawaiian ukuleles by San Diego artists working in variety of media are on view at John Stewart Studios (3805 Rav Street). "Anything Goes" ukulele benefit auction is Friday, August 18, 6 p.m. Admission is free. 619-574-1135. (NORTH PARK)

Clam Chowder Competition! Local restaurants compete during

OUT & ABOUT

RAYKULELE

Tiki Night and "Anything Goes" ukulele auction, Friday, August 18.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Point Loma Village Fair, Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at Rosecrans and Cañon streets. Sailboat exhibit for children, vendors, unlimited hydroplane boat on display, skateboard demonstrations and exhibitions, live music, art. Admission: free, 619-225-6665. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Ukulele Festival is August 19 and 20 on Shelter Island (at "start" of island, on ocean side at stone gazebo). Workshops; per-

formances by Hawaiian "legend" Henry Kaleialoha Allen, Kimo Hussy, Victoria Vox and Mango; hula dancers, puppet show. Festival opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$25 for both days, or \$1 per year for kids. 619-318-9399. (SHELTER ISLAND)

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Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts summer graduation ceremony — when humans graduate with their new, highly skilled dogs - Saturday, August 19, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-901-4300, (OCEANSIDE)

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

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

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discussed when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers on Saturday, August 19, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free, 619-440-5625, (DOWNTOWN)

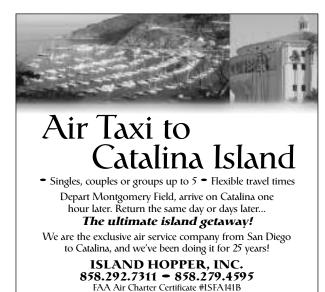
Wine Tasting for a Cause, Kiwanis charity wine tasting, Saturday, August 19, 6:30-9 p.m., at Grounded Garden Shop (25 East E Street). Wine, food, live music, silent auction, \$35, 760-402-6425. (ENCINITAS)

Hang 20! On Sunday, August 20, there are canine surfing lessons at 9 a.m. near Camp Surf (106 Carnation Avenue, Imperial Beach), followed by dog surfing competition (11 a.m.). Each dog has three chances to impress judges based on confidence level, length of ride, overall ability to "grip it and rip it." Loews Coronado Bay Resort (4000 Coronado Bay Road) hosts reception and awards ceremony at 3 p.m. with food for humans and their dogs. Tickets for "Ruff Riders": \$25 for adults (including one "muttini"), \$10 for children, benefiting PAWS of Coronado. 619-424-4000 x6048. (IMPERIAL BEACH, CORONADO)

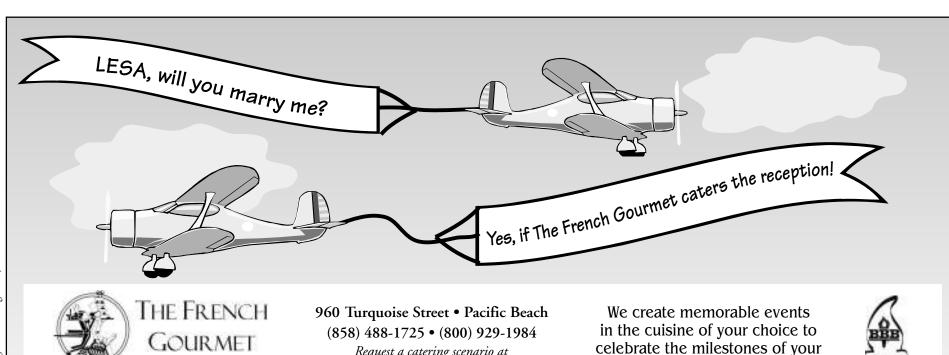
Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, August 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)



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Reading

Birdmen, Batmen, and Skyflyers: Wingsuits and the Pioneers Who Flew in Them, Fell in Them, and **Perfected Them**



By Michael Abrams Harmony Books, 2006, \$23.95, 304 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Theirs is the world's first and still most dangerous extreme sport, and its full history has never been told. Birdmen, Batmen, and Skyflyers is a thrilling, hilarious, and often touching chronicle of these obsessive inventors and eccentric daredevils. It traces the history of winged flight from its doomed early pioneers to their glorious high-tech descendants,

who've at last conquered gravity (sometimes).

no doubt inspired more famous pop-culture risk-takers from Evel Knievel to the boys of Ithe TV series] Jackass. Birdmen is part history discussion, part cautionary tale, and part nail biter.... Man's desire to fly had been percolating for centuries, and the book details - hilariously, I'm ashamed to say – early, all-unsuccessful efforts by Italians who jumped from castles, and some idiot who jumped off the Eiffel Tower believing a giant overcoat would carry him through the clouds. He left a messy spot on the ground below, of course.

From *Discover* magazine: "Michael Abrams chronicles mankind's many attempts to defy gravity's grasp - not in airplanes but with wingsuits, parachutes, and a not-insignificant dose of insanity. As Abrams relates in this witty and well-

researched book, the impulse to leap off a cliff or soar into the sky with homemade wings stitched together from feathers, leather, bones, canvas, or wood stretches far back into

From Publishers Weekly: 'The tales of flight range from the silly and mysterious to the inspiring and unbelievable. Abrams's brief biographies are deep enough to convey how serious these birdmen take the notion of flight, but lighthearted enough to capture the carefree way most of these skyflyers face possible death."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Michael Abrams has written for such publications as Discover. Wired, Spectrum, and Forbes FYI. He lives in New York's East Village with his wife and brand new daughter, Alita.

CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Your book is about winged men who jump from great heights in the hopes of not just descending gracefully to the earth but of actually flying. Given the technological challenges and complexities involved in such 'personal flight,' there developed a highly specialized terminology. What, for instance," I ask author Michael Abrams, "is a whuffo?"

"A whuffo is a first-time skydiver who hasn't taken the plunge as yet. Legend has it that a batwing flier named Lyle Cameron landed in a field and was questioned by the farmer as to why he had jumped from a perfectly safe airplane: 'Whuffo you jump?' And from then on whuffo also became the word for non-skydivers."

"And a burble?" "A burble is a thing that has

haunted skydivers from the beginning, and continues to. When you fall, you create a bit of a vacuum behind you. These days a small pilot parachute pulls the main chute out behind you. Except that vacuum you're creating may impede it and keep it from deploying and pulling the large parachute open. And when you're in a winged suit, it creates even more of a burble and problem."

"And what is a jellyfish?"

"It's a deception. You jump and open your regular parachute as you fall, then collapse it in mid-air so it streams behind you, as if you're experiencing a disaster. Thereby terrifying everyone on the ground as you hurdle down. Then you refill the canopy and settle to earth and revive the watchers who've fainted.'

'The desire to fly seems a longstanding fixation. In the 6th

"The impulse to leap off a cliff or soar into the sky with homemade wings stitched together from feathers, leather, bones, canvas, or wood stretches far back into history."

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From bookgasm.com: "[P]rofiles more than 30 members of an elite club of oddballs — definitely men more ballsy than you or I — who

"Ayurveda and Ashtanga Yoga: The Key to Vibrant Health and Well Being" offered Sunday, August 20, 12:30–3:30 p.m., at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona, suite 218). For all levels, \$50. Registration: 760-632-7093.

Celebrate Saint Stephen's Day when House of Hungary hosts lawn program with music and dance at International Cot-

tages on Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Blast from the Past Car Show hosted by South Bay Cruisers, 5-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday night through September 26, on 3rd Avenue (between E and G Street). See classic cars, hot rods, specialty vehicles. Free. 619-429-8600. (CHULA VISTA)

Exit Strategies in Iraq provide fodder for discussion, Wednesday, August 23, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911, (HILLCREST)

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)

FOR KIDS

"Godspell" presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater through August 26, Thursdays-Sundays, 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)

"Rumplestiltskin" performed by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, August 20, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Giddy Up Cowboys presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble August 23-27.

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)

Do Lobsters Walk While **Asleep?** Find out during "Asleep in the Deep: Pirates" at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Friday, August 18, 6 p.m., through Saturday, August 19, 8 a.m. Educational activities, breakfast. For those six and older. Fee: \$50 per person. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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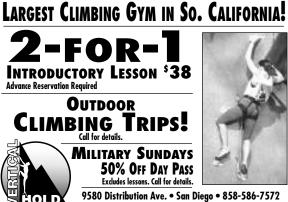


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Reading

Century A.D., the Emperor Kao Yang experimented with flight, using large kites strapped to the body."

"Yes. Being the emperor, though, he attached them to prison inmates and had them hurled off a tower to see if the kites worked. Results were disappointing. Until a prisoner was attached to one shaped like an owl. That outfit worked. He flew, or glided."

"The early attempts were made with suits that imitated birds. Some experimenters actually denuded birds and used the feathers to replicate wings for themselves."

"Yes," says Abrams, "which they attempted to flap."

"They fell like stones," I

"Like crated pianos. But a few added canvas or taffeta and worked on giving the wings rigidity. And they fared better."

"Hezarfen Ahmet Celebi

among them," I mention.

"Yes, he was a Turk. In 1638, he read Leonardo da Vinci's treatise on birds and built a set of wings. Hezarfen stepped off a tower in downtown Istanbul and flew across the Bosporus. The city's airport is named after him. The theory developed that the curvature at the top of a wing creates a vacuum, and the wing is pulled up by it. That undoubtedly helps, but how you actually fly is by deflecting the air and pushing it down. And you can't do that unless you have enough power

going forward or enough lightness and rigidity to push the air down. Man wasn't strong or light enough to do that. Which is why the feathery wings didn't work."

"WWI introduced the parachute, and in the 1930s planes and parachutes allowed people to literally reach new heights in their attempts to fly on their own."

"Yeah, the higher the altitude you jumped from, the farther you glided," says Abrams, "and the harder you fell."

"One high-flier was Clem

Sohn of Michigan. He developed the static line to open chutes automatically, and developed free falling."

"He was internationally famous on air-show circuits. Watching daredevil Spud Manning, Sohn saw you could maneuver in the air by positioning your limbs. You could flip, turn, even glide. Sohn did his skydiving holding a large bag of flour to mark his trail through the sky: a terrifying sight. He would open his chute at the last possible moment, too. To further heighten the drama, Sohn made a set of bat-like wings. The wings weighed 8 pounds; the parachute, 75. He wore them in jumping from 12,000 feet, roughly two miles up. They slowed his rate of descent from 120 miles per hour down to 60 mph.

"And caused a sensation."
"It hit the front pages worldwide. At Daytona Beach, February, 1935, Clem Sohn flew for
75 seconds, looping the field
back and forth three times. There
is footage of him doing this, circling the crowd. The batwing
phenomenon began with him.

"They just held them in their laps and threw them open like skirts as they exited the plane."

It wasn't as big as pole sitting, but it was similarly popular in the 1930s and '40s. He also fantasized the penultimate — a chuteless landing, where you'd just use your wings to land."

"They all look like Elvis imitators in those batwing suits. And why was it batwings particularly?" I ask. "Why not, oh, nightingale wings?"

"The canvas wings employed spars to give them rigidity so they could actually deflect air. They just looked like batwings, is all."

"These first 'personal flyers' were secretive; they kept their tricks to themselves. They remind me a lot of the ex-moonshiner who founded stock-car racing. What

is it in the American culture or character that is drawn to the slightly illicit and totally dangerous? You see it in the extreme sports that have grown out of improvisation, combining some simple piece of technology with speed and nature. There's surfing, stock car racing, skateboarding, hang gliding, wingsuit flying, skydiving, skyflying? If there is a super-dangerous sport and a slightly sleazy surrounding culture to be invented, invariably Americans will dream it up and rally round. The birdmen and batwing fliers too are mischievous, and they're incredible characters. Like Robert Leeds, who makes Indiana Jones seem like an Eagle scout."

"The Truth About Sharks" dispensed during family program, Saturday, August 19, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). You'll be amazed by how many sharks make their homes in our local waters. Activities, crafts more.

Included in regular museum ad-

mission. Reservations: 858-534-

7336. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Space when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, August 19, noon–3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admis-

sion, 619-238-1233, (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun on Sunday, August 20, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For kids four-eight years old. \$2. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2251. (LINDA VISTA)

"Miss Shirley Sees Greatness in You!" Join Miss Shirley and friends for the taping of their new show, "Enjoy Our Planet and Our Environment," Sunday, August 20, 2–3 p.m. or 5–6:00 p.m., in Clairemont High School auditorium (4150 Ute Drive). Free, 858–272-9224. (CLAIREMONT)

Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday, August 24, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

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-

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

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1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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 repre-

sented 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.

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. [GASI AMP 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.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West.

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

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

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

Museum of Making Music,

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

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

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

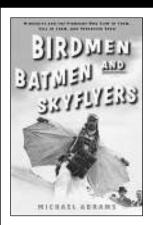
Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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









"Yes," the author agrees. "By the time he was 20, Leeds had fought in three wars, smuggled diamonds out of Sierra Leone and guns into Madagascar. He was shot down in Soviet airspace, taken prisoner in South Africa, been a soldier in the Nationalist Chinese army, and found himself in front of a firing squad as a Communist spy. In 1948, he trained paratroopers in Israel and then commanded their first airborne brigade."

"I thought Charlie Laurin

and his sidekick, Art Lussier, were even wilder yahoos."

'You may be right. They once both jumped out of a plane, leaving only a teenager aboard to land it. Laurin also became the first jumper to ever be struck by an automobile while in the air. Often they jumped without reserve parachutes or without folding their chutes. They just held them in their laps and threw them open like skirts as they exited the plane. One time they bought old, worn military chutes to save money, and blew out panels on the canopies as they plummeted, inadvertently inventing the so-called blank gore parachute, which steers exceedingly better than its predecessors. They started flying batwings and terrified thousands. At an air show they kidnapped a heckler and tossed him out of an airplane for his first skydiving experience."

'Tommy Boyd was fun, too," I add. "His father deserted him to be a teacher in a leper colony. His mother ran off. He was raised by both sets of grandparents. So he takes up flying airplanes and solos at 12. Then becomes a batman. He flies for 20 years. His wings are in the Smithsonian. But a real giant among the wing flyers was Leo Valentin."

"Who gave us the Valentin Position, which is the basic, spreadeagle posture in the air, with your arms extended. It seemed to take people forever to figure out that this worked, that it would allow you to maneuver as you fell through the air. Others before him had figured it out, too, but this knowledge was closely held and not passed down."

I sum up: "So, at first you had tower jumpers - birdmen. These were followed by batwing fliers in the '30s. And today you have the skyflyers experimenting not with wingsuits but with wings. What are the new technological innovations in the sport?"

"One is the parachute. People don't realize that the round parachute is strictly for military use today. Parachutes are square now. In essence, they're wings that you fly. The other is the introduction of the airfoil. Making the wing rigid, yet light."

"That was the big one."

"Absolutely. In the 1990s, a Frenchman came up with the idea of donning such wings, and various skyflyers have been developing concepts of them. The prototypes have reduced the descent speed to something like 40 mph from 120, and yet the flyer has a forward speed of a hundred miles per hour. Three years ago, Loic Jean-Albert, 23, wearing a wingsuit he had designed, managed the impossible. He landed without a parachute on a snowy

mountainside in Switzerland." "What is a low exit?"

"Most guys flying wings open their chutes around six thousand feet. But in the batwingair show days, people jumped out at seven thousand feet. It's simply the altitude at which you leave the airplane. Low opening is the altitude at which you pull the ripcord and open your chute. The lowest exit is probably a Russian method. You trail your chute out at 300 feet and let it pluck you out of the plane. There were rivalries between jumpers to open at the lowest possible point and still have your canopy fill. A con-

"Some people describe it as the earth spreading out beneath you."

siderable number of jumpers' chutes failed to fully deploy before they crashed into the ground. There are regulations governing when you must do it or be kicked off a drop zone."

"Ground rush?"

"If you are still in free fall at a thousand feet or less, you will quickly see the world sort of widen and rush up at you. Where your vision was filled with sky before - and you don't have a strong sensation of hurtling downward - now suddenly all you see is the ground and it's rushing at you. Some people describe it as the earth spreading out beneath you. And whenever that happens, you should pull your chute open because vou have iust seconds remaining before you will impact."

"A great many birdmen and wingsuit flyers crash and perish. All the famous ones: Clem Sohn at 26. Leo Valentin, Patrick de Gayardon, and many more."

'Yes." Abrams adds. "more than half of the batmen, I would

"At the gliderport on the bluffs at Torrey Pines in San Diego, you can go for a tandem ride in a paraglider for \$175. The pilot just inflates the elliptical canopy, and you and he sort of trot and cakewalk, tethered together, off the cliff into the thermals. It amazes me how available and commonplace such sports now are. Just step this way and you're in the sky, flying."

'Did you go up?" "Hell. no.

- Juris Jurjevics

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

play area includes three interactive

stations. The Lynne and Howard

Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit fea-

tures a 13,000-gallon shark tank

with black tip, white tip, nurse,

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 iet 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)

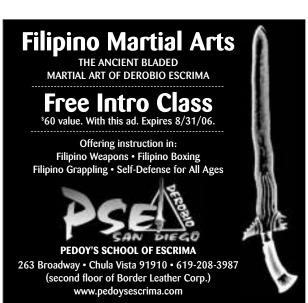
San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dinosaurs: Reel and Robotic," on view through December, demonstrates how dinosaurs first came to life in movies, follows their transformation over the years through artistic portrayal and advances in scientific information and technology. Exhibit includes original movie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

"Fossil Mysteries," a new permanent exhibit, showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baia 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 Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and

"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 wild-

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! La Jolla Music Society's 20th annual SummerFest continues when Wayne Shorter Quartet plays "Jazz at SummerFest," Thursday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$25, \$40, \$60.

"An American in Paris" with pieces by Poulenc, Ravel, Wavne Shorter, and Fauré — is presented Friday, August 18, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$40, \$60.

Bruce Adolphe's "Zephyronia" performed by Imani Winds for family concert, Saturday, August 19, 2 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Tickets: \$5 for children, \$20 for adults.

"Shakespeare at SummerFest" is slated for Saturday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Program boasts pieces by Vivaldi, Bach, madrigals by Monteverdi with sonnets by Shakespeare. Tickets: \$40, \$60.

SummerFest Finale with selections by Elgar, Mozart, and Schubert takes place in Sherwood Auditorium on Sunday, August 20, 3 p.m. Tickets: \$50, \$75.

Tickets and information: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA, NORTH PARK)

Righteous Brother Bill Medley joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19. Among his hits: "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," "Unchained Melody," "Rock n' Roll Heaven." Evenings conclude with fireworks.

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"The Romantic Period," soprano Stephanie Sabin, mezzo soprano Janelle De Stefano, tenor Tom Oberjat, baritone David Marshman, and pianist Janie Prim perform Sunday, August 20, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Listen for art songs and music by Schumann, Wolf, Schubert, Strauss, Massenet. Event begins with cocktails at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m. door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Guilmant's "Fifth Organ Sonata" is among pieces on program when Stephen Tharp performs for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Southern Latitudes," exhibit of photographic artwork by Jim Cline, Nancy Keating, and Bob Barry opens with reception, Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Closes Sunday, September 17. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

Paintings by Gloria Chadwich are on exhibit through Saturday, September 2, at Heritage of the Americas Museum (on Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Opening reception for artist: Friday, August 18, 6 p.m. 619-670-5194. (EL CAJON)

"Playful Distractions," new jewelry by eight artists showcased in exhibit opening with reception, Friday, August 18, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (16151/2 West Lewis Street). Closes Friday, September 29. 619-692-0099. (HILLCREST)

"Ultrachromatic," exhibit of abstract photographs by Las Vegas artist Shawn Hummell opens with reception, Friday, August 18, 6 p.m., at R3 Gallery (2421 India Street). 858-967-4972. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Aunt Rita Wants Pie," exhibition exploring food fetishes opens with reception, Saturday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta Project (1544 Broadway). Artist-led tour of exhibit, Sunday, August 20, 4 p.m. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Visions in Print," juried fine art photography exhibition continues through Sunday, August 27, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Juror was Judith Preston, Awards ceremony and reception for artists is Sunday, August 20, 3 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

An Abundance of Art! Exhibition of work by Jolind Eckstein, Victoria Huckins, Maura Vazakas, Michael Steirnagle, and Christopher Lee opens with reception on Thursday, August 24, 5 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), Closes Friday, September 8. 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

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 and 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 settings, 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 — North County, "Folk Art of Mex-- Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun." Through Monday, January 15. 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.

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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)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s that changed the world. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

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

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

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

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

"Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark," opening on Saturday, August 19, is described as the "first comprehensive examination of the relationship between the work" of this father and son artist pair. Exhibit includes approximately 80 works including paintings, sculpture, drawings, and photographs. Both artists were trained as architects who "strongly relied upon concepts of architectural space in their mature artwork." Through Sunday, November 12.

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

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

"Backs," on exhibit 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, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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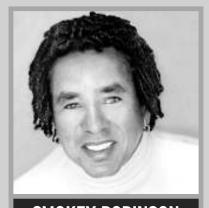
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Broken Machine An insider connected with Street Scene says the injuries that occurred during Tool's August 5 performance could

rushing the stage.... The director and other technicians who were responsible for providing the live feed to the screens were told they were not going to be needed for Tool. They weren't even in their tent during Tool....

"Snoop [Dogg] had a giant crowd, too. Snoop and

the inside track

have been prevented.

"They were dragging [injured] people out by the end of the first song," says the person who worked the event. "By the third song, there were people lying everywhere backstage.... was that bad that early, [Tool] should have just stopped playing. They told people to back up, but you know how that goes....

"[Tool] wanted to run their stupid claymation videos [on the 120'x40' screens that flanked the stage] instead of having people be able to see the band. And when you can't see the band and you're 200 yards away, you start pushing forward so you can see better. [When images of the artist playing live are projected on] the screens [it] keep[s] fans from



TOOL FRONTMAN A NO-SHOW

Tool both played to what looked like a crowd of 20,000 or more. Tool was the only band that refused to put their image on the big screens....

'Right before their show started, Tool kicked everyone out from backstage, even people with working passes. There was nobody backstage who might have been able to help the people who were injured.

Last week, an employee for Satellite Artist Management, which handles Tool, said manager Pete Riedling was with the band in Japan. She said she didn't think Riedling or anyone else from the Tool camp would be making a comment on the situation.

Street Scene spokesman Michael Trimble did not return a request for comment.

Artists generally have a contract with the promoter that indemnifies them against claims resulting from injury or damages connected with their performance.

– Ken Leighton

With Rebel Yells? At Billy Idol's August 12 Del Mar Fairgrounds show...

"The stage perimeter was blocked off $\check{b}y$ a seven-foot metal fence that was covered to prevent viewing," says an attendee. "It was a V.I.P. area only. Thousands of fans were

upset and intoxicated.' The free concert was held on the same day as a "microbrew fest."

"Halfway through the concert, security told me to leave the front pit because it wasn't safe," says the attendee. "People were

sloppy-drunk and things were getting out of hand. As I was leaving the area, I



V.I.P. = "VERY INTOXICATED

witnessed the destruction of the fence and thousands of people pushing their way to the stage.... The paramedics and police arrived. I saw at least four people being taken out on stretchers.

Craig Dado, vice president of marketing for the Del Mar Fair, says, "It was a huge crowd, second biggest in our history.... There were 39,000 people, bigger than we expected.'

Dado admits that people were not happy about the tall fence surrounding the VIP

"We realized it was a losing battle, so we let the fence come down. But people said, 'Hey there's no free booze here' and went back. No one got hurt.'

What about the people taken away on stretchers?

"There were a couple of medical situations...typical

for an event this size. It was an exciting non-incident."

– Michael Hemmingson

"First Gangs — Now **Cults!"** reads a flyer circulating at El Cajon locales near the Crystal Ballroom. Neighbors of the for-rent hall at 414 North Magnolia Avenue complain that the

venue has attracted gangs and violence. Now, residents are concerned about "Witches" Night Out," scheduled for October 28. "We've already had a gunfight," reads the flyer (a reference to the March 26 hip-

hop party at which gunfire broke out near the hall), "and now they want to invite Satan Himself!"

The flyer, devoid of attribution, instructs concerned citizens to "write Planning Director Jim Griffin and tell him your [sic] tired of every crystal meth freak in east county showing up at the Crystal Ballroom.... Tell him we don't want cultists or Satanists either." Contact info is given for the Chaldean American Association, which rents out the venue, and for ballroom director Laith Yousif Jajou. ("Help BAN THE WITCHES by demanding they cancel this unholy abomination.")

The Calafia Local Council of the Covenant of the Goddess is behind Witches' Night Out, touted on its website as "a religious organization that represents many San Diego county witches.... Calafia currently consists of six member covens and two solitary practitioners."



AT LAST YEAR'S WITCHES' NIGHT OUT

Responding to the call for the cancellation of the event, organizers stated via e-mail that "Witches do not worship Satan...they worship the God and Goddess and work with the 'natural' energies of our planet.... So far as we're aware, the Night Out will proceed as planned.'

Police records show that the Crystal Ballroom generated 13 noise complaints last year; a dozen more were logged during the first four months of 2006. There were four reports of battery in the venue's parking lot last year and another in January '06. During an April 28 CD-release party, a dozen police responded to a noise



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complaint and the show was shut down while Iraqi-American rapper Timz real name Thomas Hanna performed an anti-Bush song called "There's a War Going

debuted on MTV in April 2005 and ran for 12 episodes. They have one son and two daughters (one of which is seven months old). Moakler has a seven-vear-old daughter whose father is boxer Oscar de la Hoya.

The couple recently offered for sale their 12,000square-foot Bel Air mansion (shown on the TV show) for \$8.5 million. Built in 2003, the three-story house has eight bedrooms and ten and a half bathrooms.

- Jay Allen Sanford



TRAVIS WITH DESIGNATED SNUGGLER

On." A 17-year-old was cited for possessing liquor. – Jay Allen Sanford

Nightmare Before Splitsmas On August 7, 30-year-old former blink drummer Travis Barker filed for divorce from Shanna Moakler, a former Miss USA (1996) and Playboy's December 2001 Playmate of the Month. The filing comes soon after pagesix.com alleged the couple had a fight in a Hollywood club in July. Barker reportedly snuggled too close to an adoring female fan and then "Moakler stormed up to the woman and threw a drink over her.'

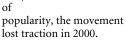
The Barkers were married on Halloween 2004 in a ceremony patterned after the Nightmare Before Christmas movie. The duo starred together on the reality show Meet the Barkers, which

Where Is Roc Now? For six years, Rodney Garcia played bass in Dukkha, one of about 20 roc en español bands based in the San Diego-Tijuana region.

"When the big labels saw the success of Los Fabulosos

Cadillacs and Café Tacuba, they started injecting a lot of money in roc en español." Garcia says the

five major Mexican music companies signed a number of roc en español artists to their rosters in the '90s, but after five years



"Interest was winding down. It was just the same formula over and over." Garcia says the major labels started dropping their roc en español artists, and radio stations such as Tijuana's More FM (98.9) dropped roc labels weren't putting out new bands, stations like More FM didn't have new music to play. They weren't getting new listeners.' Garcia says overly

for hip-hop. "Because the

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dramatic lead vocals came to identify roc en español.

"The music was getting really cheesy. It was too emotional, too overdone. How many times can you hear someone whine about their girlfriend? We were, like, 'Just shut up and make



BUDDY AKAI SINGS ROC EN INGLES

us dance.' "

After Dukkha disbanded, Garcia and his singer Memo Rex formed Buddy Akai, an electro-rock dance band that mixes guitar, bass, and drums with electronic samples; it's a synth-pop sound similar to the Killers and the Bravery.

"Electronic music is

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English. We thought the music sounded better in English.'

Spanish. Now we sing in

Buddy Akai (named after the brand name of their sampler) has started playing at Iggy's, a four-year-old Rosarito dance mecca that until recently was known for hip-hop.

"We played at Iggy's three weeks ago with Kinky and Plastilina Mosh. We also play underground parties in Tijuana. That's where our friends rent out a house, a disco, or a warehouse and throw a party for anywhere between 600 and 1000 people."

Buddy Akai appears tonight at House of Blues.

— Ken Leighton

Beached Out Mike Pierce, 21, has been playing on the streets of P.B., I.B., O.B., and downtown for two and a half years. For the past six months, he and his buddy Tex Gibbons, 20, have been playing at the wall near the O.B. pier or on Newport Avenue. Of all the beach communities, Pierce says O.B. is the best.

"People come to O.B. for the chill atmosphere. I.B. doesn't have a homeless scene at all. P.B. is like a big mall. The businesses all seem really

uptight.... Some people really don't like homeless people, in general....

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Gibbons says, "One lady got real hostile. She said, 'I bet you make \$50,000 a year. I saw it

on the news.... In P.B., I asked a woman if she needed help, and she was, like, 'Get off me.'

Pierce says cops are generally cool in O.B., 'except when there are ten people hanging around and it looks like people are loitering.

Pierce and Gibbons say it's getting more difficult to live outside in San Diego.

"It's harder to find safe spots since there are so many more homeless bodies," says Gibbons. "I don't dress like a bum. I brush my hair and wash my face.... You have to compete with everyone else who is hustling their deal. Once I was next to a husband and wife and three kids. They made bank. I thought it was messed up that they would use their kids.'

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Pierce and Gibbons plan



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to relocate to Las Vegas this month because, says Pierce, "It's easy to just get caught up in that routine, where you just want to hang out on the beach."

Pierce and Gibbons have about ten original songs each, but the requests they play are what make them money. Most requested: Rolling Stones, the Doors, and Johnny Cash.

— Ken Leighton

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an Diego three-piece "bill" prefers to have their name spelled with a lowercase b. "Happens to be two of our dads' names and can be spelled on your right hand," says bass and sax player David Marciano.

Besides the fact that our dads are named Bill, the name's simple and memorable," says drummer and pianist Jonathan Coyle. "There are so many bands who

are named, like, 'the Razor Light Symphonic Turtle Doves.' Hey, I like that — maybe a possible side project?" Curtis Hartling plays guitar and

Their band's CD Birthday Suit is available for free download to Reader readers for a limited time at http://www.billmusic.net/reader.

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

Curt "Remembering to bring all our equipment." Dave "A good friend of mine once said, 'Don't bring sand to the beach,' and I now see the wisdom in his words."

FAVORITE AXE?

Jon "Aria Pro, a knockoff Les Paul, with a onepiece neck. Dave bought it off his guitar teacher in 1995, with amp and effects board, for \$300. Curt adopted it last year sometime after dropping it and paying for the repairs.'

BEST/WORST GIGS?

Dave "Chugging for Charity, a benefit concert at Karl Strauss Breweries. [It was] the best because we played at an all-you-can-drink outdoor event for 500 people, sold 35 CDs, and our friend Da-

gart changed into drag onstage and played a ripping guitar solo on a cover of Wham!'s 'Careless Whisper.' The worst because we didn't play that well, it started

raining on us, Dagart's ripping solo was a halfstep off, and the host of the event yelled at us to stop playing midsong so that she could start the bachelor auction."

Jon "Probably last year at the PB Bar and Grill. I was tripped during a basketball game by another member of the band, whose name I won't mention. I suffered a wrist injury that required me to be put in a cast for three weeks. The show had to go on, though, and I tried to play piano, only being able to pronate my wrist by leaning heavily to the right. I left the show with an extremely sore neck.'

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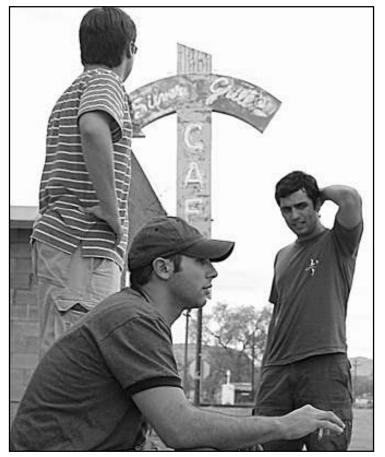
2. Creedence Clearwater Revival, Chronicles. "If you can get your hands on some early bill demos you would hear some influence, but not so much these days. We used to be more of a reggae/classic rock band when we started out."

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION?

Curt "Lars Ulrich handed me a drum stick during a show once.

Dave "When I was 16, I played golf with the bassist of Ugly Kid Joe in Santa Barbara.'

Jon "My mom went to high school with Billy Joel."



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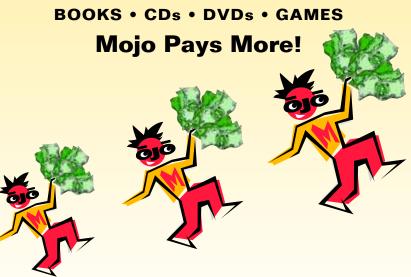
Dave "It will be phased out entirely when John

Cage's '4:33' (of silence) goes to number one on the charts." ■



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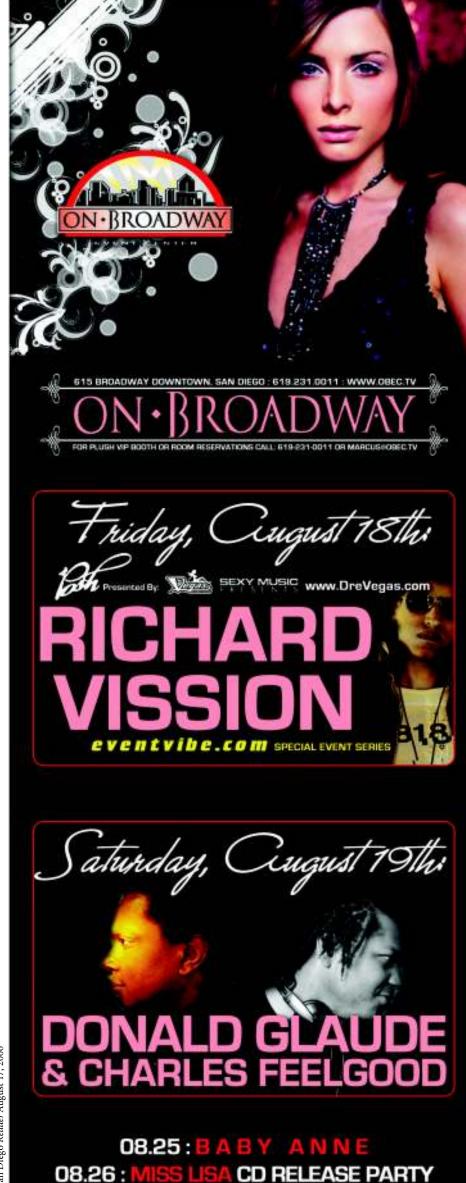


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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

FRIDAY

Dennis DeYoung: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

SATURDAY

The Dan Band: House of Blues, Saturday, August 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

SUNDAY

The Dave Brubeck Quartet:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Circus Diablo: 'Canes, Sunday, August 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

MONDAY

Michael Franks: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

TUESDAY

Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Mars Volta: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and Chris Botti: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

WEDNESDAY

Big Head Todd & the Monsters and Toad the Wet Sprocket: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Def Leppard and Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

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":

ipayOne Center, Friday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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,

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.

Talib Kweli: The Casbah, Monday August 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, 619-232-4355.

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: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$ 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.

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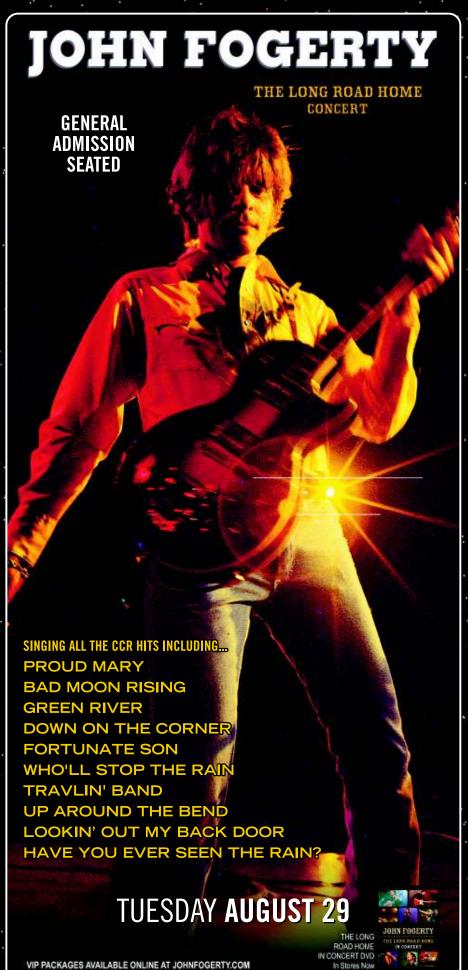
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James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego 619-231-4343.

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown 619-235-9500.

Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Linda Eder: San Diego Civic Theatre, Saturday, September 9, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Ryan Adams: House of Blues Saturday, September 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

"SoCo Music Experience" with Flogging Molly, Cowboy Mouth, the Roots, and more: Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10, Seventh Avenue and Market Street,

Megadeth, Lamb of God, and Opeth: Cox Arena, Saturday, September 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

The Wailers: House of Blues, Sunday, September 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 10, 2050

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes and The Fabulous Thunderbirds: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Matisyahu: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 12, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Bonnie Raitt and Keb' Mo': Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, September 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dwight Yoakam: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The Black Keys: House of Blues, Friday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

Paulina Rubio: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 15, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

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.

"Freestyle Party on the Bay": Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero Friday, September 22, Embarcadero Park

Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B, Friday, September 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

South, 619-445-5400.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts at the dero, 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

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Maver and Shervi 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.

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.

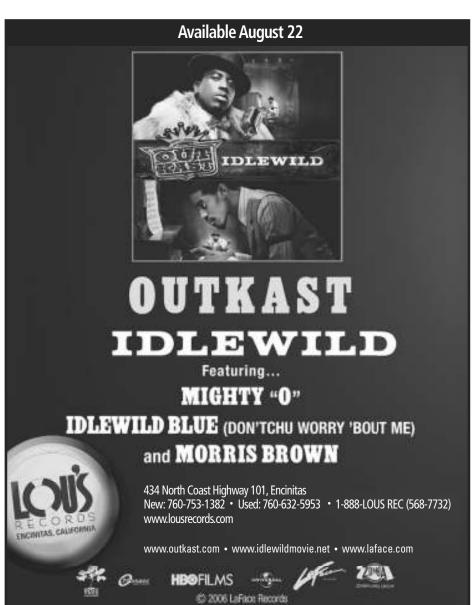
Herman's Hermits: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 28, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, September 28, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

Gnarls Barkley: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.





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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: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Buju Banton: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 4, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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.

The 5th Dimension: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583.

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.

Thrice: Soma, Saturday, October 14, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583.

Rancid: House of Blues, Monday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Method Man: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 18, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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.

The Secret Machines: Soma, Saturday, October 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Susan Werner:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Roberta Flack: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, October 26, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Tricky: House of Blues, Sunday, October 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

James Blunt: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, November 14, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Slits: The Casbah, Thursday, November 16, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Frank Black: House of Blues, Saturday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

She Wants Revenge and Pretty Girls Make Graves: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Black Label Society: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

DECEMBER

Geoff Muldaur:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Andre Rieu: ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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.

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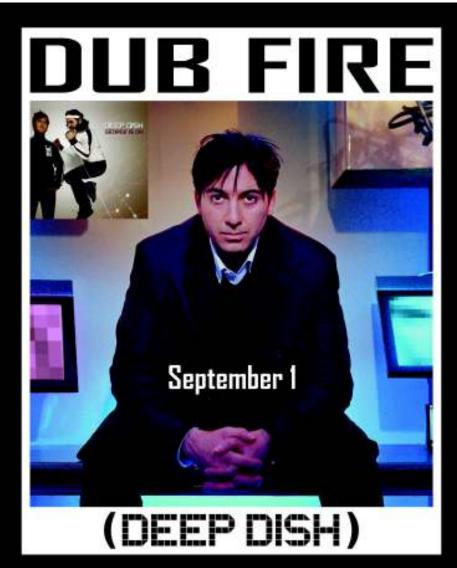


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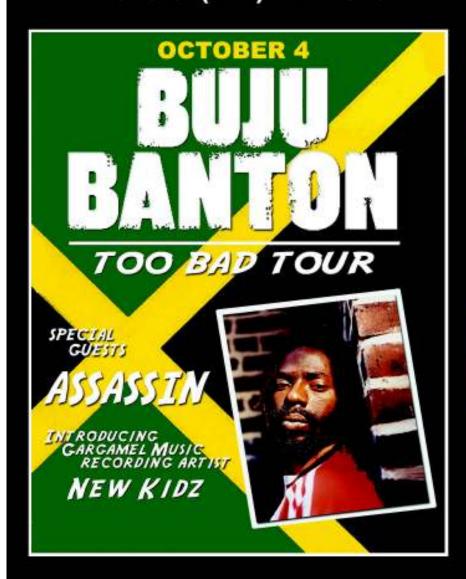


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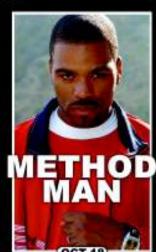




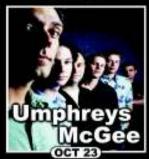
















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DJ EVENTS

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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 DI 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 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,

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.

The Format: Thursdays, hip-hop with DJ Clean Cut and guests. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays. downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie:

Fridays, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Atari, Bryan Pollard, and Morgan Young. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Wednesdays, Bay Area, dance and old skool with DI 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.

Mashed-Up Wednesdays: Wednesdays, mashups, breaks, and house with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 21 and up. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative 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, hiphop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.

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 DIs 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.

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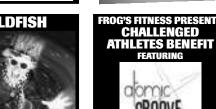
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Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, Ventura, rock.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*. Friday, Palos. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Sunday, the Rick Ross Trio, jazz. Monday, Cactus Twang, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, 3 Sapos.

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Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

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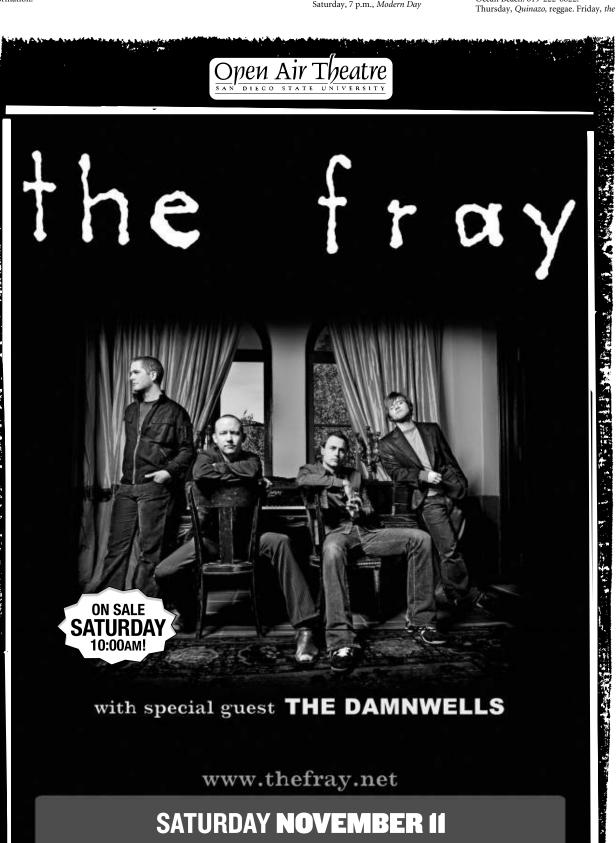
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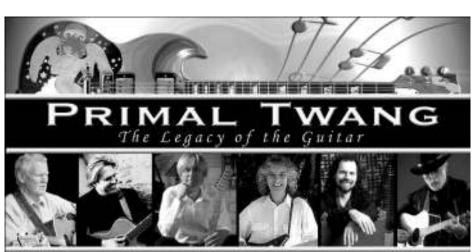
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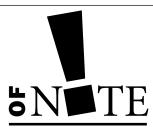
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I love it when CDs like Jon Dee Graham's Full land on my desk. Full is a collection of unexpected musical left turns strung together by an artist who should have had greater success in his lifetime. Now and then, the tectonic plates of the recording industry shift and light shines down into whichever musical rathole artists like Graham are relegated to and they are lifted into public view, if only for a moment. To date, Graham's larger achievements have been regional. His ties are strongest in Austin. Consider this endorsement: 34 of his Texas friends posed nude for a calendar recently — artists like Shawn Colvin and Eliza Gilkyson and Guy Forsyth in an effort to raise money to help pay off Graham's son's medical bills.

Arthur Miller couldn't have scripted a more dogged, cigarette-smoking, world-weary human fueled by the fear of death than Jon Dee Graham. Graham writes songs that are affable on their surface but lose out to the more powerful tidal pull of dark undercurrents and sings with a voice that bears the scars of hard living and much nicotine. Whether he knows it or not, he has a soul brother in Lemony Snicket, author of A Series of Unfortunate Events.

Graham, like Snicket, can be so beautifully miserable — the two share a resignation that life just isn't all that good. You rubberneck stuff like this from a safe distance, mesmerized, as if viewing a car wreck, glad that the bittersweet truths revealed therein are not about you. "If you find my car / At a low water crossing," Graham sings



in the apologetic "Swept Away," "with the doors wide open and the keys still inside / Just say so long / Don't say good-bye / I was swept away / Let them say I was swept away."

JON DEE GRAHAM, Lestat's Coffeehouse, Thursday, August 17, 619-282-0437.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Orquesta Guarare*, salsa. Tuesday, *Trece de la Suerte*, 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, 8 p.m. to midnight, Fran Loskota and Karen Giorgio, 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, 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.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Mother Culture, Sister Carol*, and *Zema*, reggae.

San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Saturday, *Las Rubias del Norte*, Latin

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. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris* & *Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat* & Joe and Allison Gill, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kai Brown*, pop.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Supersuckers, Rhino Bucket, and Waxapples. Friday, Klub Therapy. Saturday, Awaiting Samsura, My Ruin, Under the Stone, and Shadowlit. Tuesday, Discord, Aghori, Denotes, Difficult Henry, and Demmencha. Wednesday, No Signs of Weakness, the Airlines, and Dynamite Walls. Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday and Saturday, live music, call club for information.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Friday, 9 p.m., *Genius of Soul*, soul/jazz/hip-hop. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, house/techno/electro.

Crudo, 1953 India Street, San Diego. 619-565-0834. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, hiphop/dance.

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, '80s/house/hip-hop. Saturday, alternative music. Tuesday, DJ Carlos Culture, reggae. Wednesday, DJ Jack Tripper, house/progressive.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Call club for information.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, Fairwell Darla, Panama, the Paladores, and a Mind Awake.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Devastators*,

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, Tribe of Kings, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hiphop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, Bento Beathox.

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

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 lazz Band.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is metal/rock/alternative. Thursday, Starcrossed. Friday, Unsteady, Hi-Lites, and Eastern Standard Time. Saturday, the Black Drops, Viva in Stereo, Kings High, and Mean Streaks U.S.A. Sunday, the Fascination, the Secret Six, and Alta

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Steve Poltz and Jon Dee Graham. Friday, 4-Way Free, Sam Shaber, and Gilly Leads. Saturday, Allison Lonsdale and Greg Laswell. Sunday, Marina V., the Derren Raser Band, and Rusty Jones. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Jane Lui, Jen Knieht. and Michelle Lewis.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Electric Soul*, old skool/funk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., Blues from a Gun and People & the Roman Spring, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Superunloader and the Chris Torres Band, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Pick Up, rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., the Experiments, the Americans, C.D.M., the Gizzards, the Seventh Gate, punk/metal/hard rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., When I Rise, reggae.



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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-286-7873, Friday and Saturday, classic rock/blues/swing.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Caion Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Eddie Rossi and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Hugh Gaskins,

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Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday Throwdown, Zao, Evergreen Terrace, Sinai Beach, and Dark Horse. Saturday, the Adolescents, the Street Dogs, the Vacancies, and the Wrecking Crew. Tuesday, the Gorilla Biscuits, the Comeback Kid, Terror, and Set Your

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Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461, Saturday 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Electric Soul, pop/soul/R&B.

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Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, Lowcloudcover and Get Your Death On, alternative rock. Saturday, Cash'd Out, rock/country. 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,

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Derek Evans and Patty Carpenter. Friday, Delancey, Jon & Noah, Josh Hall, and Kristen Proffit. Saturday, Dino, Ennui, Ryan Gillmor, and Tim Mudd. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Tuesday, Brett Sanders and Ian Tordella. Wednesday, open mike.

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.

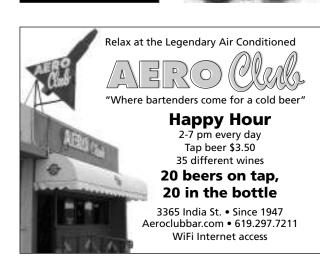
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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509-0632. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., mbajazz, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., World Party and the Little Ones. Friday, Hurt and Not Since Reagan, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Dead Man's Party and the Cured, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Samples and Deadman rock. Monday, 8 p.m., Gary Numan and New Skin. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Stranger, Deep Rooted, and Big Backyard, reggae/hip-hop/funk/rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., Billy Watson, blues.



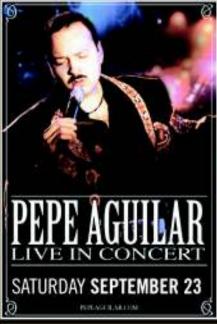


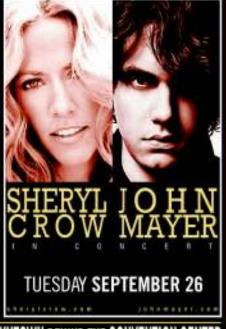












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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the* Elevators, blues.

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

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Billy Thompson, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., live band; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jerome Dawson, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Citizen Band, **Game Time Tavern,** 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, What the Funk, rock, Saturday, Idle

Harrah's Rincon Casino & **Resort,** 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Phil Guy & the Chicago Machine, blues. Friday, 8 p.m., the Baytown Band, Top 40/dance. Saturday, 7 p.m to 11 p.m., Sugaray & the Brothers Funk, blues/funk.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday and Friday, DJ events. Saturday, Lizard Fish, rock.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub, 775 Metcalf Street,

Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., DI Kool T, hiphop, house, reggaeton

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Pensive, Fairlane, Farewell Down, Stacked Chairs, and 4Play. Friday, 8 p.m., Aghori, Iencyde, Crost, Fractured Halo, and the Metal Brigade. Saturday, Dr. Know, Pistol Grip, Non-Prophet, and Misled Citizen. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Subliminal Trip, Mean aur, If, and I-45. Wednesday,

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Devotchka's new EP Curse Your Little Heart is one of those great covers records that flatters both the recording artist and the original material. Since the Denver band's debut album in 2000, Devotchka's music has been called gypsy punk, Eastern Bloc indie rock, polka-rock... The descriptive terms were all a little cheesy, and ultimately the music was a little gimmicky.

This was fine when Devotchka was touring as the backing band for neo-burlesque performers, but it could get old. That said, when you hear the band put its bouzouki, sousaphone, accordion, strings, guitars, and drums to work behind songs written or made famous by Siouxsie and the Banshees, the Velvet Underground, and Frank Sinatra, you can tell that Devotchka transcends any novelty status.

Rumor has it that Win Butler of the Arcade Fire recommended the Banshees' ballad "The Last Beat of My Heart" to Devotchka, and it's a good choice. The song's peculiar mix of romantic contentment and Gothic fatalism fits Devotchka as well as it fit Siouxsie (come to think of it, it might also fit the Arcade Fire), and Devotchka's instrumentation brings out

the beauty in the melody. The Velvet Underground's famous, droning exploration of sadomasochism, "Venus in Furs," is here turned into something like an uptempo rocker. Perhaps most surprising of all, the Sinatra throwaway "Somethin' Stupid" is revealed as something very pretty and touching. Of the other three songs, one is by a



fairly obscure artist, one is a traditional Latin instrumental, and one, the title track, is an original composition. Impressively, "Curse Your Little Heart" stands up nicely with the other numbers.

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Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., Flashback, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Mystery Train, blues.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Cradit Union, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Phil's Place, 2949 San Luis Rev Road, Oceanside. 760-433-2813. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Marco, jazz/pop/R&B.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500, El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

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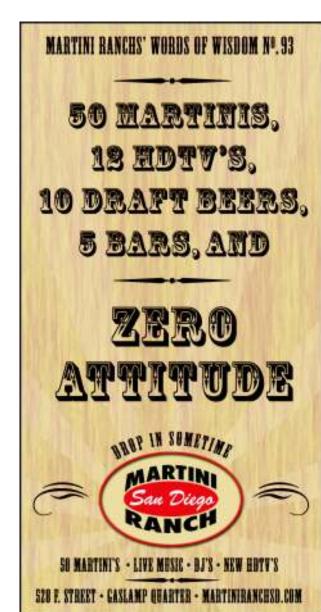
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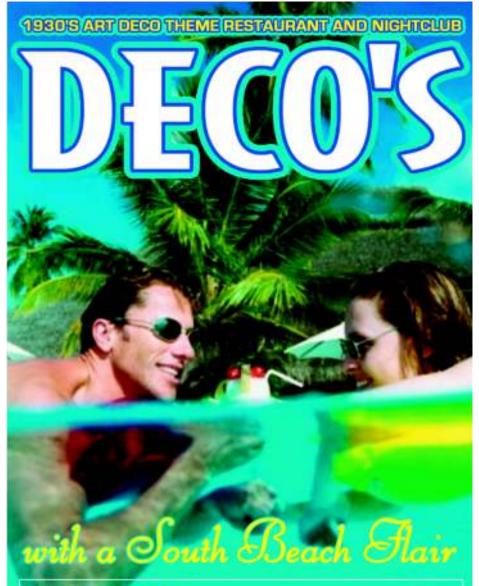
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Mr. Ridley has potential. Long Hard Road to Nowhere starts out with raging, obscene lyrics but tapers off to less-angry rapping.

Hooks from soulful old songs are employed to lay down the beat. The music leaves me wanting Mr. Ridley to stop rapping so I can only hear the remixes and Dr. Seuss's spinning

Track 5 is my favorite. It features an acoustic-guitar riff looped as the rhythm, and the lyrics are a call-out of popular diamond-teeth-andhandgun hip-hop: "Music's not the place where you should ever start a feud / It's a place to elevate your mind / or escape the world / it can even be a crutch for getting over a girl." It's a far sight better than the super-catchy, bootyshakin' junk on the airwaves.

Though Mr. Ridley's rapping far outstrips that of most white rappers, it's not stellar. One thing Mr. Ridley's missing is a distinctive sound. If I play an Eminem or Busta Rhymes song, you could tell the two apart; Mr. Ridley is indistinct in tone and voice, qualities that could be learned with experimentation.

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Mr. Ridley

at 16 tracks. Some of the lesser-polished tracks could be sacrificed. If a cohesive motif were established and better cover art portrayed an image, Mr. Ridley might get lowlevel national attention.

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From Spit Takes To Pratfalls

Lyford gives birth to at least eight eggs. White orbs queue up in his mouth and pop out.

hat if, before they waited for Godot under that crooked tree, bowler-hatted Vladimir and Estragon were silent film comics? And what if, before they reached Samuel Beckett's script, learned French, and ate

a turnip, they lost their way — literally tumbled out of a black-and-white film into today?

all wear bowlers picks up these associations and many more. Per-

formers Geoff Sobelle and Trey Lyford wear black-domed hats that recall Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy, and, especially when they produce a shiny green apple, René Magritte. Sobelle and Lyford often move as if their bodies are new to them, as if leaving a movie for "real life" requires growing land legs. And during the course of the 80-minute performance, their speech evolves from one-word blurts — "idiot" pronounced à la Beckett/Magritte ("ee-djut!") — to full sentences punctuated by four-letter words.

The program names the pair Earnest and Wyatt. They are no longer in a movie, they realize, and may be watching one called *The Audience at the La Jolla Playhouse on a Balmy Summer's Eve.* After unbolting two seats from row C, Earnest and Wyatt sit on the bare stage and watch us.

"I don't get it," says Wyatt (Lyford).

"Avant-garde," says Earnest.

"There's so many layers," adds Wyatt.

For a while they couldn't leave the movie: half-in, half-onstage, a to-and-fro deconstruction of heretofore fixed boundaries. When they recognize the audience, it's as if two of Luigi Pi-

randello's "six characters" fell into an alternate universe and must search not only for an author but a medium as well.

They know where they are. A map says "you are here." It's everywhere else that's missing.

References and associations abound (including a major *Godot* indicator: "nothing to be done"). But if you spend your time trying to identify them, what's going on will escape — and escape is the show's theme.

Godot's about waiting, bowlers is about being unable to leave. Sobelle's and Lyford's characters are stuck onstage (or is it in the audience?). Attempts to exit get slammed with everything from warning sounds to Anne Murray's "Snowbird," encouraging the trapped pair to "spread your tiny wings and fly away." Then in a non sequitur inversion, they realize they must perform for an audience becoming harder to please as the evening progresses.

The show has lulls, especially during audienceparticipation bits that deliver payoffs smaller than the time taken to produce them — like falling in



Trey Lyford, Geoff Sobelle in all wear bowlers

all wear bowlers, created by Geoff Sobelle and Trey Lyford La Jolla Playhouse, Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre, UCSD

Directed by Aleksandra Wolska; cast: Sobelle, Lyford; scenic design, Ed Haynes; costumes, Tara Webb; lighting, Randy "Igleu" Glickman; sound, James Sugg; filmmaker, Michael Glass

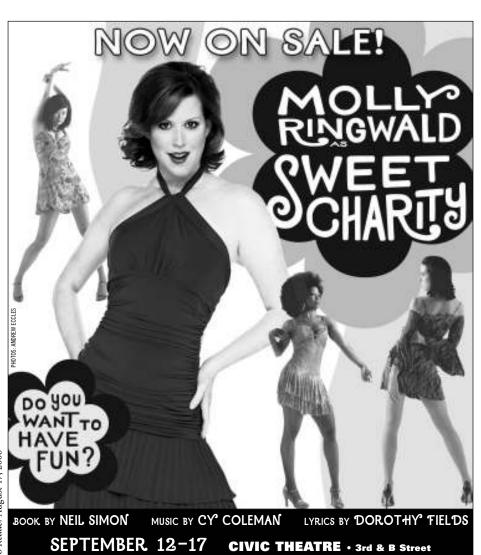
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Five Cups of Coffee, by Gillette Elvgren

Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Directed by Robert Smyth; cast: Jeffrey Jones, Greg Good, David Cochran Heath, K.B. Mercer, Linda Libby, Doren Elias, Carrie Heath; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Deborah Gilmour Smyth

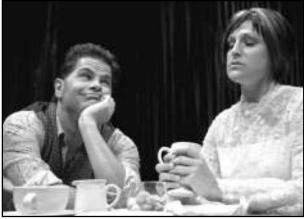
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Ieffrey Iones, Carrie Heath in Five Cups of Coffee

love with a woman in the audience and a wedding made from "found" items, all of which feels like filler and prompts one to ponder the nearest exit.

But when Sobelle and Lyford are good, they shine.
Lyford gives birth to at least
eight eggs. White orbs queue
up in his mouth and pop out.
Eggs also materialize from
pockets and luggage. At one
point Sobelle shows us how one
trick worked: the egg peering
over an opened travel case was
on a stick; his thumb must have
manipulated it. Okay. But that
doesn't account for the seemingly countless others concealed

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in their frumpy charcoal suits, including the real one that splatted on the floor.

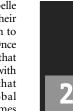
Sobelle and Lyford do physical comedy, from spit takes to pratfalls, but their best work is with their hands. And their best bit creates a third, bowler-hatted clown between them. The two sit side by side. They intertwine arms, one holding the hat, and sculpt the character from nothing with their hands and arms. There are times when you watch how they do it, admiring the precision and originality, and other times enjoy the sight of all three sharing the stage.

bowlers may be an acquired

taste for some. It takes Sobelle and Lyford a while to earn their absurdity. They don't seem to know where they're going. Once you realize that's the point, that they must improvise solely with their imaginations (and that bowlers won't solve "global warming") the show becomes a diverting, at times eye-popping entertainment.

One of the most frustrating aspects of my job is watching talent wasted. Lamb's Players is staging the world premiere of Gillette Elvgren's Five Cups of Coffee. Set at Milo's gourmet coffee bar, it's a lengthy mishmash that wants to be a mystical comedy but ends up just a mediocre, preachy sitcom. Hal and Rita have no business falling in love. They're proof that not all opposites attract. But they do fall in, and out, and in again, ad infinitum, so the playwright can inject pseudo-intellectual claptrap about time, and life, and the Wonder of It All.

The Lamb's production's a tease. Director Robert Smyth and top local actors work with such polish and devotion you'd almost swear they'll evolve this fluff into something substantial. Linda Libby's a hoot as a controlling, narcissistic mother-





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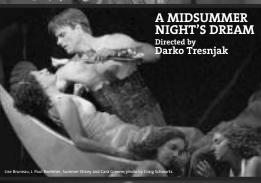
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from-Hades; Noel Awardwinner Jeffrey Jones is slick and stylish as Milo the narrator (who in the script keeps saying the same thing over and over!). Add in versatile vets David Cochran Heath, K.B. Mercer, and Doren Elias, plus Jeanne Reith's splashy, fun costumes and Nathan Peirson's expert lighting — all have the chops, but nothing to chew on. Take this same cast and designers, turn Mike Buckley's serviceable set inside-out, and let them do William Saroyan's "cosmic vaudeville show" — the genre toward which Elvgren's fizzle aspires — The Time of Your Life!

Five Cups of Coffee runs two and a half hours, which is two and a half hours too long. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

all wear bowlers

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 20: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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Five Cups of Coffee

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600

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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, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10; SUNDAY TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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 Tresniak'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 boldday/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

was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"? Worth a trv.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING 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.)

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"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





role that transformed him. Which



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 raisoneur). 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, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: OTHELLO RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH A MIDSUM-

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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 back-burner (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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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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 Stooge, 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 "huhwhoa?"). 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, Tres-

njak's staging is a send-up of a sendup. 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

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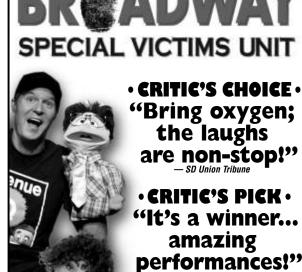
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It may be the best-kept secret on Broadway. Chula Vista, that is. The patio of La Costa Azul ("the Blue Coast") feels like any beach café on the Mexican coast. Except the family that runs it specializes in seafood cooked in the *picante* northwestern style of Nayarit and Sinaloa, the gritty-but-pretty mainland states roughly across the Sea of Cortez from southern Baja. (Mazatlán's the best-known beach town in Sinaloa. Nayarit is the next coastal state south.)

Costa Azul's owners must be doing something right: they have been a *mariscos* (seafood) fixture here for 25 years. Every time I've cruised by the strip this place is in, with its smoke shop and other not-so-glam neighbors, I've noticed folks going in and out of the restaurant. And this is no matter what end of the week.

So late one Tuesday afternoon, Carla and I walked into that sunny patio. A cool breeze fluted through the latticework, and beer pennants flapped away. "Pacifico." "Tropic of Corona." Yellow, blue, white. We sat at a table shaded by palm thatch. The chairs were strawbacks; the tables were solid, varnished wood. The waitress who brought us the menus said all the furniture had come from Sinaloa.

The menu was filled with seafood, of course, from oysters and mussels to shrimp, octopus, clams, abalone, and squid. But Carla — she makes no bones about being a full-on carnivore — decided on an appetizer of *queso fundido* with chorizo. "My dad always told us that the first chorizo in Mexico was made by Hernán Cortés himself," Carla said. "Actually, Papa made it the best. He added almonds, or wine, or green peppers."

What we got was like a cheese fondue, but in a long plate, with Monterey Jack melted around a brown island of fine-chopped chorizo. We shared. Unfortunately, the cheese didn't stay melted that long and turned to, like, chewing gum. But the chorizo gave it a tang, and with a scoop of an excellent dark-red salsa, I thought it made a great appetite stimulant. Carla wasn't so thrilled. "Not bad," she said. "Not over-greasy, good kick...but not enough. Too much cheese! My heart still belongs to Daddy."

Me, I wanted fish. I headed straight for a section of entrées called *Lo Mero Mero* ("the best of the best"), with dishes like abalone, lobsters, and



whole fish. I bypassed the basic *pescado frito* in favor of *pescado veracruzano* (fish in the style of Veracruz). Anything from the Veracruz area on Mexico's Caribbean coast is likely to have flavors of tomatoes, onions, and olives, but I

figured they wouldn't drown the grilled fish in a tsunami of sauce.
They didn't. It was a beautiful,

big plate with an entire fish staring up at me — head, fins, fantail,

and all — surrounded by salad, nicely spiced bendy fries, and a mound of red rice with a little Mexican flag flying on top. But it was the flesh of this fish that got to me. It obviously had garlic in there somewhere and was well-spiced. Best of all, it was unfishy, sweet and delicious. They had slashed the fish's sides. Guess that helped the sauce penetrate. It certainly made it easier to peel off the flesh. Yes, you had to watch for bones. I asked what species of fish it was. "Mojarra," the waitress said. I couldn't quite place it. "Your basic tilapia," Carla said. The waitress confirmed it. Oh wow.

Good old tilapia, the fish you see in those massive Salton Sea die-offs, right? Its big claim

to fame is that it's one of those ancient, whitefleshed fish originally from Egypt, along with its close relly, the Nile perch. In the Holy Land, it's also known as "St. Peter's Fish": Legend has it that tilapia was the fish Jesus used to mirac-

ulously feed the 5000 on the Sea of Galilee. A tilapia was also the first fish in space — taken for a ride along with John Glenn as an experiment in weightless fish

farming. (Uh, question, Senator: When the water's floating, is the fish floating too?) In the last couple of decades, earthly aquaculturists have come to regard the humble tilapia as the miracle fish of the age. This little beauty is a plant-eater. 'Course you read about it going wild and eating other fish and even cannibalizing its own kind when it's introduced as an exotic species. They say it has totally destroyed Africa's Lake Victoria. On the other hand, it has become the fish to rely on for fish farmers worldwide.

At next visit, Carla was a little disappointed with her choice of entrée, the Filete Don Alfredo. Main problem: we both thought she was order-

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Mostly Mexican seafood with emphasis on cuisine from Nayarit and Sinaloa. Mexican beers and generic wines (all inexpensive).

PICK HITS: Aguachile (shrimp in spicy brine); langostinos; pescado veracruzano (Veracruz-style tilapia); fajitas mixtas; camarones culichi (shrimp, Culiacán style)

NEED TO KNOW: Staff mainly Spanish-speaking but very helpful. Tends to be crowded on weekends. Parking can be an issue. Most interesting place to sit: outside on patio.

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ing a *beef* steak fillet, not a fish fillet. On reflection — a *mariscos* cafe, duh. What turned up was a fillet of *lenguado* — sole. And this *was* drowned in sauce, a thick mushroom mix "flamed with brandy." It was good, tender, fresh, but not terribly interesting.

In contrast, my aguachile (shrimp soup, a form of ceviche) arrived in a really big (nine-inch) black molcajete, the volcanic rock mortar bowl on legs that the people of Mexico have been using for, oh, 6000 years. Aguachile — also an ancient dish that originated in Sinaloa — contains onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, serrano chiles, and cilantro bobbing around in the briny shrimp stock with a dozen peeled shrimp. The brine was refreshing, cool, simple, spicy-hot — history in a bowl. I could imagine the ancient inhabitants of Sinaloa sitting under palapas just like these, eating from a molcajete, just like this.





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But back then, I'm told, aguachile was a paste — not a soup — that was spread across a cracker of sorts, probably something like those little Krispy Original crackers we got. What it really cried out for was a cerveza to soothe the hotness. But the horchata (a concoction of rice, almonds, and vanilla - reportedly a hangover cure) that I had did a pretty good job of cooling down those (pant pant) chile burns.

Carla ended up ordering two carne asada tacos to get her meat fix. You could see her relief. She declared them the best she's eaten for a long time. I took a nibble and they were rico-suave.

Moments later our order of langostinos (Large cravfish? Small lobsters? Take your pick...) arrived, looking sleek as '50s Cadillacs in their red shells. Again the salad-frijolerice sides came along for the ride. The 'stinos were great, nice and garlicky, especially their tail meat. My problem? Battling all those spidery legs and feelers. It makes getting to the good stuff, well, hard work.

Piping-hot corn tortillas were, as always, part of the deal. And I was impressed by how often the meseras — the serving ladies - came to replace those tortillas with more baskets full of steaming-hot

fresh ones. In Nayarit and Sinaloa, it seems, heat matters.

But I was soon distracted when a waitress zipped by with this sizzling, delicious-looking plate loaded with meat and shrimp — and delivered it to the couple right behind us. Damn. Great-smelling fajitas. I could hear them still cooking on their black iron hotplate. I wanted them.

So — what the heck? back we went the very next day. I ordered up a fajitas mixtas, with the shrimp, beef, and chicken all in together, served with corn tortillas and the usual garnishes. Don't get me wrong. I appreciated all the other dishes...but this, this was love. At first bite. Half the pleasure is that evil black plate arriving, hissing and snapping at you from the table. The other half is the actual eating. Those grilled flavors of the three meats and the peppers and wicked, slick, half-burned onions. The meats were rapierhot, fresh, tender, and so tasty. No resistance. (Yeah, I've had 'em old, cold, and leathery elsewhere.) The secret is in a lime marinade that actually "cooks" the skirt steak (fajita) before it ever sees a flame. Overnight is good, two days later is better.

Ceviche, too, is one of those dishes "cooked" by lime juice, which we had on an-

other visit. Ceviche can be any sort of seafood. We chose the ceviche de pescado as a seafood cocktail (though we could have had it, or ceviche de camarón, with chips, or on a tostada, Baja-style). Our ceviche, served in a tall sundae glass, had chunks of tomato, cucumber, and purple onion in the briny mix. We pumped on additional zest with some salsa huichol, a hot sauce from Nayarit. Think "Tabasco plus flavor." It features a smokyflavored chile called the "jingle bell" or "rattle." That's because the dried cascabel seeds rattle in their pods. (Salsa Huichol is also in a dish here called camarones cucarachas, "shrimp cockroaches." They're basically shrimp, pan-cooked in huichol sauce.)

We couldn't resist just one more regional foray. This time, I ordered the camarones culichi (meaning shrimp cooked in the style of Culiacán, the capital of the state of Sinaloa). It's baked shrimp in a béchamel sauce turned green by seared bell and Anaheim peppers, with a dash of paprika and some subtleflavored melted cheese that's hardly noticeable. Carla opted for the dish that bears the owner's name. It's called camarones Gloria's [sic], "bathed in her special sauce" béchamel plus cilantro. Actu-

ally, the two are pretty similar. Carla loved them both. For me, they were mild, and mildly interesting.

Ironically, though, the thing Carla enjoyed most was her pile of refried beans and melted cheese. She was sure she detected an authentic pork lard flavor in there. "They taste slow-cooked. No scorching. No tough bean skins. Just like my mamacita used to make,' she said. "The longer the frijoles stayed simmering in the cazuela [the casserole pot], the better they tasted."

Before we left we splurged on a buñuelo, a big, crisp, sugary fritter-tortilla that goes down well with coffee (although our coffee here was instant, and not the greatest). Traditionally, buñuelos are Christmas treats made from a yeasted donut dough, sometimes with a tweak of anise, deep fried, then soaked in a syrup of brown sugar with cinnamon. Yum. Here, we cracked away at this quartered disc till we could eat no more.

Of course, La Costa Azul also cooks up the full range of Mexican standards, but go for their regional specialties. To be honest, I'll mainly be back to enjoy the feeling this patio tropical gives you. Yes, there's plenty of inside dining. But outside, you get that strange feeling of being somewhere else. I know, we're talking Broadway, Chula Vista. But I'm thinking Mazatlán without the airfare.

ABOUT COSTA AZUL

"My mom is the hardestworking woman in South Bay," says Julian González Jr. He's the last of Gloria González's children working full-time at the restaurant, though many in her extended family lend a hand. "She keeps the place going," says Chris, her nephew, who says he has worked here his whole life. "She holds us together."

It has been a 25-year labor of love for Gloria González, who has been overseeing the restaurant on a daily basis since she and her husband, Julian Sr., opened in 1981. He hails from Mexico's Nayarit and Sinaloa regions; she from Tijuana. Their four kids grew up helping out in the restaurant, though three are now in the real-estate business.

Gloria didn't know much about cooking and running a restaurant when they started out, but her husband "taught me everything," she says. Then in 1990 the couple divorced, and newly ex-husband Julian started up his own "Costa Azul" in Imperial Beach. Gloria carries on here in Chula Vista, with help. "My kids have been helping out since they were ten years old," she says. "They all learned to cook, serve, clean, everything. Their father taught them how to work. It has certainly helped them. I hire a lot of young people who don't want to work."

She says it's also a hardwork kitchen because virtually nothing is pre-prepped. "We are not fast food," says Gloria. "Except for beans and rice, which we prepare in the mornings — never from cans — everything is prepared from scratch to order.'

The most popular dish, according to Julian Jr., is siete mares, a broth containing fish "from the seven seas" — including shrimp, octopus, clams, abalone, squid, and fish. It's considered major nutrition and great for hangovers. "Saturday morning this place has a lot of guys come in for siete mares," says Julian. "Then on Sundays, around two p.m., we're really busy. That's when everybody gets out of church and brings the family."

His cousin Chris disagrees on what's most popular. "It's camarones Costa Azul," he says. "They're the shrimp stuffed with cheese and crab and rolled in bacon. People love them. They're probably the most famous thing we have. That and aguachile."











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Anti-Gaslamp Experience

"We're going to transform it into an up-market place. But still affordable."

ED BEDFORD

he evening sun streams through the window. So does the sound of distant hand-clapping. That comes from the nearby Amistad Cristiana de San Diego. Those guys certainly put soul into their singing.

I'm sitting in the high-chair window seat, chomping into my BLT. I like this part of town. And this place. How many times have Hank and I passed it in the early morning, seen homeless-looking guys coming out with 99-cent fries and buck coffees for breakfast, then looked at the prices

ourselves and just shaken our heads? "This is cheaper than eating at home," Hank said last time. "Burgers \$2.49, sourdough guacamole bacon cheeseburger, \$3.75, Philly cheesesteak, \$4.99. We're coming back, bro!'

Except we never did. So tonight, I took the plunge. It was maybe 6:30 when I swung in through the front door. Wow. I was the only customer in a vast, cavernous place. Wa-ay at the back, I spied a figure behind a counter. It was sorta like being the only person at a church service. You and the priest.

"Hi," the priest said when I made it back there. Okay, it was just this guy Matt. He was working among the stoves and coolers of this, like, huge kitchen. I looked up at the menu. Wha...? Not what I remembered. No \$2.49 hamburger. No sourdough guacamole bacon cheeseburger, \$3.75.

Now, it was a much shorter list, and the standard burger was \$5.50, including 1/3-pound patty and fries. Cheeseburger was \$6.25. Then they had things like hot BBQ pork sandwich for \$5.75 with fries and a "Grilled chicken

Sando" for \$5.75, plus a bunch of burritos and quesadillas for mostly five bucks. So I guess you couldn't complain.

'Don't judge us by this," said Matt, the guy. I think he means the menu and the decor. "We've just taken over, and we're waiting for permits. We're going

to completely transform it into an up-market place. But still affordable. Like an anti-Gaslamp experience. Down there, you're talking entrées in the \$20, \$30 range. Our dinner dishes'd be, say, \$15. Lunchtime, \$7, \$8, up to \$12, maybe.'

Wow. Echoes of Vagabond. This sounds like a healthy trend.

I end up ordering a coffee (\$1.45) and a "Very Best BLT" with caramelized bacon, sliced tomato, romaine lettuce, mayo, Dijon mustard (\$4.95). For a buck extra you can get an egg so the yolk oozes over everything. Dammit, I'm too mean to spring for the extra buck. I'll spend the whole sandwich dreaming of egg yolk.

I sit down and chow in. Actually, the BLT, even minus the egg-ooze, is pretty crunchy and delicious. The caramelized bacon makes it really nice. And the T-factor — tomatoes — is great. Matt has piled those suckers in.

Dinner: 5 pm-close

Reservations recommended

It turns out this barn of a place dates from the 1920s. Just imagine: people coming in here, talking, flirting, eating, laughing, crying for 80 years. Outside, right now, it could be World War II, or the Depression, or Vietnam. You start to appreciate the room the way it is. The tinkly old upright piano, the big California flag, the empty coffee sacks from El Salvador hanging on the cream walls, the well-used sofas, the nature photos. A man can relax, be himself here, not have to try and be cool. But it's not all time warp. Like, they have a couple of computers set up that you can buy time on.

A gal comes in. Julia. She orders a glass of Pacific Ridge pale ale (\$3.50) and 15 minutes on one of the computers. "I used to come and get the grilled chicken club sandwich," she says. "They always gave you large portions. And this computer, a dollar for 15 minutes. Can't beat

Yeah, for as long as it lasts: after these next couple of months, those renta-computers'll be

But Matt's not getting all teary-eyed about it. This is a big thing for him. He and his old friend, a chef, Scott Watkins, have been talking about doing this for years. They're staking their fortunes and reps on what they hope to create, a haven for what they're calling "new American comfort food. Things like braised short ribs, with roasted garlic, whole-grain Dijon, and celery root mashed potatoes." Or Maine lobster pot pie with a "homemade fennel-infused pastry crust." Pork chop'll be flavored with

cinnamon and come with sweet corn spoon bread. Spoon bread? Seems it's an old settlers' tradition, 'specially among Southerners, a cornmeal bread that's fluffy enough to serve with a spoon, Yum.

Of course, this whole transformation'll take time. They'll probably close sometime in September and not open the new op till November. The building's owner is playing along. He'll create a green shutter and bricky New Orleans-type frontage, while Matt and Scott hire builders to gut the Big Room, set up an eatdrink bar along one side, put nine-foot-high French windows in front and on the side, and turn the parking area into a bougainvillea-strewn courtyard for maybe 40 customers.

Sounds great. On the other hand, this, as it is here, now, is real. A few tables, a piano, and that flag, which, turns out, is up there to cover a hole in the wall. You can't help thinking: We might miss this, a lot. 'Specially the guys Hank and I used to see coming in, the homeless guys looking for a breakfast of French fries and

The name? It'll change to, uh, "Urban Solace." Trendy, but hard to fall in love with, as you can with "Vagabond." I reckon they should get more personal. What's wrong with Matt 'n'

Meantime, I'm definitely coming back for their most popular single item, the breakfast burrito. Scrambled egg, cheese, diced ham, salsa, sour cream, and guacamole, \$4.50. You can bet that won't be on the new menu. ■

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the same experience. (When you shop around the low end of the market, forever searching for bargains...) And it has happened that I have taken the two bottles, poured them into my big decanter, and found the result downright potable. I believe in blending.

So I was delighted when Ed

Moore, owner of the 3rd Corner Wine Shop and Bistro in Ocean Beach, offered to let me join in on a genuine blending session up at Fallbrook Winery. Fallbrook's estate vineyards are still coming online, and much of their wine is made with grapes from all over California. The occasion this time, says Fallbrook owner Ira Gourvitz, is that "we're ready to switch from the '03 to the '04 Merlot. Everything's been in barrel for about 18 months."

We meet in the winery lab — Gourvitz, Moore, winemaker Duncan Williams, and I. You could tell it was the lab from the off-white color scheme, the pieces of electronic equipment, and the occasional graduated cylinder. But the samples set up for tasting and blending — two Cabernets, two Merlots, a Syrah, and a Petite Verdot — sat in decidedly unscientific-looking wine glasses. "Why don't you guys get a set of nice glass beakers instead of messing around with these glasses?" needles Moore.

"We've been doing this for 12 years," retorts Gourvitz.

"I know, but it's time to move forward. I'm going to have to get you some for Christmas."

Step one was going through and evaluating the

components. Much use of the five Ss: swirling, sniffing, sipping, sucking air over the palate to increase flavor perception, and spitting. "It doesn't matter what we say today," Moore says. "Duncan's going to go back in the winery and make his own blend. He'll make the wine that he knows is going

to work." I think Moore is maybe half-joking. But he's serious when he continues: "Another thing is that by the time you blend these wines and let them sit for another two or three months, they'll change." It's a lesson we're learning on a small scale even as we taste. "You put this stuff out on the bench," says Williams, gesturing at the lineup of sample glasses, "and it's changing the whole time. You've got five moving targets."

The Syrah is the first to show motion. "I wouldn't want to use much of that Syrah in the blend," says Moore, "if any at all. It's tasting a little green right now."

"I don't anticipate it," replies Williams. "It's a little weird. After two years in the barrel, that's not what Syrah should be tasting like."

So we turn our attention to the Merlots. Merlot 1 "seemed to have a little more stuffing in it when we first brought it in," says Williams.

"Merlot 2 is not as deep as I thought it would

be," says Gourvitz.

"It wasn't really ever that deep," replies Williams. "It was just kind of pretty fruit." Now, however, "I think it's just too acidic."

"It's so acidic, it's hard," I agree. "There's a sting on your tongue after you spit. And it's not like Merlot 1 is particularly soft."

"It's funny," says Williams. "For being Merlots and having been in the barrel that long, it's surprising how youthful they're tasting."

"His wines tend to round out," says Gourvitz hopefully.

Williams takes another sip of the Syrah and declares, "I really kind of like it now. Both Merlots seem a little bit too highstrung by themselves. That's why I'm thinking, maybe just a little Syrah." We all take sips, and we all agree that things have changed for the better.

"Especially after the Merlot," I say. "You lose the green, and it's plush." I mix a little Syrah with Merlot 1 and like the way they cover each other's weak spots. Merlot 1's cherries still show through, but the acid has been toned down. "You guys are going to taste through all my samples before I even start blending," chides Williams.

"How much of the Syrah can you put in?"

"How much of the Syrah can you put in? asks Ira, thinking of the label.

"Oh, we can go 25 percent," replies Williams. (A wine needs 75 percent of one varietal in order to have that varietal's name alone on the label.) But Williams starts at a little over 10 percent, pouring together a blend that represents 800 gallons of Merlot 1, 500 gallons of Merlot 2, and 200 gallons of Syrah — 600 cases' worth.

It's a hit. "His first blend is always the best one," observes Moore. "It still smells like Merlot, it's got a middle, and it finishes clean," says Ira, pleased.



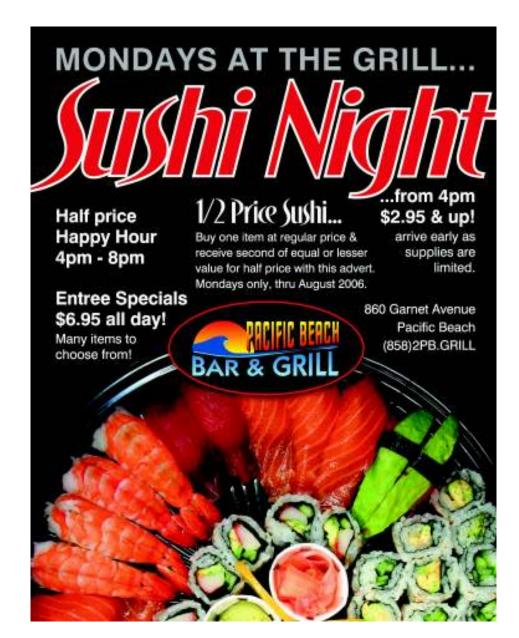
"There's still a little prickle up front," I notice. "Can you sand that down further?" Williams tries another blend, upping the proportion of Syrah to 300 gallons. Nobody thinks it's better than the first. "It does seem a little flat," agrees Williams. "The first one is a little tight, but it'll tone down once it gets a little bottle age." And so we have the '04 Merlot.

Moore thinks he knows the origin of that acidic prickle. "It's because the wine you have the most of is Merlot 1. It has the most tartness."

That wasn't the case half an hour ago. "Merlot 2 burned at the back of the throat," I argue. But no more — once again, the target has moved. "I get a much richer depth out of Merlot 2," says Moore. "It's more integrated, with a really nice core of rounded fruit. Merlot 1 finishes lean, it's almost kind of a little malic, like green apple." I try both Merlots, and he's right.

"I'm just curious," says Moore. "Let's try some of Cabernet 1 with Merlot 2."

"We've got 260 gallons of Cabernet 1 and only 100 gallons left of Merlot 2," notes Williams. "What are we doing? That's not even varietal."





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"Isn't red table wine hot right now?" I ask.

"It is if you can charge enough for it," answers Williams, thinking of name-dropper wines like Ornellaia. That won't be the case here, but he makes the blend anyway — two parts Cab to one Merlot.

"That I like," marvels Moore. "It makes a huge difference for both of them. Good acidity, great fruit, nice finish." Like the Syrah, the Cab worked to tone down the Merlot's acid, but it also lent a certain amount of tannin and structure and showed an intriguing note of mint.

We can make 125 cases if you want to buy it," says Williams.

'What's the price?" "One-twenty a case," says Gourvitz.

A moment later, the price is \$96 a case — \$8 a bottle — another 60 gallons of Cab have found their way into the blend, and the wine has a name: Fallbrook Winery's 3rd Corner Cuvée. Moore has a new house wine in the offing. After retail markup, "It'll be \$9.95," says Moore. "It's a good drink." He turns to Williams. "You're a winemaker; you've got that crystal ball. Do the acids start toning down a little bit in six months?

"I like where they are right now," says Williams. "But then, I like Chiantis. It'll soften up a lit-

"Okay, that's done," says Gourvitz. "We're out of the Merlots.3

Williams and Gourvitz start discussing what to do with the remaining Cab and Syrah and Petite Verdot. Moore takes a whiff of the Petite Verdot, which smells great (violets and maybe strawberries) but doesn't do much on the palate. "I wonder what a little bit of this would do," he says. "Let me see what it tastes

In go 50 gallons of Petite Verdot. "Wow," says Moore. "I like the front of it. That's a total Popsicle fruit bar; it's got dynamic fruit. It's very fleshy, almost Australian. It's even more quaffable. Just a simple drinking red. Can you somehow get me a sample bottle so I can taste my employees on it?'

"I'll bring it down next week sometime," says Gourvitz, and he and Williams turn back to the remaining wines. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Dring summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To fin-

ish, a banana tarte tatin shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw...oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agree-able. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878, Seasonal California Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is \$10, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations urged. Lunch weekdays. dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/04)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek halfchicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-youcan-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage.





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Reader August 17, 2006 San Diego Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popu-- and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vig ilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (be-hind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows pho bo is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent pho bo, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese nint in which to wrap them fish sauce). We're talking family-style

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Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgand sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. -

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive. Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef - but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, egg-plant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the out-standing dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/04)

like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *utta-pams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. N.W. (1/03)

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almondcrusted Manchego cheese appetizer and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reserva-tions advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. N.W. (8/04)

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and ro for breakfast but now served all day -







Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sand-wiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more fa mous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the footlong. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast - a highlight of the menu is served until closing time. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — N.W. (5/02)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world - influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (harira), a salad plate, bastilla (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of side-

walks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open for breakfast daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-thewall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-sizevase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive - E.B. (5/02)

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for

you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes, Must-eat; the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has blackand-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kid-die plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. N.W. (1/05)

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608, "Ovsters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and mochi (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just allyou-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (4/05)

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boule vard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that all their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef, chicken, lamb, and fresh sauces using chemical-free ingredients. All from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers - all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. Dé-cor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/05)

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-vou-caneat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayon naise mussels. Or Japanese charcoalgrilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (unagi-zushi). It tastes salty yet caramely too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on scallop shells with sesame balls and yummy cream cheese wonton. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow.



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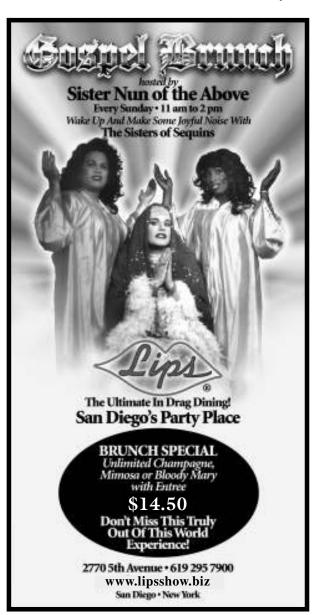
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Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cui**sine** 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in The Beach. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful minichain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegivirtuous to enjoy full-flavored combi-nations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The

palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 7 p.m. week-days, until 8 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing ir dustry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from lo-cal fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had sur-vived the Korean war and Vietnam be-fore she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, ba-con, mushroom "Hunter" omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — E.B. (5/06)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge

mous - check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two - and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of sea-sonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of ourse: Byrd's pastries are of the Euroinfluenced American mode - very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more so-phisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday,



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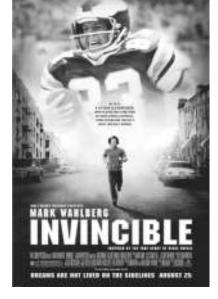


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Calendar Restaurants

breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N.* (8/99)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness cradition the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed

or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W. (3/04)

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This muchwelcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls' (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (1/05)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese

touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku diiner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The success ful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and vrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (5/03)

Panda Park Buffet 3036 El Cajon Boulevard (near Ohio), North Park, 619-640-2471. Warning: Once you get locked into this kind of all-you-can-eat eatery, no single-serve place seems to measure up. This is smaller than many similar places but still offers a good range of seafood, like salt-and-pepper squid, shrimp, fish, cheese mussels, and meaty regulars like boneless spare rib. Don't desert desserts — they have butter cake with hidden bursts of custard, almond cake, chocolate cake, and chopped banana that looks as if it's lying in its own brilliant-red blood. You could polish them all off. It might take two or three runs, but who's counting? Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery

sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Dinner daily except major holidays; call ahead. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canvon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good chile verde (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of chilaquiles. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed summertime; other seasons, open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/000)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bamboo Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (out side). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays, Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/05)

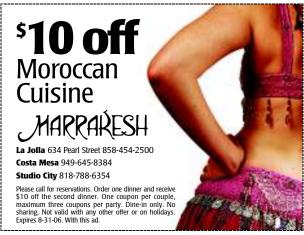
Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hill-crest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties road-house character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their offmenu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday: open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hill-crest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The

regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup talay is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss choo chee duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — N.W. (5/05)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard vellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/05)











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DINNER

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the palapa bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Three meals daily. Open until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian décor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/05)

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Iapanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible froufrou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. – *N.W.* (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the carne asada burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the chile verde and the quesadilla

with carne asada. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink horchata, a rice drink, or jamaica, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301, Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who run this place do. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a re-ally cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/06)

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetyp-ical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlio Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — B.D. (6/05)

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bavview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the eniovable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are gen-uinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging bev erage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant of-fers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive.

— N.W. (9/04)

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khoresh Bademjan" is a tasty baby egg-plant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too - marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumbery, minty flavors. Open breakfast through dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (4/06)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-andsepia dining room evokes an Italian Re-naissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp fol-lies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive - and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. - N.W. (8/01)

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish

breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. -N.W. (3/02)

House Of Blues Restaurant 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was *not* tear down Woolworth's old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread. or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you'll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes







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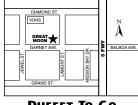
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Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), down-town, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop - barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

Max New York Steakhouse and **Seafood** 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus from Idaho or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from New Zealand. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash) downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. -

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, mar-bled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is ex ceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street). Little Italy. 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your en-thusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And vou're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet - but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M. (6/03)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hvatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 72 hours to a week's notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. -N.W. (10/04)

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/05)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price - and you can take them up a notch with nu-merous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak,

and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, streetpatio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners nightly, open late Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. -

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Asian Noodles Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard, Suite E. 12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma's "Mi" noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their siopao (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/06)

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentleddown dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (11/04)

Canvon Club Cafe 421 Telegraph n Road, Chula Vista, (no phone). You don't get deals like this every day think 1940's roadhouses Read the breakfast menu: "All items above include hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and (1) beer. Bikers (especially the U.M.F. of America, and yes, you've probably worked the letters out) appreciate this menu regularly. The food is strictly Americana, from the half plate of biscuits and gravy, to steak and eggs, to omelets with Ortega chili. Biggest threat isn't the bikers (they're "good people" according to the owners), it's gentrification. Good-tasting sand-wiches: salmon burger or COBALT (Cheese, Onion, Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, and Tomato). Open seven days, lunch and dinner, until midnight; breakfast on weekends from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989.
This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, footlong, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh and each nigiri is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the hamachi roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively

mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and ponzu. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W. (11/04)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old down-







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town Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back af-terwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare from tacos and tamales to carne asada and bistek ranchero, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. – E.B. (5/02)

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Fi-nanciera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's deli-cious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, pez espada (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (6/05)

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at

some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A parrillada — BBQ dish - gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal table-top grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B.* (5/05)

La Baguette Boulevard Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in miento Las Palmas), Tijuana 681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos), the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("cabrito tatemado"). Desserts include the house especial, mango and ice cream with rompope (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice

cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce - the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (1/05)

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("la vuelta") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, res ident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a combinación mexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or carne asada served in an olla de barro, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding filete mignon with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. -E.B. (6/03)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo

("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain - but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola

and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. EB (2/03) Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard

Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere un-der a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups,

shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Road, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. -E.B. (4/02)

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flashcooked steaks from the finest wetaged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's nois bles upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at North Harbor 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

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Accepted — A seven-time college reject (Justin Long) creates his own fictitious college — South Harmon Institute of Technology, or SHIT for short — to appease his parents and to accommodate fellow rejects. "A bad idea from the get-go," counsels a close friend — a movie review within the movie. A couple of appealing young actresses, Maria Thayer from Strangers with Candy and Blake Lively from The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, are held down in a class of dunces. Jonah Hill, Adam Hershman, Columbus Short; directed by Steve Pink. 2006.

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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



ccepted

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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

Barnyard — Computer-animated animal tale, written and directed by Steve Oedekerk, with the voices of Kevin James,

Courteney Cox, Sam Elliott, Andie Mac-Dowell.

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MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Being There — Jerzy Kosinski's adaptation of his own novel about a retarded gardener named Chance, whose only acquaintance with the world beyond his garden has been through his constant exposure to TV, and who is suddenly turned out into that world when his benevolent employer passes on. There would seem to be infinite ways to go with this premise, and the picaresque way, for instance, would bunch several of those ways into one package. But Kosinski's way is a narrowly focussed political parable about the overnight success of this Tube Boob among the bigwigs of Capitol Hill, and this way has much less bearing on him and the TV mentality than on them and politics. How Chance attains his success could have been much more ingeniously contrived, but Kosinski elects to grease the wheels with fortuitous happenings, evasive dialogue, and a confident outpouring of anti-government cynicism. Peter Sellers, with a Langdon look and a Laurel voice, does a virtuoso solo as the Wild Child from the Television Wasteland, but he doesn't mesh so well with the rest of the cast. Of those who mesh, Shirley MacLaine is the standout as a sexually repressed socialite. Handsomely photographed by Caleb Deschanel in variously aged colors — faded, yellowed, rusted. With Melvyn Douglas, Jack Warden, and Richard Dysart; directed by Hal Ashby. 1979.

★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/17 AND 18, 8:30 P.M.)

Boynton Beach Club — It is difficult to locate the director of *Smithereens* and *Desperately Seeking Susan* in this multicharacter romantic comedy (original title: *The Boynton Beach Bereavement Club*) 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-



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for-TV movies and direct-to-video. Desperately seeking Susan, indeed! Her most poignant moments here, 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 rayages 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. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MAR-

Brothers of the Head — Adaptation of Brian Aldiss's novel about Siamese twins (Harry and Luke Treadaway) promoted as a 1970s rock duo, directed by Keith Fulton and Louis Pepe. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/18)

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 appearances 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, franchisewise. And ever outward, edgewise. Only nowadays Smith is trying to stay ahead of such multiplex mainstreamers as the Farrellys and the Wayanses. 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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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,

point?") and encounter a subterranean tribe of omnivores. Director Neil Marshall, straight-faced, businesslike, unpretentious, had a real movie going - a movie of startlements, portents, physical and psychological challenges — even before he ushered in the Gollum-like creatures of colorless candlewax. These, for all their economy of means, are as scary as they need to be. With Shauna Macdonald, Natalie Jackson Mendoza, and Alex Reid. 2006.

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The Devil Wears Prada — Workinggirl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, Working Girl, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Mervl 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 fashionindustry 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION

The Illusionist — Romantic drama set in turn-of-the-century Vienna, with Edward

Norton, Paul Giamatti, and Jessica Biel, directed by Neil Burger.

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An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming.

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This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think The Day after Tomorrow, think Waterworld, or if you're a reader, think The Drowned World or The Kraken Wakes), with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.

 $\bigstar \bigstar$ (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 playingout of a prophecy — a whole-cloth mythol-

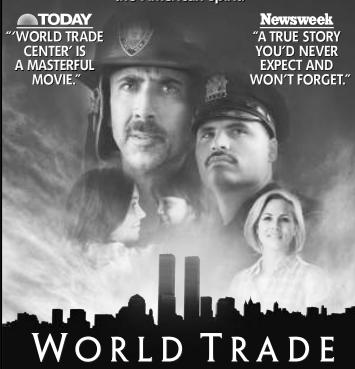
ogy - and the only trick to it is to figure out who among the residents of The Cove apartment complex in suburban Philadelphia (where else?) plays what part in the prophecy: a Narf, a sea nymph from The Blue World, will require the assistance of a Writer, a Guardian, a Healer, a Symbolist, and a Guild, 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's 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 entertainment 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 fram-



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ings. 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM

PROMENADE 24)

Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the "quirky" assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose Sys

tem. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: "Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate every

one"), and an owlishly bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the



beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rudesounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Material Girls - Comedy of pauperedheiresses played by real-life sisters Hilary and Haylie Duff, directed by Martha Coolidge.

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Miami Vice — The name of the Eighties television series - fighting crime and looking cool doing it — has been appropriated 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? 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

cover up the genericness, and second to establish a degree of superiority, to let you planning sessions of drug smugglers and undercover cops, sitting right there shoulonly 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. If all this confusion somewhat diminishes your involvement, you still can't help but notice that Michael Mann is a filmmaker who pantheistic worship of the wind — the boats, on rooftops and beaches, through expensive haircuts and arching palm trees grainy high-def digital photography that fills the night air with phosphorescent microscopic closeup, transmutes Jamie Foxx's flesh into lizard skin. You can see it in the awesome range of Alp-like clouds through which a private plane weaves its see it in the Desert Storm scale and severity of the violence. The final firefight is particularly gripping. But confusing. Colin Farrell, Gong Li, Naomie Harris, John Ortiz. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER;

confusion is evidently deliberate, first to know that even if you were sitting in on the der to shoulder with them, you would glean takes himself seriously. You can see it in the manifestations of it in sports cars, in speedand loose linen jackets. You can see it in the mosquitoes and, in a romantic interlude in way on a routine business trip. And you can

LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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.

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La Mujer de Mi Hermano — Lifetime-y movie from Argentina, and from director Ricardo de Montreuil, slickly, superficially done. The wife of a type-A businessman

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looks to her bohemian brother-in-law for the passion missing from her marriage. Bárbara Mori, a classical glamourpuss, groomed in Mexican telenovelas (a/k/a soaps), conducts an even hotter affair with the camera. Christian Meier, Manolo Cardona. 2005. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC

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special effects. Luke Wilson, Uma Thurman, Anna Faris, Rainn Wilson, Eddie Izzard; directed by Ivan Reitman, 2006. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Night Listener — A jilted homosexual, the morose host of a national AIDSawareness 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.

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Paper Moon — Two con artists, a mustachioed charmer and a ten-year-old tomboy (acted by Ryan O'Neal and his daughter Tatum), peddle gold-embossed Good Books in the Depression-era Bible Belt. To enjoy this frayed yarn, it is not really necessary to believe in all the cunning, resourcefulness, and adorability credited to the precocious little heroine, because Peter Bogdanovich and Laszlo Kovacs, director and photographer, have embellished the flimsy script with a smooth, show-offy visual style, and the Midwest towns, roads, and flatlands provide some helpful sobriety. 1973.

★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/19

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 twoand-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.

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Quinceañera — Slice of Latino life in Echo Park, centered around a pregnant virgin (Emily Rios) a few months shy of her fifteenth birthday, "the day she becomes a woman." (Her boyfriend's suggested name for the baby: "If he's a boy, we can call him Jesús.") The filmmakers, Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland, take an equal if not greater interest in the girl's homosexual cousin, the boy-toy of a next-door Anglo couple who represent the gentrification of the neighborhood. Flat acting all around, warmed up by the best of intentions. Jesse Garcia, David Ross, Chalo González. 2006 \bigstar (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater's adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his Waking Life, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn't disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body 'scramble suit" that conceals the wearer's identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder's long-awaited first "nude" scene, 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Scoop — A companion piece to Woody Allen's Match Point only insofar as it pro longs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman. Nor 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. The strictly functional comedy-thriller plotline is more on the order of Manhattan Murder Mystery, albeit with an element of the supernatural. There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along by the Johansson 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, still less 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 still less does it detract from his mastery and durability, at age seventy, as a comic leading man, defying every 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. With Hugh Jackman and Ian Mc-Shane, 2006

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Snakes on a Plane — Terror in the sky, with Samuel L. Jackson and Julianna Margulies, directed by David R. Ellis. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE;

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The Longest Yard is an awesome movie. It was so hilarious. My favorite character was quarterback Paul Crew, played by comedian Adam Sandler. Adam Sandler movies are always guaranteed to make me laugh. I have seen every one of his movies and haven't been disappointed yet. The Longest Yard, though, is his best. It's funny but it also has some sad scenes. I selected *The Longest Yard* as the film I'd recommend because I love this movie! I can also really connect with it because I love sports and Llove football. When I watched this movie, the action, especially in the big football game at the end, had me on the edge of my seat.

THE LONGEST YARD (USA) 2005, **Paramount** List price: \$19.99

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Hayao Miyazaki's Howl's Moving Castle is an awesome Japanese anime. The animation is like watching paintings glide across the screen. The story's about a young girl who's turned into an old lady by the Wicked Witch of the Waste, and then she meets the handsome Howl. a magical prince who lives in a moving castle and has a reputation for stealing the hearts of young girls. The film captured my attention with its magical sense of adventure. It makes me believe that all adventures are possible. Howl's Moving Castle is the best movie ever. The characters are so realistic that I can almost find real people to fit each character.

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (Japan) 2004, Disney List price: \$29.99 (two discs)

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Eight Below is underrated but it's great for all ages. The dogs are well trained and perform well, which is a plus. You can feel how the dogs feel when they're left behind in the cold. You'll love it when the dogs finally work together and manage to overpower a gigantic seal. The screenplay didn't exactly drive the ball for a home run, but it got enough distance for a triple.

I expected Scary Movie 4 to be much funnier. Some parts were funny - like the Viagra part — yet some scenes made me feel like I wasted my money like when the mayor was stabbed twice. I hated the fact that scenes that didn't really relate to the story made me laugh more then the scenes that contributed to the plot. This movie is pretty much only for people who think the word "pudding" is funny.

EIGHT BELOW (USA) 2006, Disney List price: \$29.99 SCARY MOVIE 4 (USA) 2006, Weinstein Company List price: \$29.95

Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan, directed by Anne Fletcher. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 littleknown 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 eves and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.

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Viva Cuba — Juan Carlos Cremata Malberti's examination of class differences in his native Cuba, as seen through the eyes of





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children. (MISSION VALLEY 7, 8/18 THROUGH 24)

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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

World Trade Center - Looking on the bright side of 9/11: the fact-based story of two Port Authority policemen (Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, roughly four hundred closeups between them) who, together with a couple of unluckier comrades, dauntlessly entered Tower One with the intention to help evacuate it, and survived the collapse of it on top of them. This feel-good approach seems a particularly unexpected one, a particularly cautious and safe one, to be taken by Oliver Stone, professional boatrocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an aspersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uniform he became so briefly and incongruously with Platoon. Needless to say, there is no counterpart here to the James Jonesian abuse-of-authority figure played by Tom Berenger. The freshness of the event - five years as against the more than dozen years



Scoop

between the Vietnam War and Stone's version of it — would appear to have cowed him into his best behavior, both civically and cinematically, toning down his camera-

work and his cutting along with his bellow. At bottom, this is little more than a grade-A docudrama — a made-for-TV movie bulked up for the big screen — with a

smooth incorporation of familiar archive footage, a decent selection of re-created detail (the shower of paper, etc.), and a meticulous reproduction of the skeletal remains

at Ground Zero, a cremated behemoth. The early unfolding of events, beginning at 3:29 on the morning of the 11th, can hardly help but raise a few goosebumps, as it builds an unbearable tension between the filmmaker's foot-dragging pace and the viewer's racing memory, a true collaboration between artist and audience. But that comes to an abrupt stop with the fall of the first tower, and the cementing of a static situation, half an hour into the film. The remaining hour and a half of waiting and worrying with the families (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal as the wives), and of suffering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten Ladder 49, that post-9/11 tribute to firefighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tensionfree, more routine, more trite, more mawkish, more TV-ish. Soft Stone, if you will. You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one 2006.

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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.

• (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROM-ENADE 24)

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Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:50)
5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun.
(11:50, 2:05) 4:20, 6:55, 9:20; The Illusionist
(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40,
10:15; Material Girls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40,
2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Pirates of the
Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:45, 9:50; Pulse
(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:35, 7:50,
10:20; Scoop (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55)
5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Snakes on a Plane (R)
Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:10, 2:10, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30,
7:10, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25; Step Up (PG-13)
Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30;
12dadega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20,
9:55; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun.
(11:30, 12:15, 2:30, 3:05) 5:20, 7:15, 8:10,
10:00; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20,
2:45) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (2:30) 5:15; The Data Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 8:25; The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 3:30, 4:55, 5:55, 7:25, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 1:05, 2:05, 3:30, 4:55, 5:55, 7:25, 8:15, 9:45; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15; Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 5:10, 8:05, 10:35 Sun. (2:10) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 2:25, 3:35) 5:00, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:35, 10:30 Sun. (1:10, 2:25, 3:35) 5:00, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20) 4:40, 7:35, 9:50; Shadow-

boxer (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:55, 10:25; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 4:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:55; You, Me and Dupree (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:30, 10:05; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Barnyard** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20; Click (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:05, 3:20, 4:10) 6:50, 7:20, 9:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:05, 3:20) 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 9:25, 9:55; **Material** Girls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:25, 9:50; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 7:10, 10:05; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 4:55) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; **My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:15, 5:40) 7:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55; The Night Listener (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: **Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 3:25) 6:50, 10:15; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:40, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:40) 5:10, 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:20; Superman Returns (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 3:05, 5:00, 5:35) 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 3:05) 5:00, 5:35, 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:35

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

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;

The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30;

An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30;

Quinceañera (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:50; 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) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30)
5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Monster House (PG)
Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; My
Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow (G)
Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Snakes on a Plane (R)
Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Step
Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30,
10:15; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of
Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (3:00)
5:30, 8:00, 10:45; Viva Cuba (Not Rated)
Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (2:30, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30;
World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15
(2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 7:30, 9:50; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:20

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Another Gay Movie (Not Rated) Fri. (5:05) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Being There (PG); Paper Moon (PG)

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brothers of the Head (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:35; An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri. (1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 4:15, 9:45; A Scanner Darkly (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10; Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40,

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat., -Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Greece: Secrets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat., -Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; Journey into Amazing Caves (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France (Not Rated) Fri., -Sun. 4:00, 8:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; The Ant Bully (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 4:35) Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:35; Barnyard (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Cars (G) Fri. (11:00, 2:00, 4:50) Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:50; The Descent (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:40, 4:10) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:00; The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:25) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:30, 10:15; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00; Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:50, 10:35; Material Girls (PG) Fri.

(11:20, 2:00, 4:50) 7:20, 10:10 Sat., -Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:50, 7:20, 10:10; Monster House (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) Sat., -Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30; The Night Listener (R) Fri., -Sun. 9:20; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 6:50, 10:20; Pulse (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10 Sat., -Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 10:10; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Step Up (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Superman Returns (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. 7:10, 10:40; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45; Sat., -Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:25, 3:55, 4:25) 6:55, 7:25, 10:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (1:00, 1:25, 3:55) 4:25, 6:55, 7:25, 10:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (1:00, 1:25, 3:55) 4:25, 6:55, 7:25, 10:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (1:03) Sat., -Sun. (1:235, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (1:235, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30)
5:50, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:15) 5:45, 8:10, 10:50 Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (10:51, 135) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 5:10; Pi-rates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:30, 10:40; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:30, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:30, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:30, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:35

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road **Accepted** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:10) Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:10; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **The Descent** (R) Fri (2:25, 4:55) 9:55 Sat .-Sun (2:25) 4:55. 9:55; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri .-Sun (12:05) 7:35: Material Girls (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:25, 10:35; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:25) Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:25; **The Night Listener** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:50; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's

Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 3:00) 7:00 10:20: Pulse (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:30) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40: Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri. (11:00. 11:30, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sat., -Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:00, 5:05) 7:55, 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 5:05, 7:55, 10:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:40, 8:10, 10:25, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:40, 8:10, 10:25, 10:55; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri. (1:10, 1:50, 4:10, 4:50) 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:10, 1:50) 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50;Zoom (Not Rated) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Accepted (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); Snakes on a Plane (R); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Barnvard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:00, 7:30; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:15, 8:00; Little Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 5:30, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:15, 9:30; My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Accepted (PG-13); The Ant Bully (PG); Barnyard (PG); The Descent (R); John Tucker Must Die (PG-13); Lady in the Water (PG-13); Little Man (PG-13); Material Girls (PG); Miami Vice (R); Monster House (PG); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); Snakes on a Plane (R); Step Up (PG-13); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13); You, Me and Dupree (PG-13); Zoom (Not Rated)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Accepted (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:25; The Ant Bully (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:35) $Sat.,\!-Sun.\ (11:40,2:15)\ 4:35; \textbf{Barnyard}\ (PG)$ Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 6:55, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:30, 6:55, 9:30; The Descent (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:25) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:45; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 5:10) 7:55. 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:45; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:10, 9:40; Material Girls (PG) Fri. (11:30, 1:55, 4:25) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00, 10:45; Monster House (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:55) Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:55; The Night Listener (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 7:05, 10:25; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri. (11:35, 12:00, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10) 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:00, 2:05, 2:35) 4:40, 5:10, 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:35,

7:25, 10:15; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 5:05) 8:00,

9:50, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 5:05, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:00, 3:50, 4:25) 7:05, 7:35, 10:10, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 1:00, 3:50) 4:25, 7:05, 7:35, 10:10, 10:35; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:50) 7:15 Sat., -Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:50,

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:40; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35: Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:10; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:05; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun (12:40, 2:50) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30; **The Devil** Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:00) 7:40; The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55) 5:30, 10:05; **Mate**rial Girls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead **Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10) 4:20, 7:35, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 3:15) 7:10, 10:20; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun.

 $(12{:}45, 3{:}10) \ 5{:}45, 8{:}15, 10{:}45; \textbf{Step Up}$ (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:30. 10:20; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:30) 7:20, 10:10; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 4:55, 7:05, 9:25

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Accepted** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:15, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **My Little Pony: The** Runaway Rainbow (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Talladega** Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; World **Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

POWAY

Poway 10

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-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **My** Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow (G) Sun. 10:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

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DEL MAR

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (3:00) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:45) 7:00, 10:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35, 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 2:30, 6:00, 9:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:40, 1:10, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Step** Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky **Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

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LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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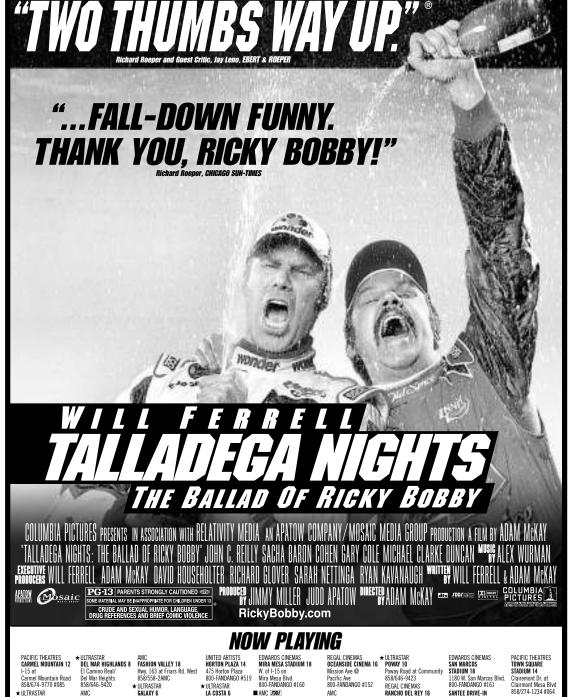
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Diario San Diego

Un migrante mexicano lucha por salvar su vida en un hospital de San Diego después de sufrir una fuerte lesión en la cabeza ocasionada por el pollero que lo transportaba junto con otras diez personas.

En un cuarto de terapia intensiva el joven originario del estado de Michoacán, de 35 años de edad, sobrevive gracias a que está conectado a un respirador artificial. El aspirante a indocumentado se encuentra inconsciente desde el lunes pasado que sufrió el accidente.

"Lo único que quiero es que sobreviva para que sea él mismo quien cuente su historia, pido a Dios por un milagro y para que él narre su experiencia".

En tanto el cónsul general de México en San Diego, Luis Cabrera, narró que se está apoyando a la familia en todo y se están investigando los hechos. espectáculos



Quemó San Diego

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

La mujer que sabe perfectamente cuando sus caderas le dicen que es una buena canción, Shakira, la colombiana que recientemente recibió siete candidaturas a los prem ios de videos musicales MTV por su disco 'Las caderas no mienten', habría ofrecido uno de los conciertos más esperados del año en San Diego.

La mujer de los 'pies

descalzos' y originaria de Barranquilla, Colombia, ha logrado tener este año uno de los mejores momentos de su carrera al lograr convertirse en la primer latina en alcanzar que una de sus canciones, 'Hips don't lie' sea la canción más tocada en la radio de Estados Unidos.

Su música y el movimiento de sus caderas han lograron hipnotizar al público que la sigue en todo el mundo.

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Derecho a saber

En los próximos comicios los electores de California tendrán nuevamente la oportunidad de cambiar la constitución del estado para proteger el derecho de padres de familia que quieren ser notificados sobre abortos que practiquen sus hijas menores de edad. La Iniciativa para el Derecho de los Padres de Saber y de Protección a la Niñez ha sido certificada por el Secretario del estado de California para ser parte de las votaciones que se efectuarán el próximo 7 de

noviembre y en las que se incluirá la propuesta 85.

Padres de familia y grupos a favor de la propuesta se preguntan como en California una menor de 18 años no puede hacerse un tatuaje, o ir a un paseo escolar, o tomar una simple aspirina para dolor, o extraerse un diente sin que los padres sean notificados.

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¿Por qué los mexicanos tenemos la costumbre de copiar lo malo de otros países?

¿Desde cuándo los aficionados aztecas alzan con consignas racistas en contra de jugadores de raza negra?

Esa moda que empezó en Europa y llegó a
los estadios mexicanos
cuando aficionados del
Santos Laguna gritaron
consignas en contra del
jugador panameño de
raza negra que juega al
Monterrey, Felipe Balay.
Las expresiones racistas no caben en ningún estadio del mundo,
mucho menos en los de
México en donde la
mayoría de los aficio-

nados vienen de ascendencia indígena.

En el mundo no existe ninguna raza pura, el ser negro es lo mismo que ser indio de la sierra chiapaneca o un vikingo danés.

El ser humano, independientemente de su color de piel, tiene como el derecho intrínsico el ser tratado de manera moralmente justa.

Es ridículo que en un país de lleno de indígenas, algunos los llaman indios, salgan consignas en contra de futbolistas negros.

La Federación Internacional de Futbol puso énfasis en el Mundial pasado en terminar con el racismo dentro y fuera de los estadios. investigación



Secreto a voces

Un informante, que no quiso ser identificado, aseguró a Diario San Diego que existen en Estados Unidos 600 campos de concentración listos para entrar en función en caso de que el presidente proclame una la Ley Marcial. Esta ley implica la cancelación de todas las libertades civiles de los

celación de todas las libertades civiles de los residentes en la Unión Americana si se llegara a presentar un estado de emergencia causado por un ataque terrorista o una guerra.

"Todo aquel civil que no acate las órdenes presidenciales sería encarcelado en estos campos de concentración pues se le negarían todos sus derechos civiles", afirmó la persona que pidió el anonimato.

El informante dijo que

estos campos tienen capacidad de albergar hasta dos millones de personas y fueron construidos desde hace años.

Los campos entrarían en función cuando se ejecutaran los decretos presidenciales que eliminan los derechos civiles de los ciudadanos en caso guerra, atentados terroristas o actos de extrema urgencia que ponga en peligro la estabilidad nacional.

El informante anónimo y diversas fuentes citan a la Agencia Federal de Respuesta Inmediata a Desastres (FEMA) como el organismo encargado de manejar y poner en marcha estos campos de concentración bajo el programa denominado REX 84.

buena noticia



Cuenta milagro

Un pescador vietnamita que naufragó en mayo con el primer tifón de la temporada y se perdió en alta mar, ha tardado cerca de tres meses en regresar con su familia, que ya había celebrado su funeral y trataba de rehacerse por la pérdida.

"Nos pusimos tan contentos que no sabíamos qué decir, sólo abrazarlo y llorar. Su vuelta es la mayor suerte que podríamos tener en la vida", declaró su esposa, Nguyen Thi Nuong.

Una de las primeras cosas que ha hecho Nguyen Van Huong, de 34 años de edad, ha sido retirar su foto del altar de los antepasados de la familia.

La esposa contó que la barca de su marido zozobró en el Mar de la China Meridional a causa del temporal formado por el tifón Chanchu, que azotó el Sudeste Asiático a mediados de mayo.

El pescador se arregló para agarrarse a un largo filtro de agua potable, el único sustento que tendría en alta mar durante los próximos trece días.

Un pesquero lo salvó pero, como no tenía radio, no lo comunicó a las autoridades ni modificó sus planes de pesca.

La embarcación atracó en Danang, en el centro de Vietnam, dos meses después y el náufrago pudo desembarcar y con ayuda de las autoridades, pues carecía de dinero, volver a su casa.





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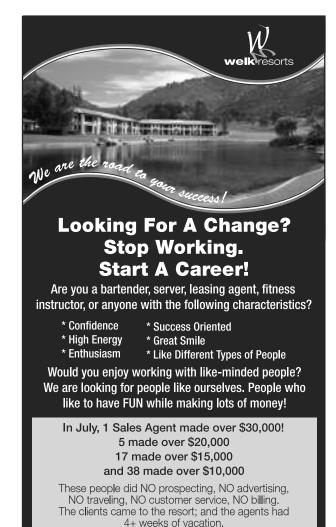
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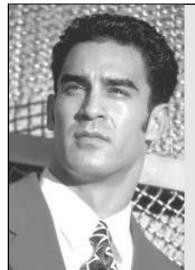
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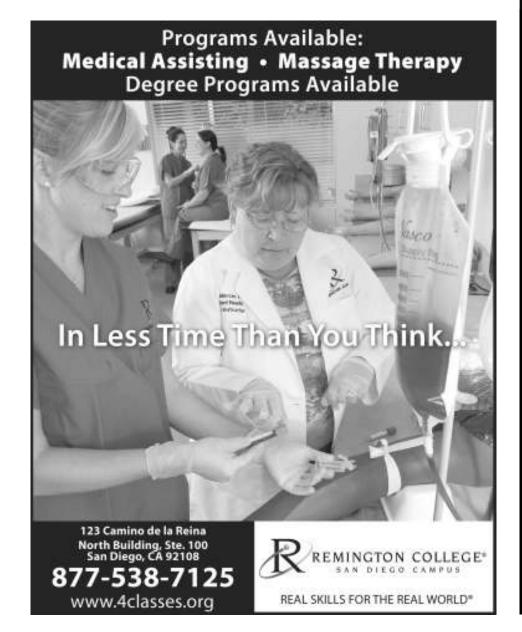
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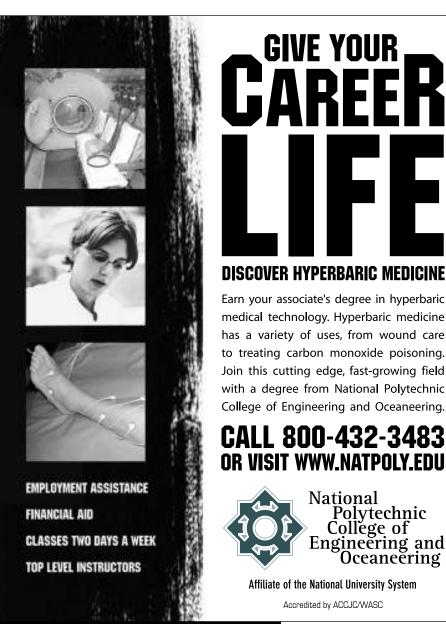
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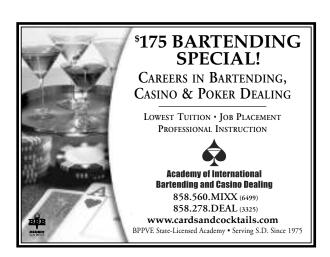
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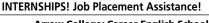
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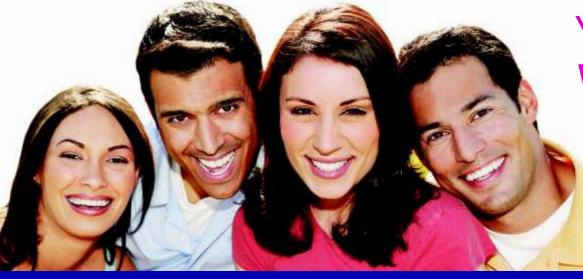
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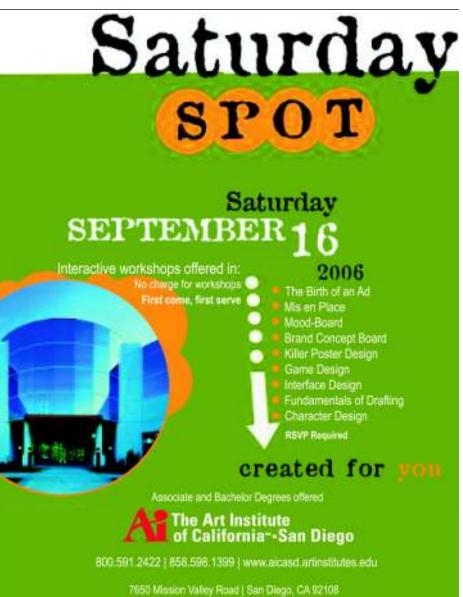
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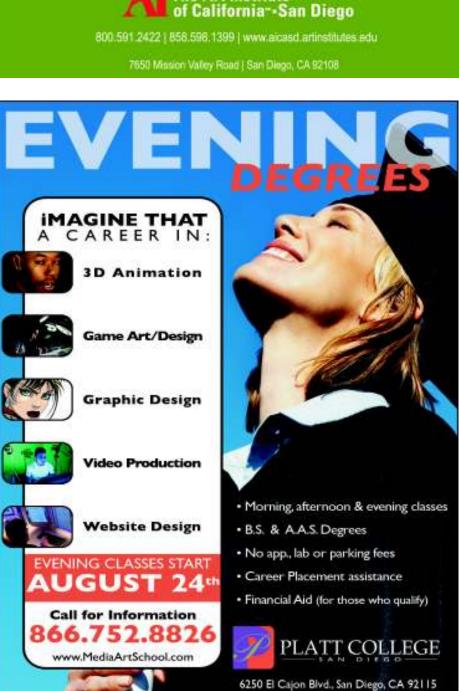
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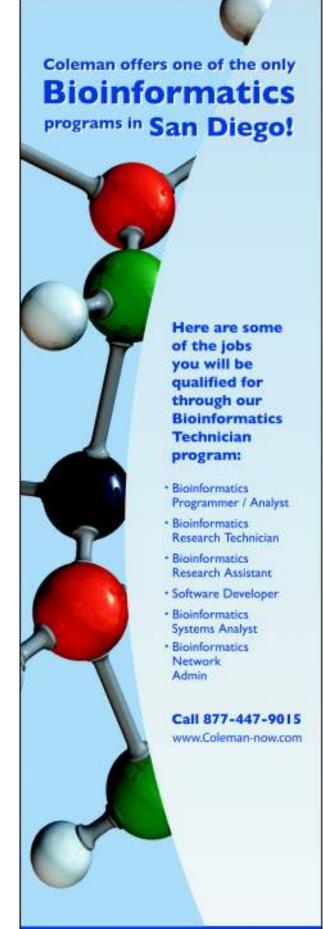
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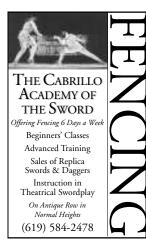
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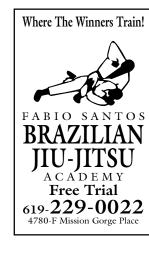
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see them more with high school students than anybody. I don't know a lot of people with iPods. I don't have one either; they're expensive. When I'm listening to music, I'm either in my car or in my house, so I can use CDs. I can see the "pros of it: I would like to have one, but it's too expensive to need it. It's a luxury, I guess. If I were a parent, my child would have to earn one through good behavior or something like that. It's the same as kids with nice cars. My 12-year-old cousin has an iPod; he begged and begged for it. It's, like, a 300- or 400-dollar thing, and he begged and begged for it, and he didn't have to do anything in order to get it. It's too well advertised, and parents are exuberant with their money. I think it's great for music fans; my sister's boyfriend is a huge fan, into a lot of bands, and he has I don't know how many songs on his iPod. For people like him, it's perfect.



Jimmy Umstot

Computer Programmer

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It has good advertising, and they're easy to use. iPods are a little big for me, but I like some of the other dig ital music players. I've heard that the LCD screens go bad and Apple wasn't admitting to it. I heard the screens crack; a friend of mine is a buyer for a company, and he said, "Don't buy them. We bought a batch for the company, and they're all bad." It was one of their new releases that had a short run with a lot of failures. He said the older ones work great. A problem a lot of people have is that they have to interface because a lot of people have PCs instead of Macintosh. The way that they interface with PCs is kind of clunky; you have to have a drive available on your PC, so if you're using it for omething else, it breaks. My friends who use them at our office say that iTunes conflicts with our programming work. But now that iPods are based on Linux, they're going to be getting better and better



Carolyn Waugh Flute Teacher

La Mesa

They're small, and their advertising was such that it made you think it was the cool [digital music player] you wanted to have. Their website is pretty user friendly for iTunes, and that's why I use it and why everybody else is probably using them. I looked at non-iPod players. but I think it's becoming like how Band-Aid means, like, anything that covers up a cut, the same way iPod means mp3 player. I looked at other mp3 players, but I liked the iPod. I urn CDs for some of my flute stu dents from iTunes; I mainly have it because it's the easiest. The website was easy, and I'm not very good with computer stuff. I haven't had any problems with it. The problem I hear about is people with other mp3 players don't like using iTunes because iTunes converts all of your mp3 files over to iTunes files. It's not very compatible if you have other things but I haven't heard anything really had about it.



Charles Roy

Student

College Area

Cause you can listen to whatever you want, anytime you want to listen to it. I've probably had mine for about a year. I can still just not use it, you know? My friends ask to borrow it, and I tell them, "Nah, get your own." My friends are coming around on getting one; they all said they weren't ever going to get one because when I got one no one had one. It's the new thing instead of CDs, and it'll probably go out too. I've been pretty lucky, but I know a lot of people have had problems with their iPods; they get to the point where it just won't work anymore and they have to take it in [to the Apple Store]. But if you take it in, they're pretty good about fixing it and every-thing. I've actually been able to help a lot of my friends fix their iPod problems, or they take it in and they give you a new one. I've seen people in class or around school who always have their iPods on.

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ANXIOUS, depressed? Recovery Inc. has been holding self help mental health meetings since 1937. Many suffer from nervous symptoms, and fears. Free will offering. 619-275-0364.

BHAGAVAD-GITA CLASSES: Monday through Thursday 7:15-8pm. Discourse and discussion, by a Vedic scholar. Hare Krishna temple, 1030 Grand Avenue, Pa-cific Beach 92109. Friday evening vege-tarian feast. 858-483-2500.

BIPOLAR KIDS SUPPORT Group for parents, families, relatives, care givers. Hosted by Step Up For Kids Foundation. Thursday, 8/24, 6pm, Center for Children, 3002 Armstrong Street. Contact www. stepup4kids.com or 858-442-5560. BISEXUAL FORUM. Friendly group meets monthly second Tuesday 7:30pm for discussion, support at The Center, 3909 Center Street, Hillcrest. Families/friends welcome. Confidential/understanding. 858-259-8019. www.Biforumsd.org.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT. (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit, Seek-

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CHRONIC FATIGUE, Syndrome/Fibromyalgia support group meets 4th Saturday of month 1:30-3:30pm. Grossmont Healthcare Auditorium. 9001 Wakarusa Street. La Mesa. Free. www.sandiegocd. org. 619-453-5299.

CONFIDENTIAL LAB TESTING online Concerned about HIV and STDs? Same day testing. Accurate tests without the hassle. Private and professional advice. www.labsmd.com (AAN CAN)

CURVES AHEAD, Art quilts by Patricia Klem. August 14-September 23. Join us for a reception with the artist. Friday evening, August 18, 6:30-8:30pm. 858-

454-6732.

DIVORCE CARE, meets Sundays 9am, CVCF campus. 10791 Tierrasanta Boulevard. Place of encouragement and info. Call Bruce 619-461-4480 or bfarley@ EARN \$100 BEFORE YOU MOVE! If you

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FATS AND OILS, by David Getoff, CTN, CCN Free. Thursday, September 21, 7-9pm, Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

FREE BIBLE STUDY course by mail. Non denominational. Increase your knowledge of God's word. Palomar Church of Christ, Minister Bill Sisco, Postage paid. PO Box 1473R, San Marcos 92078. 760-436-3730 San Diego, 619-299-6812

to Start a Business" for people with disabilities. 8/30, 1pm-4pm. Second Chance/STRIVE, 6145 Imperial Avenue, 92114. One block away from Orange Line/Encanto & 62nd Street trolley stop. #4 bus to Imperial & 62nd Street, walk one block. Off-street parking available. Sponsored by Able-Disabled Advocacy. Call Cindy Lennon, 619-231-5990 x315 to

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FREE PSYCHIC HEALING. Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4455 Morena Boulevard, Suite #107. 858-509-

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Do You Resist Creating Order in Your Life? August 24, 7-9pm. 1228 1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-

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WHEN YOUR mind is destroyed, the soul will move to your enemy. When your mind is creative in goodness, it moves with god. Aton.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

DESERT MOM, Heading to Buttercup when weather cools. Would enjoy meeting others who go there. No smoke/drink/drugs/carelessness. Also love boats, marina environment. (8/23) \$\opigred{\text{T69775}}\$

SHIP-MATE PARTNER, Male, female, needed sailing to Tahiti, experienced knowing operation for 34 foot sloop which needs work, call Chazz. Relationship would be nice. (8/23) ☎69779

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LADY WITH CLASS, 51*, 115lbs, sense of humor, hiker, walker, romantic, feisty, Catholic. Seeking same, traditional values gent easy to be with, financially equal, 55-63. (8/23) \$\overline{\infty}\$69490

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/non-religious, 35-53, 5'9"+. (8/23) ☎69492

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BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (8/30) 🕿 69512

PHOTO ONLINE, Attractive, smart, cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3', slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flatab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling friendship. (8/30) 25 69511

SLIM, CHEERFUL, HEALTHY, Tall, warm, affectionate, white female, 68. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1'+ gentleman, near age 68, for fun, companionship, TLC, friends first. Nonsmoker please. (8/23)

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, outgoing, love outdoor activities, home owner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45 nonsmoker. (8/23) 7569487.

LET'S GO THE THE RACES! Slim, attractive real estate agent, 59, likes to travel. Seeks reasonably fit professional for a glass of wine and conversation. (8/30) 266504

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, Nice figure. Seeks good looking white males, no facial hair, 5'10'+, 23-29, for fun together! The beach, horse races, casinos, dancing and more. (8/23) ☎69477

38 LATINA, Oceanside. Looking for a person to chill with. Holla at me, let's see if we click. Age 35-40. Being tall is a +. (8/30) \$\frac{1}{2}\$69510

PRETTY CURVACEOUS LADY, 5'6', blonde, 67, funloving, healthy, San Diego South Bay area. In search of kind, thoughtful gentleman, 5'10'+, 70-80 years, for loving long-term-relationship, (8/30) \$\infty\$69509

SMART, PROFESSIONAL, fit, fun, petite, love to travel, outdoors. Seeking nice, ed-

ucated guy, fun and honest. I'm English/Spanish speaking. (8/30) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$69507

ATHEIST HUNK WANTED by sexy black lady, I'm 40, you under 40, fit, adventurous, loving, happy, self-confident; me same. Ready for love? Any race. (8/30) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$69517

POSITIVE, CARING, 40s Latina. Seeking romantic, handsome, affectionate gentleman with a passion to live life to the fullest with the woman in his life. (8/30)

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EUROPEAN, MEXICAN, ATTRACTIVE, 5'8" 145 lbs., 40, romantic, fun, educated. Looking for attractive gentleman, educated, fun, easygoing, age between 39-50, for long-term relationship. (8/30) 69521

FRIENDLY, SWEET, 44, girl, active, healthy, cute. Looking for sensitive, kind, successful, sexy man, 55-65, nonsmoker. Let's have fun together. (8/30) \$\alpha\$ 69515

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38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman, 36-48, for relationship. Must be established and presentable. (8/23) ☎69480

BIG BROWN EYED, Italiana, 49. Seeking honest, caring gentleman who enjoys dancing, dining, movies, cats, weekend getaways, Sinatra, Latin music. Are you my soulmate? (8/30) ☎69513

HAPPY 54, Blond, slender, non-smoker, politically liberal, educated. Loves movies, travel, nature, animals, You: similar non-smoker, upbeat, kind, no couch potatoes, altruistic, tun. (8/23) 16/9483

ARE YOU PERFECT? Move on. Seeking companion, simple pleasures. Me, Latina,

5'3", young, 59, single, no kids, bright, simpatica, curvy, witty, spiritual honest, educated, enthusiastic. (8/30) \$\mathref{c}\$69497

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Blue eyed, size 6, healthy and active. Seeking white, fit, 6' gentleman 69-75 who loves life and all the things in it. (8/30) \$\alpha\$69516

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9', son (18), O.B., natural, hiker, camper, blues-opera. Thou: politically progressive, 50ish, comely, easygoing, intellectual, canine friendly. Bonus: handyman, cook, sailor. (8/23) \$\frac{3}{26}\$9491

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IT'S DATING TIME. I'm 50ish, Latina, tall 5'8", with a few extra pounds. Likes books, movies, TV, swimming, water park. Call my ad. (8/30) \$\overline{4}\$69508

YOU FOUND ME, And I'm even better in person with lots of TLC to give. If you are 59+ with a fun-loving personality, call soon. (8/23) \$\overline{\text{3}}\end{a}69482

59, 5'3", Kinda pretty, slender, shapely, loves to kiss and cuddle, wants to cruise and dance, serious love kindness, laughter, important, just try me. (8/23)

PASSIONATE, ROMANTIC, 44 blonde, blue eyes, likes beach in the summer and mountains in the winter. Let's have fun together; I'm still waiting for you! (8/30) 269501

ONE OF A KIND, Sincere, petite woman. Seeking fun-loving energetic man between 55-65, likes outdoors, movies, dancing, affectionate, loving and caring. (8/30) \$\overline{a}\$69520

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well-educated, slim, honest man, 40-49. (8/23) ☎69484

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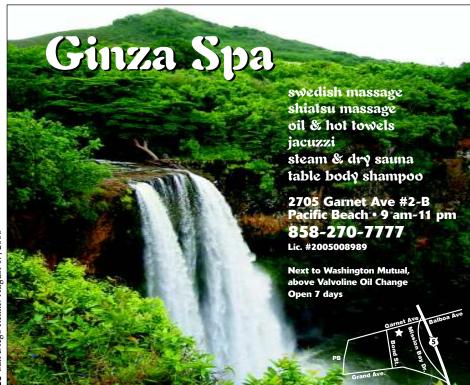
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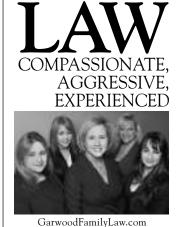
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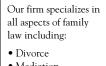
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Last week's place: (clue: Flood control to major town) ipayOne Center (San Diego Sports Arena), seen from across the San Diego River Flood Control Channel. This final mile of the river is known as the Southern Wildlife Preserve and is where the U.S. Army built a dike in 1852 in an attempt to stop the river from its regular swings out of False Bay (Mission Bay), where it now enters the ocean, and into San Diego Bay (at NTC). (Last week's winners: Michael Yates, Lloyd Dellinger, Dan Zasueta, Kathryn Stanaway, Matt Melidonian)

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THE READER PUZZLE

- 1. Warwick's ' _ Little Prayer'
- 6. Momma's boy?
- "Complicated" singer Lavigne
- 15. 11-pointer, in blackjack16. It takes a bow
- 14. Artist Albrecht
- 17. Buy Mr. Sullivan an evening meal?
- 20. Two-time loser to DDE
- 21. Actress Carrere
- 22. 2004 title role for Jamie
- 23. Punish Mr. Asner for the rest of his days?
- 30. Greyhound vehicles
- 31. "Whichever"
- __ Tin Tin
- 33. San _____, Calif.
- "Sunshine State" actress Falco
- 38. Mustachioed surrealist
- 39. Something to say to Mr. McMahon when you're right and he's wrong?
- 42. "SNL" offering
- "Now ____ me down to sleep ..." 43.
- 44. They put the frosting on the cake
- 45. Finish
- 46. Jamaican music
- 47. A, in Acapulco 48. Give Mr. Harris the hose?
- 55. Prefix with center
- "Yabba dabba __ 57. Working out well?
- 58. Get Mr. Bradley past the bouncer?
- 64. To any degree
- 65. Spike in film
- 66. Confused
- 67. Slip cover?
- Butterworth's 69. Noted shock jock

- 1. Luggage attachment
- 2. More certain
- 3. Comeback to "Am not!"
- 4. Apt anagram for "aye" 5. Jazzman Tatum
- "Sexy" lady in a Beatles song
- Quartet x two 8. Prefix with natal
- 9. It's for the birds
- 10. LPs, slangily
- 11. "The Da Vinci Code" director Howard
- 12. Spot of land in the Seine
- 13. Dancer Lubovitch
- 18. Guesses about takeoff: Abbr

19. Yawn-inducing speaker

- 24. Lusitania sinker
 - 25. Former Georgia senator Sam
 - 26. Dust spreader
 - 27. Steaming

 - 28. Secretary, at times 29. Writers Bagnold and Blyton
 - 33. "The Sun Also _
 - 34. "Animals are such agreeable friends — they _ questions": George Eliot
 - 35. Crete's highest peak: Abbr.
 - 36. Fanfare

 - 37. ____ good deed 38. Alec Baldwin/Mr. T comedy
 - 40. Small African antelope
 - ___ Kleine Nachtmusik"
 - 46. Flower parts 47. "Things aren't looking good"
 - 49. Falls (over)
 - 50. More bizarre 51. Carries
 - 52. Helpful
 - 53. Burkino Faso neighbor 54. One of the Coen brothers
 - 58. Bummed out
 - 59. 15 min. of football
 - 60. Seven-member Mideast fed.
 - 61. State tree of Massachusetts
 - 62. Univ. dorm supervisors
 - 63. Mel of the New York Giants

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.

 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle
- contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
 6. All answers must be entered in the
- space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 8/10/06.

by David Levinson Wilk

There were 98 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Carolyn L. Dalton, Escondido
- 2. Shahid Khwaja, Poway
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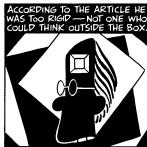
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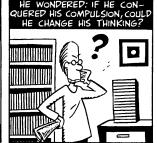
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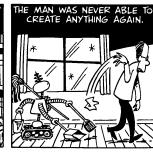


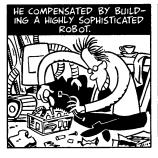












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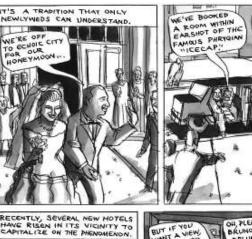
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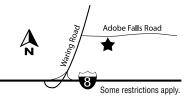
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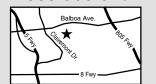
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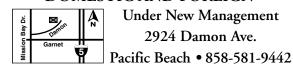
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LEAD STORY

 New York state senator Ada Smith, known to some as the "Wild Woman of Albany" for her temper, pleaded not guilty in April for yet another alleged outburst (accused of assaulting a staff member with hot coffee after a comment about Smith's weight). According to Senate officials cited by the New York Daily News, more than 200 of her staff members over the years have either quit or been fired. Besides Smith's previous run-ins with Albany police, New York City police, and United Airlines, other former employees have claimed that she assaulted them (the latest being a woman who said Smith threw a phone at her). Smith has denied virtually every accusation, but her exasperated Senate party leader has stripped Smith of seniority privileges.

Leading Economic Indicators

The District of Calamity: The District of Columbia government's payroll for 2005, reported by the Washington Times in July, included 1268 employees paid over \$100,000 a year (including 43 over \$150,000 a year). In Baltimore (with a slightly larger population) 55 employees were paid over \$100,000 a year and 2 made over \$150,000 a year. Chicago, with five times the population of D.C., had fewer employees in both categories. Even though the D.C. workforce has shrunk by 2000 workers since 2002, the annual payroll has increased by \$180 million.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) Lawrence C. Lawson, 60, was charged with robbing the Lasalle Bank in Troy, Mich., in July, which was an easy collar because, as he emerged from the bank with his loot, he spotted a passing police car and fainted. (2) Pierre Barton, 20, was arrested in Cleveland following the robbery of Georgio's Pizza; he had accidentally dropped his two "cheat sheet" cards on which he'd written his robbery speech (reading "Give me the money" and "Tell I'll kill your family"). Barton apparently was a poor ad-libber; although his makeshift "gun" had

come apart and was lying on the floor, he still threatened to shoot the manager.)

Election Follies

- In June, Cook County, Ill., elections supervisor David Orr questioned the ethics of the family of Cook County board president John Stroger. Stroger's illness forced him to resign, but his family delayed the resignation in order to discourage potential successors so that Stroger's son would have a better chance of winning the vacated post. A Stroger ally called Orr a "little poop butt."

 California Assembly candidate Bill Conrad admitted in May that he wrote the flyer proclaiming that his party primary opponent, Tom Berryhill, "doesn't have the HEART for State Assembly" because Berryhill had a heart transplant six years ago and that "the average lifespan of a heart-transplant recipient is seven years." Berryhill won easily.

- After All, They're Not Running for Husband of the Year: (1) David Spellman was sworn in as mayor of Black Hawk, Colo., on July 12, a week after pleading guilty to two charges for pistolwhipping his wife with a handgun in 2005 (and firing three shots). (2) Self-described "pro-traditional family" candidate Jim Galley lost a two-man June congressional primary in San Diego, with no help from the San Diego Union-Tribune's discovery, a week before the voting, that he had had childsupport payments garnished from his paycheck for four years and was once, for a 17-month period, simultaneously married to two women.

Chutzpah!

(1) Randall Roye, whom New York City government lawyers say entered the country illegally in the 1990s and assumed the identity of a dead man, tried to sue the city for \$20 million after he allegedly "fell" out of a first-floor window of a school building. With his cover blown, he has dropped out of sight, according to a June New York Post story. (2) The U.S. military has attempted to hand back 32 parcels of land and buildings to the South Korean government after

restoring them to their pre-Korean War condition (except for capital improvements the U.S. has made, which stay with the buildings). However, South Korea is refusing 25 of them, according to a June Stars and Stripes story, until the U.S. provides further upgrades.

Ironies

- Texas farmers about 75 miles from the Mexican border near Falfurrias have taken to installing ladders on their property to allow illegal aliens to climb over their fences in the course of trespassing so they'll stop making holes in the fences (which allow the farmers' cattle to escape). According to a June Associated Press report, the ladders aren't used very much because the illegals assume there's some catch.

Update

In 2004, "News of the Weird" reported research suggesting that herring routinely communicate among themselves via a high-pitched, "raspberry"-like sound emitted from the anus. In June 2006, a researcher at Greenland Institute of Natural Resources said that herring appear also to use anal bubbles as a defense to obscure themselves from killer whales. Researchers haven't agreed on whether it is digestive gases or some other mechanism that produces the bubbles.

People with Issues

- In July, Cory Neddermeyer, 42, was turned down for unemployment benefits in Iowa after a judge ruled that he was fired for cause. His employer, the Amaizing Energy ethanol plant, suffered a massive spill that created a pond of fuel alcohol. Neddermeyer (a recovering alcoholic), after resisting as long as he could, gave in and drank from the pool (which caused him to pass out and later register an 0.72 blood-alcohol reading).

Recent Notable Headlines

(1) "\$5 Million Awarded to Couple for Loss of Vagina" (a May report on Chicago's WMAQ-TV Web site about a hysterectomy gone bad, leading to "scar tissue and foreshortening" of the vagina). (2) "Officers Honored for Finding Man's Penis" (a story on the Kansas City Star's Crime Scene KC weblog about departmental recognition for seven police officers who searched a field and a yard looking for a man's severed, discarded penis, and then rushed it to a hospital to be reattached).

No Longer Weird

— Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (79) The man who sits on a public restroom toilet seat that has been coated with glue, as happened to a 20-year-old man at a North Salisbury, Md., Wal-Mart in May. (80) The drug dealer or buyer who dials a phone number and begins a specific drug-sales conversation immediately upon the recipient's answering, oblivious that he has accidentally dialed a police officer's phone, as when a Hesperia, Calif., sheriff's deputy answered in June (and used caller I.D. to make the arrest).

By the Way, What Else Has Been **No-Longer-Weirded?**

 Eighty such themes have been "retired from circulation" since "News of the Weird" began publishing in 1988, and for the next few months they'll be reviewed here. Two popular criminal slip-ups involve the thief who tries to pass a stolen check without knowing that the check belongs to the clerk who is handling his transaction, and the robber who accidentally drops some form of I.D. at the scene of the crime. Even though they're both "No Longer Weird," we still applaud Calvin Barfield's "two-fer" in July. According to police in Sylvester, Ga., Barfield tried to cash Joyce Powell's stolen check at the bank where she works and got nervous and fled the scene, leaving his driver's license in the drive-thru drawer.

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-CLASSIFIEDS, August 19, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"I borrowed some money from my mother and in 1962 brought in my first big group, the Kingsmen, who had just released their biggest hit, 'Louie, Louie.' I rented out this huge warehouse in downtown Lemon Grove called the Feyton Building, and the place was big, but the cops only wanted so many people in there. We had 1200 people inside and another 2000 outside. And the people who were outside knew there was still room in there, so they got uptight. The guy whose building it was came around front and told me we had to close the doors because the cops wouldn't allow us to let more people in, so I ran around back and told everyone to come in through the back door. We were charging a buck and a quarter to get in but I wanted to get as many people as possible in there before the cops or the owner saw

what I was doing."

— "THE SPIRIT OF JERRY HERRERA," T.K. Arnold, August 20, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

It's the fourth of July at 6:30 a.m., and we're driving down the 27-mile highway between Tapacluila and Puerto Madero, the southernmost port on Mexico's Pacific Coast. Ken Franke, a retired Coast Guard captain and now a marine surveyor from San Diego, is at the wheel of a red Nissan he rented in Guatemala City. His mission is to find out what happened to the Gypsy Song, a 65-foot ketch-rigged sailboat that left the port of San José, Guatemala, about 130 miles south of here, on January 2, 1985, bound for Acapulco and ultimately San Diego. The boat's owner, 32-year-old Ron Novosat, his 64-year-old father John Novosat, and a Spaniard named José have not been heard from since and are presumed lost at sea. "MYSTERY OF THE GYPSY SONG," Stephen Meyer,

Fifteen Years Ago

August 21, 1986

Another form of mother appears in the lascivious appreciative comment mamacita ("little mama"). Men say this to women. Curiously, both feminists and fundamentalists have curbed this practice, since both camps chafe at the implication, which is, "You cute little thing, I'm going to deliver a load of manhood to you." Dimwits who think they're sharp make wordplay with mamacita and say mamasota, which means "great big mama" but actually implies "you have ten times the sex appeal of a mamacita."

—CITY LIGHTS: "DO YOU MAKE THESE EMBARASSING MISTAKES WHEN YOU CUSS IN MEXICAN?"

Luis Urrea, August 22, 1991

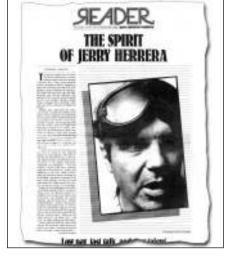
Ten Years Ago

It's getting toward cocktail hour, and you're hoarse now from shouting "Dole! Dole! Dole!" or "Kemp! Kemp! Kemp!" It's thirsty work. So vou leave the convention floor a little early and wonder where there's a good bar nearby.

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—CITY LIGHTS: "COMMONLY DRUNK," John Brizzolara, August 15, 1996



San Diego Reader, August 20, 1981

Five Years Ago

"Years ago there was a song by Grandmaster Flash called 'White Lines,' and a lot of ignorant people thought it was promoting drug use. These are the same ignorant people who say 'Because I Got High' is promoting drug use. I guarantee if Adam Sandler sang the song it would get played on radio stations across the universe. Because Afroman is black, people are taking it the wrong way."

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making, allowing his jealousy and this strange relationship to hurt her?

LOVING SISTER IN SAN DIEGO

Dear Loving Sister,

This relationship does sound creepy. Because your sister is 18, the age of consent in California, decisions about her love life are hers to make as are all those sad mistakes most of us have made with men in the flush of "first love." Keep communication open with your sister. Don't alienate her. Try not to constantly rag on the boyfriend. Keep in touch with her — you might want to try to talk to her every day — and spend time with her. Encourage her to talk and work to keep her in your life, even if she makes that difficult. Make sure she knows that you love her and that she can always come to you, any time, under any circumstances. Let her know that if anyone ever hurts her that you want her to come to you. Let her know that it's not okay to let anyone harm her, ever — that there's absolutely no excuse for it. And try to build up her self-esteem so that eventually she can see that she doesn't need to be with a domineering man. Encourage her to get into some kind of therapy so that when she discusses this relationship, there is an objective person (not just her family) to tell her that she deserves much better. If the situation worsens, stronger measures, such as some kind of intervention, might be necessary.

Dear Saffron,

My husband and I know a wonderful young man in his thirties who's obviously gay. Though he has never come out to his family, or us, everyone who knows him is absolutely sure of his sexual preference. He has never had a girlfriend. From time to time he vaguely complains about being lonely, but always finds some excuse to resist being set up with a woman. When the subject of romance or his personal life comes up, he is cagey or silent. Recently my husband met, through his work, a terrific gay man of the same age as our young friend "Chris." This man (I'll call him Simon) is smart, handsome, and successful, totally out front and comfortable about being gay, and let it be known that he's single and looking to meet someone special. Of course we immediately thought of Chris. But we can't match Chris up with a guy if he won't acknowledge that's who he's attracted to. Can you see any way we can put these two together? They seem perfect for each other.

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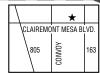
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Eight of us packed our bags one Sunday morning and set out to reach Mysore, an important city throughout India's history situated 120 kilometers from Bangalore. Our plan was to leave early, get there early, cover maximum possible ground, and report back to base.

Things would have gone according to plan but for two oversights on our part. First, we had no idea Mysore had tourist packages that covered all the major attractions there. Second, we had no idea that those tours began 10 minutes before we'd left Bangalore.

We managed to get tickets for the second half of one such tour package on the condition that six of us would get seats in the bus, but two of us would have to make do with sitting on

The first stop on our tour was the Palace of Mysore. While our driver/guide eagerly told us all he could about the palace, the eight of us agreed that all we'd heard was that the bus would stop there for half an hour and then push off.

To say that Mysore Palace is grand would be like saying that Michael Schumacher knows how to drive a car. This palace is grand with a capital G! As you enter the palace, a larger-than-life stone leopard greets you, and as you move on a little, on the far side of the lawns, you see a herd of elephants languidly munching stuff and acting royal.

The seven arches at the front of the palace highlight its expansiveness, and as you look a little higher, you see something resembling a grandstand facing the huge garden in front of it. The magnitude of the structure is enough to cast you back to the times when there must have been princes and armies inhabiting the palace. You imagine the king sitting proudly atop the palace facade and watching the army with the elephants and horses assembled for his address. You imagine vourself for a moment occupying the position of that king and beholding this titanic set-up waiting for your command. It's impossible to be there and not be mesmerized by the colossus that surrounds you.

As we moved closer to the palace, we noticed the light bulbs that lined the palace walls. We gathered from the guides that the palace was lit up every Sunday evening and on holidays. This brilliant spectacle draws plenty of visitors to Mysore.

Inside the palace, we were confronted by a series of cannons lining the railings. There's a story in Indian history that says that Mangal Pandey, an Indian in the British army who triggered India's first war for independence, marched up and put his chest to a cannon's mouth. Heaven knows why, but I decided I'd

like to check out how it feels to stand defiantly in front of a cannon. It dawned on me what it must have been like standing in front of a live cannon with an enemy soldier ready to spark it. Hairraising!

As we explored the interior rooms, we were filled with awe at the sight of the carvings on the ceilings, the opulent statues, the gilded



Palace of Mysore

pillars, and the magnificent chandeliers. We moved on to the kalyan mantapa, which held a structure that had been made in Scotland and brought here. Nothing made our jaw drop more than the sight of the howdah that had 80 kilograms of gold decorating it!

But every silver lining has a dark cloud. As we listened more keenly to the guides narrating the palace's history, it dawned on us that

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> them from abroad. The ruler of Mysore belonged to the latter.

Suddenly, it all meant nothing. Not to me. Not to any of us. The gold around us lost its luster. The palace that had held us in awe no longer was anything more than sand, brick, and metal.

Shakespeare's "gilded tombs do worms infold" had never been truer. All we wanted to do was get

We'd surprised ourselves. None of us had any idea we had even a fraction of the amount of patriotism we'd felt that day. Something just happened that made us feel we barely knew ourselves. Like they say, you never know...until you know.

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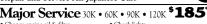


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Location: 4340 Genesee Avenue, Clairemont Mesa Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. on 7/24/06

Report: A male wearing a motorcycle helmet, sunglasses, and light-colored jacket with patches all over it,



outside the Hollywood Video when an employee walked out. He followed the employee to his

vehicle and aimed a handgun over the roof at the victim. He demanded the deposit bag that contained cash, checks and credit card slips. The suspect then ran to the back of the store. No vehicle was heard.

CARJACKING

Location: Fairmont Avenue and Dwight Street.

Fairmont Village

Time/Date: 6:52 p.m. on 8/7/06

Investigation: Three males stopped at a taco shop. The two males in the front seat got out to go buy food, leaving the third male to sit in the back seat of the running car. The suspect jumped in the car, pulled out a knife, and ordered the male in the back seat to get out. The victims flagged down a nearby police officer who had the victims get in his car, and began to check the area...They saw the suspect get out of the vehicle in the 4500 block of Dwight Street; the suspect saw the officer and then jumped over a fence. Officers set up a perimeter and began searching the area with the help of residents. The suspect was found hiding in a garage nearby. The suspect failed to come out when ordered to do so and a police service dog was sent in. The suspect received a dog bite before surrendering.

ARMED COMMERCIAL ROBBERY

Location: 5058 Imperial Avenue, Lincoln Park Time/Date: 12:37 a.m. on 8/2/06

Investigation: A black male entered the El Real Mexican Restaurant through the rear door. The suspect pistol-whipped a male and female employee before taking some food and a purse belonging to the female emplovee.

A citizen saw an officer in the area on a traffic stop and told the officer about the robbery-in-progress. Other police units responded to assist and saw the suspect walk out of the back of the taco shop and place items in the car that had two other black males inside. The suspects saw the police officers and started running.

Officers searched the area and found two of the suspects, one of which was identified as the one who pistolwhipped the employees. The vehicle they were driving had been reported stolen earlier in the evening.

The female employee was transported to a local hospital for treatment of facial injuries she received as a result of the pistol-whipping.

BANK ROBBERY

Location: 2550 El Camino Real, Carlsbad Time/Date: 12:38 p.m. on 8/7/06



Investigation: Officer Brent Macfarlane was on patrol...near the Bank of America. Officer Macfarlane was flagged down in the parking lot adjacent to the bank by a robbery witness. Macfarlane was able to get enough information form the witness to determine that a bank robbery had just occurred. (It was later determined that the suspects had presented a demand note.)

Other witness started directing Macfarlane to the Chevron Gas Station. next to the Bank of America, where the suspect was attempting to hide. Macfarlane located the suspect as he exited the bathroom. After a short foot pursuit and struggle with numerous officers, the suspect was taken into custody

The suspect was later identified as Jason S. of Oceanside. S. had a large amount of cash on his person from the robbery.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY/CARJACKING

Location: 1524 Parkland Way,

Bay Terraces

Time/Date: 8:44 p.m. on 8/3/06



Report: The victim, 21, is a delivery driver for Papa John's Pizza. She qot lost and stopped...to look in her map book. When stopped, she was approached by two black males, 17-18, who pistol-whipped her with a handgun and attempted to rob her cash and vehicle. She exited her Honda Civic. grabbed her car keys and ran to a nearby residence for help. The suspects fled on foot.

GANG-RELATED ASSAULT

Location: [4100] 42nd Street, Teralta Time/Date: 10:09 p.m. on 8/2/06

Report: The Hispanic male victim was in front of his residence when he was approached by three Hispanic male suspects, 20s, who asked him what gang he belonged to. They then beat him up and pistol-whipped him with a

chrome revolver. The suspects fled on foot. The victim suffered a two-inch laceration to his head. He was uncooperative with responding officers and stated he could not identify the suspects.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

Location: 450 B Street, Downtown Time/Date: 9:32 a.m. on 8/3/06

Incident: The suspect entered the Bank of America and said he was going to rob [it]. He had no weapons and did not get any money and was subsequently arrested by officers arriving on the scene. He was charged with parole violation and was being evaluated for a medical condition.

HOMICIDE

Location: [700] Escuela Street.

Time/Date: 10:37 p.m. on 8/7/06

Investigation: Officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting. On arrival, they found a 17-year-old male lying in the yard of a residence and suffering from a gunshot injury. He was transported to a local hospital, but died at 11:50 p.m.

During the subsequent scene investigation, it was learned that the victim and two male companions were walking eastbound in the 4700 block of Guymon Street, when a van pulled alongside of them. Five shots were fired from the van and the victim was hit twice. His companions were not injured and they carried him to a residence...where police were called.

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EVERY YEAR I GOT A DIFFERENT SHAPED CAKE FOR MY BIRTHDAY. One year it was Bugs Bunny. The pan gave it away. I saw my mother bring it in with the groceries and stash it with the other cake pans, but the long, metal dish, ears poking from the brown paper shopping bag, was unmistakable.

In my room I kept a cigar box filled with things I didn't want my parents to find. They never found it because they never wanted to, I suppose. It was on a bookshelf in my

Contained in the yellow cardboard box was a book of matches. Not only was I forbidden to play with matches, but the pack had a topless, busty blonde on the front, and on the back the printing read "The Radiator Doctor" across the top, and in smaller lettering on the bottom it read "Best place in town to take a leak!" Between the two inscriptions was a cartoon radiator with a heating pad on its fill valve and a bubbling thermometer in its mouth and water squirting from all its corners.

Also in the box was a Memorex tape of AC/DC's Highway to Hell. Anything with any possible satanic connotations wasn't allowed in my mother's godly home. I'd traded Ryan Francis a broken pendant necklace and an unopened condom I'd found behind a liquor store for that tape.

There was a pocketknife, a key that didn't fit any lock, and five white candles about the length of my palm. I'd collected the candles over a month during the previous summer when I'd read The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. The box also contained a dozen Black Cat firecrackers and an orange plastic lighter to fire them off when I was ready to stop relishing my possession of them and I could appreciate the excitement of destroying them.

And a cigarette

There was also a red rag with a wet stone and a tiny clinker tin can of 4-in-1 oil. All flammables were to be kept on a shelf in the garage, but I didn't want to ask my dad to bring it down for me every time I wanted to sharpen my knife, and I polished that baby until it gleamed.

Sure enough, I came out of my room to find a Bugs Bunny cake on the table. My family gathered around it later that afternoon. That night, when everyone was asleep, I rode my bike to the creek, dipped my feet in, put on my headphones, looked at the naked lady matchbook by the light of a good white candle, and enjoyed my first smoke.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

MARTHA

NBC 12:00 P.M.

Martha Stewart's mustache once hosted a party of 200. In between the oyster hors d'oeuvres and the cranberry and honey salad, the mustache learned to speak fluent French and tied ribbons around the homemade candles it had prepared as gifts for the guests. Martha was convalescing through a steamer of a Scotch headache in the upstairs bathroom, and the mustache did what it had to do. Not for the press. Not for the Martha empire. For its own dignity.

SEX AND THE SINGLE MOM (2003) LIFE 7:00 P.M.

There was this girl we called the Coke Machine; you can imagine why. Her kids were out of town, and she was having a little drinking party. A terrible case of the spins got the better of me, and I decided to sleep it off in her room. I cracked an eye open in time to see the bright light beyond the bedroom door being eclipsed by a topless Coke Machine clearing a path; she cussed her kids as she stepped on a fire truck. I shot out of bed, forced my way past her considerable, nude chest, and on the reeling trip to the bathroom, I asked, "Where's Tom and Chris?" - my buddies, my ride home. In the light from the hallway I saw her drunkenly plop to the bed and slide off the comforter to the toy-scattered floor. "They went home. It's just us here," she called, almost sobbing. I decided to sleep curled up around the toilet.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

WOLFGANG PUCK 8TH ANNIVERSARY HSN 8:00 P.M.

That Spago money must be wearing off. Poor Wolfgang, relegated to shilling kitchen gee

gaws on the Home Shopping Network to cover payment on that Porsche and a fresh batch of hair grease. Poor, poor Wolfie.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

THE KOALA BROTHERS

DISN 11:30 A.M.

In an animal sanctuary in Brisbane, you can hold a koala. So, I give 'em my two Australian dollars, whatever the hell those are called, and this outback lady hands me this fat koala. I said, "I don't want to hold this chubby

damned marsupial!" She said, "Too bad," and I said, "Well give me another goddamn koala. I don't want no Polaroid of me and this tubby bastard," and she wouldn't. Now I got this picture in my scrapbook of me holding this pudgy little furry damn baby-looking thing with a big black nose and I got a disgruntled look on my face. You hear me, Australia? I want my money back!

MYTHBUSTERS

DSC 7:00 P.M.

Oh, really? Postage stamps and Pepsi can make a rocket? Mentos and robin eggs make stink bombs? How very interesting. And by "very interesting," I mean "blindingly uninteresting and I'd rather perform self-dentistry with a stick and a rusty license plate in my cramped dirty bathroom."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

POPULAR MECHANICS FOR KIDS

DCKIDS 10:00 A.M.

"Leave Daddy alone for a while. He's having a bourbon and is really interested in who gets crowned Miss Hawaiian Tropic, okay? Yes, you can play in the garage, but don't mix the bleach with the brake fluid because it'll start to smoke and fill the neighborhood with fumes, and the next-door neighbor's mean dog, Thrasher, and Timmy, that kid who knocked you off your bike last week, might get sick. Okay. Be real quiet. The blowtorch? It's in the drawer by the washer, but don't get it near your brother's G.I. Joes because they'll melt. Shhh...it's contest time on TV. Run and get Daddy his white bottle with the brown water in it and some ice, would you? Good girl." The above scenario paid for by the Committee for Ollie's Vasectomy.



Mythbusters

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

GENE SIMMONS FAMILY JEWELS

AETV 10:00 P.M.

Watch Gene Simmons fart in bed? I'd rather not. Unless he pulls the ol' "Look how dark it is under the covers" act and locks his wife in for a classic "Dutch Oven" maneuver. Because that's just entertaining television.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

LOVE DON'T COST A THING

FAM 8:00 P.M.

I've often considered it worthless myself. With our normally wide disparity in philosophies, who knew this one issue would find the Family Channel and me squarely in the same corner? It's good to see them progress on their normally squishy outlook on life. If they start to promote the abuse of good-time chemicals and risky sexual practices, I may have finally found my favorite network.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

PLASTIC SURGERY: BEFORE AND AFTER DHC 9:00 P.M.

Whenever I want to watch TV and there's nothing on and I'm mindlessly flipping through the channels, one of these shows is always listed in the guide, and I think, "Hey, maybe they'll show some boob," and, my sweet Lord, I'm sorry I tune in to find out. Every time. Every stinkin' time.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

SAM, THE COOKING GUY

CA4SD 9:30 P.M.

Stewart, the TV Show Naming Guy. Unemployed is what he ought to be. Lame is what his ideas were. Bagging groceries is where his true talent lies. Evicted because of back rent due is what I wish for him. Angry is what he has made me.









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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Last Friday I went to the beach for the first time in a year. Why didn't I think of this through the endless, mind-numbing heat wave all summer?

I went to Coronado and spread my towel beneath a palm tree near the Hotel Del. A northerly breeze spilling over Point Loma and past the island naval station whipped sand into my hair and teeth and formed a plaster against the sweat on my face and chest. I reversed directions on the towel and sighed, empathizing with the troops in Iraq as I marinated myself in coconut oil and picked up one of my paperbacks. It was The Businessman by Thomas M. Disch.

Disch started out as a literary New Wave science fiction writer in the '60s, and he is also an accomplished poet, having published work in prestigious small press limited editions, university presses, The Paris Review, and The New Yorker. Stephen King (who also made it several times into The New Yorker despite his populist and facile accessibility) once described Disch's work as packed with "morbid, jittery intensity that is quite remarkable."

As I read The Businessman, I was distracted by thoughts of my recent attempts at small good deeds in an effort to compensate for certain character defects. The old saw that "No good deed goes unpunished" occurred to me, and coincidentally I ran into the line halfway through the novel: "The spirit of do-gooding had laid hold of him, a spirit he despised and distrusted, since in the past that spirit had led him from one moral pratfall to another." Was this coincidence a warning to stop lending people money for beer and cigarettes? Who knows?

Baking nicely, I suddenly found myself distracted by the return of a toothache. In the dentist's office, one would do well to imagine oneself on a

beautiful beach beneath a palm tree. That's exactly where I was, yet I was thinking about being in a dentist's chair. There is something wrong with me.

The other paperback I had with me was an anthology of poetry about death. Here is Milton:

To live a life half dead, a living death, And buried, but O yet more miserable! Myself my sepulcher, a moving grave, Buried, yet not exempt By privilege of death and burial From worst of other evils, pains and wrongs, But made hereby obnoxious more To all the miseries of life. Life in captivity Among inhuman foes.

I intend to re-read Paradise Lost. I read it in high school and thought it "neat," the word I probably used back then. I didn't understand half of it, but I liked the

Among the poetry was something by Thomas Lovell Beddoes, early 19th Century, and along the same ghostly lines:

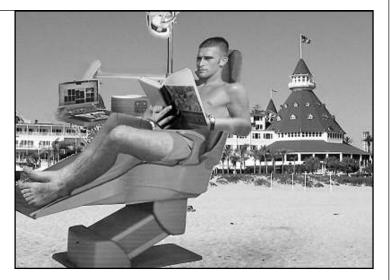
Lie of my eyes begone! Art thou not dead? Are not the worms, that ate thy marrow, dead? What dost thou here, thou wretched goblin fool? Think'st thou, I fear thee? Thou man-mocking air, ...

My brother Paul, dead for three years, was with me now, and my parents. Also an editor and writer I knew and loved for 17 years, Judith Moore, who recently passed away. No reason to fear Paulie or Dad nor Judith, but the wraith of my mother, Mary Jane, still scared the crap out of me. "Get off the beach, M.J. You're likely to get harpooned by the spirit of some drowned whaler." She is still fat in the afterlife and reliving her sins like Dante had it.

Snap out of it. See what other people are reading. I walked from the palm tree line to the lifeguard tower and a little beyond. People will read on the beach when ordinarily they "don't have the time." I passed

a woman reading Us magazine about Brad Pitt and Angelina something. The whole issue was about celebrity couples I never heard of. I headed north or north-

Two people reading The Da Vinci Code: one of them in Spanish, Codigo da Vinci. I didn't bother to stop and discuss it with them. I haven't read it, but the thing has had so much publicity I feel like I have and don't much care how close Jesus was to Mary Magdalene, only that he was, along with everybody else. A guy reading James Patterson's Cat & Mouse. Not much to discuss there, I figured. I read one of his, a collaboration with somebody else whose name appeared in smaller letters than Patterson's on the cover. The Jester was the title, and it took place in medieval Europe. Not bad, but forgettable.



I found a very pale woman with thick eyeglasses and a mouth like a lamprey's reading Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale, which I had read and enjoyed. I asked her what she thought. "It's very good," she said, and I agreed. I then asked her to refresh my memory on certain plot points. She was good at it, and I figured she was a schoolteacher from the Midwest, but she was actually an accountant for Target and lived off Midway Avenue. She told me her name but I forgot it and didn't have my tape recorder. Hope she doesn't read that crack about her mouth.

I might have walked a half mile before I saw anyone else reading anything, but then I found a heavy set 20-ish guy with a ponytail reading a science fiction novel by Larry Niven, A Gift from Earth. Being a one-time science fiction fan and writer, I asked him about it. He went on in such detail that I was convinced that, were there such a thing as a starship, this kid could

Thoughts of death and dentists banished, I began to focus on my nascent sunburn instead of the toothache. Grateful for one more symptom to feel miserable and sorry for myself about, I returned to my towel and fell asleep for 45 minutes. Truly burned now but somehow looking dyed rather than sunned, I tried to make it to the water's edge and immerse myself. Without my shoes my feet proved to be too city tender to negotiate the sand and distance.

With a hotfoot from head to toe, a toothache kicking into higher gear, and poetic thoughts of death and even more dread of dentistry, I boarded the 901 bus back to town, probably as happy as I've ever been. Of course, the new prescription of antidepressants had kicked in a couple of days ago, and it was tough to feel bad about anything.

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